

A photograph of two hands shaking, one dark-skinned and one light-skinned, symbolizing reconciliation and unity. The hands are set against a dark background.

A **Prayer** Devotional

The Lord's *Prayer*
Matthew 6:9-13

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INTRODUCTION:

This is a prayer guide developed by an international team following the Joel 2:15 International Solemn Assembly, "Healing the Nations from the Sins of Slavery and Racism" held on June 19, 2020. This guide, based on the Lord's Prayer, deals with the root sins and wounds of slavery and racism.

The issues we face are not only flesh and blood, but manifestations of powers, principalities and rulers of the darkness of this age (Ephesians 6:12) that propel lawlessness and anarchy forward. These forces must be addressed spiritually. As Christians, we know, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds," 2 Corinthians 10:4. Jesus promised, "I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

As such, this is a tool, a weapon, to wield as days of lawlessness emerge upon us. God is watching over His Word, and it will not return to Him void. He is the God who heals us and delivers us. May generational and even ancient animosities and wounds that have kept us separated now be reconciled. May we stand as Watchmen and be "Repairers of the Breach and Restorer of Streets to Dwell in," Isaiah 58:12.

USING THIS DEVOTIONAL:

Each phrase of the Lord's prayer contains prayer points and Scriptures on which to focus your prayers, followed by Action Points and a Blessing by which your prayers become "living and active."

You are encouraged to read, meditate and pray through the prayer points below, both individually and corporately. Each time you do this, ask Holy Spirit to highlight and breathe upon key prayer points. Each time will be different but always rich and powerful.

May this guide "Teach us to pray!" so our prayers hit the mark to release reconciliation and healing to the nations in the mighty name of Jesus!

Let us pray...

Our Father in Heaven: Thank You, Jesus, that You did not teach us to say "MY Father" but "OUR Father." Whenever we pray, "OUR Father," we speak on behalf of others, too, and know you are concerned for all. Help us to grow in the confidence of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who knows the earth and all its fullness belongs to You; and that He is Your Heir. Help us to know that we are Your heirs, and all your children are joint-heirs with us; regardless of who they are, from where they come, or what they look like.

- ***You are above all and in all.***
 - "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all." 1 Chronicles 29:11

- “For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.’ Isaiah 57:15
- ***As “Our Father and Origin (Maker),” You created us.*** Our identity is in You. Help us to **identify You** as “Father” and to know that our inheritance from You is above our earthly ancestry, background or appearance. As a Father, You desire relationship with us who believe.
 - “Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.” Matthew 23:9
 - “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:26
 - “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.” 1 John 5:1
 - “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’” Psalm 2:7
- ***Jesus came to demonstrate that God is a good and loving Father to all His people.*** Help us to **receive You** as a Father.
 - “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.” John 14:9
 - “I and My Father are one.” John 10:30
 - “He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’” Psalm 89:26
 - "The Father loves you..." John 16:27
- ***You are a Father to the fatherless.*** Help us to **know You** as a Father, and that we are not orphans but rather sons and daughters created by You.
 - “Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter, And we all are the work of Your hand.” Isaiah 64:8
 - “Let us make man in Our image according to Our likeness.” Genesis 1:26
 - "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" Ephesians 3:14-15

ACTION POINTS Respond to the prayers and declarations you have just made (Joshua 1:8)

- Publicly honor someone who has impacted your life.
- Call your father/mother and bless them in conversation/prayer. (biological, spiritual, or someone who is like a father/mother to you).
- Open yourself to new relationships, particularly across cultures. 1 John 5:1

THE BLESSING:

- Take time meditating on the Lord as a blessing in your life. Psalm 119 calls us to meditate on His precepts: v.15, 78; His works: v. 27; His statutes: v. 48; His word: v. 148.

Hallowed be Your name: Let Your excellent name be hallowed in all the earth. There is no name greater than Yours. Your name is higher than those of all kings and rulers. They are Your subjects. Your name is higher than the names of the rich and wealthy of the earth. The silver, the gold, and the cattle on a thousand hills belong to You. You give to men the power to get wealth; and to You, every name shall bow. Hallowed be Your name.

