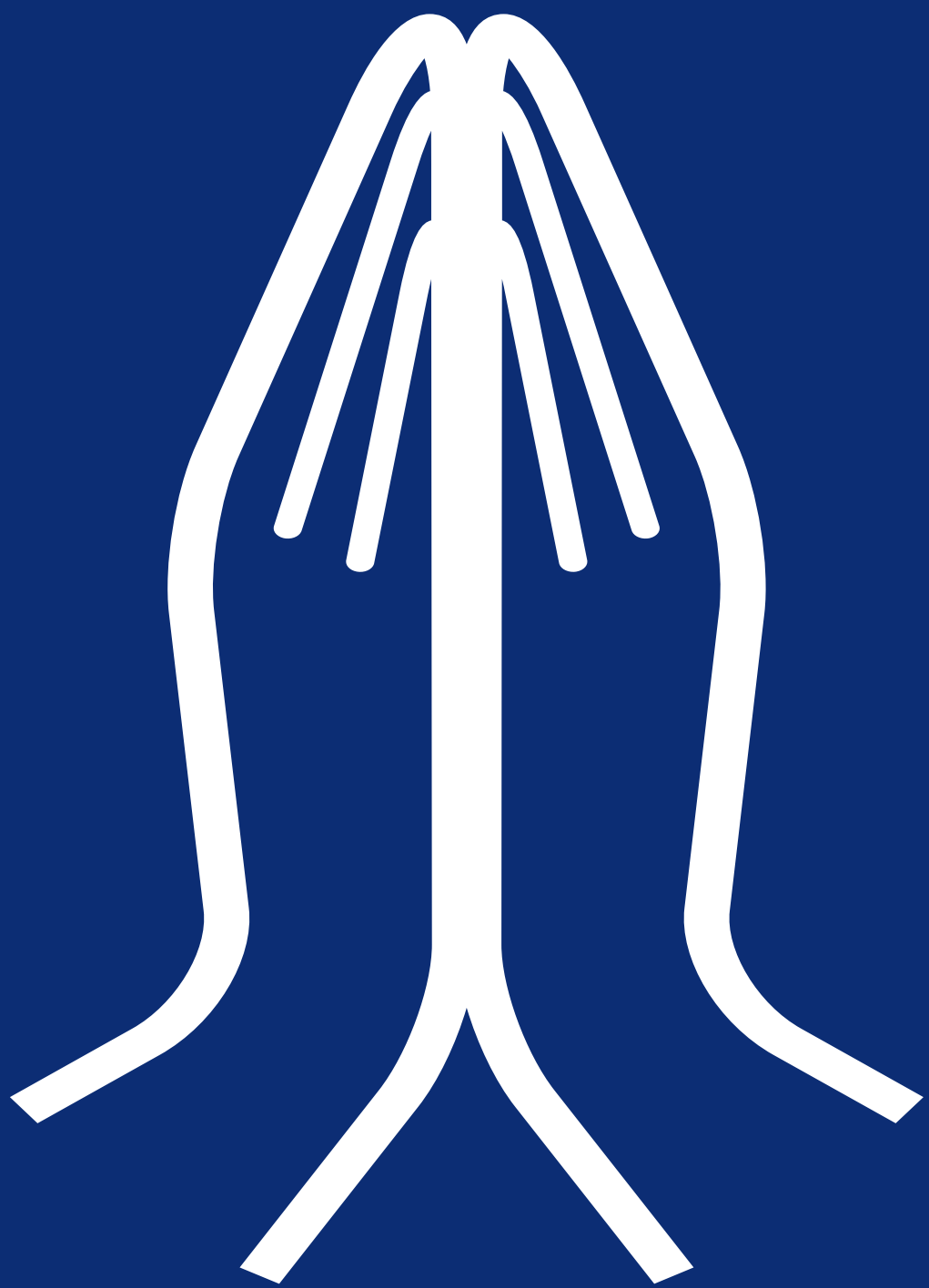


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# HBC PRAYER GUIDE



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The Highland Baptist 2021 Prayer Guide has been created to serve as a resource for individuals to help guide them in their own personal walks with the Lord. The sections, items and areas that are listed in this guide are not exhaustive and are not meant to serve as an "end-all-be-all" to your own personal prayer life. It is merely a tool.

A tool, that we pray, will grow you into a deeper intimacy with your Heavenly Father.

A tool that, we pray, will force you to wrestle with your own areas of sin and wickedness as you realize the great grace and mercy God has extended to you in Christ Jesus.

A tool that, we pray, will open your eyes to a new level of prayer that you've never experienced and pray for things you've never prayed for.

A tool that, we pray, will help you become more and more like your Savior.

Our heart's desire is that this tool would be a blessing to you as you grow closer to God.

With that said, it is a **tool**. So, by God's grace alone, let's get to work.

We love you, Highland.

HBC Pastoral Staff



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# Section One

## God & His Gifts

### 2a – Praising God For Who He Is

- 1) God is Jehovah. He is an independent, self-complete being. Praise Him for being such a great God (Ex. 3:13-15).
- 2) God is holy. Praise Him for being utterly and supremely untainted by evil and sin (Rev. 4:8-11).
- 3) God is infinite. He is beyond measure. Praise