- ***Your name is to be exalted***
 - “Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise! You alone are the Lord; You have made Heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all.” Nehemiah 9:5-6
 - “I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images.” Isaiah 42:8
 - “O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who has set Your glory above the heavens! O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth” Psalm 8:1,9

- ***Your name is to be praised***
 - “I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.” Psalm 145:1-2
 - “From the rising of the sun to its going down, the Lord’s name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:3

- ***Your name reflects Your nature; not only are You holy, but Your name is holy.***
 - “The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” Revelation 4:8
 - “The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works.” Psalm 145:8-9

- ***Your name is a strong tower; we are saved and kept safe with You.***
 - “The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe.” Proverbs 18:10
 - “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.” John 17:11-12
 - “Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved” Romans 10:13; also Acts 2:21
 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” Acts 4:12

- ***Cause us to hallow Your name— -not just with our lips, but also with our lives.***

- "Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 Timothy 2:19
- "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear." 1 Peter 1:17

ACTION POINTS:

- Take time daily to intentionally worship Him, to fully turn your heart to love the Lord (First Great Commandment, Matthew 27:30).
- Thank Him for all things, even trials you may be facing.
- Declare His Name and character over difficult situations, relationships, or concerns, and believe for His answers.

THE BLESSING:

- Meditate on His name and receive the blessing of knowing Him in the fullness of His character.

Your Kingdom come: We recognize Your kingdom is not of this world. We submit to Your rule and reign knowing Your plans will always produce life.

- ***We acknowledge Your kingdom is not of this world. We humbly align ourselves with your Kingdom where righteousness and justice rule.***
 - "“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.” Is 55:8-9
 - “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.” Psalm 89:14
- ***Your government will increase, and You will reign as King forever.***
 - “And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called, Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice, From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will “perform this.” Isaiah 9:6-7
 - “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns.’” 1 Chronicles 16:31
 - “For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises in a skillful psalm and with understanding. God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.” Psalm 47:7-8
- ***You have given us the Kingdom for those who believe in Jesus.***
 - “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32
 - “But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever” Daniel 7:18

- “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 18:18-19

ACTION POINTS: Matthew 28:19, 6:33; Daniel 4

- Believers are not only to pray for the culture, but also to engage with it, build relationships, and pray for and disciple governments. What does a “next step” look like for you in your city/nation/region?
- Call forth righteousness in our governmental and political systems. Isaiah 26:9

THE BLESSING: Proverbs 11:11

- Bless your city and its governmental leaders that they will know God and His Kingdom. Pray for an encounter with Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven: We place our trust in Your plans and purposes for our lives.

- ***We submit our wills to Yours, even if our hearts desire a different course of justice for a wrong done, or vindication from those who seek to hurt.***
 - “Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.’” Luke 9:23
 - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5
 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of **no reputation**, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.” Philippians 2:5-9
 - “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. Therefore, ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:19-21
- ***Through obedience and trust, Your plan is to prosper us.***
 - “If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the best of the land;” Isaiah 1:19
 - “Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:3-4
 - “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11
 - “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

- ***We place our trust in Your justice and righteousness. Your Word promises that vindication comes from the Lord.***
 - “But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream” Amos 5:24
 - “Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.” Psalm 17:2
 - “He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8
- ***We worship You, as people coming from every ethnic group.***
 - “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” Revelation 7:9-10
 - “That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.” Ephesians 1:10

ACTION POINTS:

- Pray to know, and submit to, His will in all areas of our lives.
 - “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” 1 John 5:14
 - “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.” John 6:38
- Acknowledge and submit to the tests of God. Search out His heart for the test and for its purpose in your life.
 - “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done.” Luke 22:42
- Practice walking out and releasing the fruit of the Spirit, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23
- Bless and speak life to others. Proverbs 18:21

THE BLESSING:

- Bless people by acknowledging their value. Look to know and understand the will of the Father not only for their lives, but for their families, region and territory.
- Recognize and call forth people and places into their destinies. Matthew 16:15
 - What has God said about you? Declare your destiny, and call it into being.

Give us this day our daily bread: We acknowledge and trust that You are our Provider, and will guide us in stewarding what You have given us.

- ***We place our trust in You for provision and refuse thoughts of doubt and unbelief.***
 - “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4

- “And my God will supply all your need according to His riches in glory.”
Philippians 4:19
- “...But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.” Psalm 34:10
- “This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” John 6:58
- “Man ate the bread of angels; God sent them provision in abundance.” Psalm 78:25
- ***We will remember and offer thanks for what you have given us.***
 - “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy” 1 Timothy 6:17
 - “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.” Psalm 22:27
 - “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” Deuteronomy 8:18
 - “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights.” James 1:17

ACTION POINTS:

- Take time to eat the daily bread of His Word. Matthew 4:4
- Ask the Father with whom you should share your bread. John 6; Matthew 14; Matthew 26:26; Isaiah 58:7-9

THE BLESSING: Matthew 25:35.

- Thank the Father for blessing you and pray for others to have their daily needs met. Ask God to show you whom to bless.

And forgive us our debts (sins): Help us acknowledge we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23. Help us see ourselves as You see us.

- ***Forgive us for being judgmental towards others.***
 - “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?” Matthew 7:3
- ***We recognize Your forgiveness brings inner healing to our hearts.***
 - “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits; who forgives all your sins, who heals all your diseases;” Psalm 103:3
 - “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,” 1 Peter 3:18
 - “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.” Psalm 32:1-2
- ***Forgive us for not receiving and knowing You as Father.***

- “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18
- “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by which we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’” Romans 8:15
- ***Forgive us for shunning Your Word and believing lies about who we are in Christ.***
 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17
- ***Forgive us for acting out of our doubts or fears rather than faith.***
 - “But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does* not *eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is sin” Romans 14:23
 - “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.” 1 John 4:18
- ***Forgive us for adding to and subtracting from Your Word.***
 - “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19

ACTION POINT:

- Ask God to show you anything (such as wounding, wrong belief, generational wounds, sins, etc.) that separates you from God the Father and seek His forgiveness. Psalm 32:1-2; 103:3

THE BLESSING:

- Receive healing from the Lord for deep family, cultural, national or even generational wounds. Hebrews 12:15: “Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

As we forgive our debtors (those who sin against us): Expose our hearts and show us if there is anything that would keep us from your Presence: any offense towards others, rebellion against those in authority, government etc.

- ***Help us to choose to forgive those who have offended us. Forgive us for nullifying the Cross by hanging onto offense.***
 - “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you Your trespasses.” Mark 11:25
- ***Through Your sacrifice and the blood, we are no longer captive to generational, even ancient curses.***
 - “And His mercy is on those who fear Him, from generation to generation.” Luke 1:50
- ***We take ownership to forgive those who have hurt us, sidelined us, and not recognized or valued us as part of God’s creation.***

- “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32
- “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing graciously with one another, and willingly forgiving each other if one has a cause for complaint against another; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so should you forgive.” Colossians 3:12-13
- ***We choose to be reconciled and at peace with one another. We repent for hardness of heart or rebellion that keeps us separated and unforgiving.***
 - “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace” Ephesians 2:14-15
 - “Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion in the day of trial in the wilderness.” Hebrews 2:8
 - “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.” Matthew 5:9

ACTION POINTS:

- Ask God, the Father, whom we need to forgive.
- Seek the Lord for any hardness of heart we have towards others in our workplace, family, friends, those in authority. Mark 11:25
- Take action and go to those the Lord reveals. Matthew 5:24

THE BLESSING:

- Actively bless those who have hurt you. Matthew 5:44, Romans 12:14
- If possible, as much as depends on you, live at peace with all people. Romans 12:18

And do not lead us into temptation: Help us to be strengthened in our faith and character so as to withstand the schemes of the enemy in days that test our faith or tempt us to do evil.

- ***Keep us from speaking evil.***
 - “But shun profane and idle babblings for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer.” 2 Timothy 2:16-17
 - “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.” James 3:6
 - “For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Luke 6:45
 - “A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.” Proverbs 16:28
- ***Help us to overcome temptation.***
 - “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13

- “For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.” Hebrews 2:18
- “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

ACTION POINTS:

- Ask the Father to show you any habit or enticement that leads you into temptation. Repent and release it to Jesus. James 1:13, Matthew 5:29-30; Luke 22:40
- Refuse to spread or listen to gossip. Call it for what it is and stop its spread. When it is being spoken ask, “Have you gone to this person directly?” See Matthew 18:15-20

THE BLESSING:

- Having been freed from any entanglements the Father has shown you, speak blessing over yourself (or others) to run with endurance the race set before you, eyes fixed on Jesus, fully trusting Him to lead you in the fuller measure of freedom and connection you have received. Hebrews 12:1-2

But deliver us from the evil one: Through Jesus and His Holy Spirit, we know that “Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

- ***When tempted to hold offense and point a finger, help us to hold our tongues, look for good, and speak blessing.***
 - “If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness...Those from among you shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell in.” Isaiah 58:9,12
 - “For if we stumble in many things, if anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.” James 3:2
- ***Help us overcome the evil one, understanding that we have authority in Christ.***
 - “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” James 4:7
 - “I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.” 1 John 2:14
 - “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” Revelation 12:11
 - “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:11-20
- ***Show us the fruit of overcoming evil with good and boldly standing in Your grace in the face of difficulties.***
 - “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Galatians 5:22-24

- “So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” Isaiah 59:19

ACTION POINTS:

- Watch and pray! Take steps to discipline your time in prayer daily. Luke 22:31-32; Matthew 26:41
- Mobilize and engage in corporate prayer expressions. Hebrews 10:24-25

THE BLESSING:

- May you be blessed to endure with full confidence in Him to stand in unified prayer within your family, community and congregation. Deuteronomy 32:30

For Yours is the Kingdom:

- *Yours is an everlasting Kingdom of which there will be no end*
 - “And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:33
 - “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and on the earth; Yours is the dominion and kingdom, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.” 1 Chronicles 29:11
- *The kingdoms of the world are Yours, O God.*
 - “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” Revelation 11:15

ACTION POINTS:

- Give unto the Lord what belongs to Him: tithes, offerings, time, talents, gifts, calling.
- Acknowledge His Sovereignty.

THE BLESSING:

- Allow God to give blessing, and receive it. Malachi 3: 8-10
 - Thank Him for rebuking the devourer and pouring out blessing. Malachi 3:11-12

And the power:

- *Your power is made perfect in my weakness: therefore, I will rejoice in the challenges You have given me. As I trust in You, You will be strong on my behalf.*
 - ““My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9
- *You are the source of all power.*
 - “For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’” Acts 17:28

- “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13
- “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19
- ***Your power toward us is great.***
 - “And what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 1:19-20
 - “And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

ACTION POINTS:

- Receive empowerment from the Holy Spirit daily through worship and the Word and fellowship with others. Acts 1:8
- Look for acts of service and mercy that promote righteousness and peace, and walk humbly with the Lord. Micah 6:8

THE BLESSING:

- Walk in the knowledge and fullness for which God made you. Micah 3:8

And the glory forever:

- ***Your glory is weighty.***
 - “[The Son] who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” Hebrews 1:3
 - “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11
- ***Focused on Jesus and His Word, we can be overcomers, and the glory of the Lord will be made known.***
 - “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- ***May Your glory fill the earth.***
 - “But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.” Numbers 14:21
 - “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14

ACTION POINT:

- Do all things as unto the Lord. Turn disappointing and difficult situations over to the Lord, trusting in Him. Colossians 3:17, Romans 14:17, Psalm 37
- Let your light shine before men that they may see your good nature and works. Matthew 5:16

THE BLESSING:

- Be willing to shod your feet with the Gospel of peace, and become a repairer of the Breach and Restorer of Streets in which to Dwell. Isaiah 58:10-12, Ephesians 6:15

Amen. [It is so]!

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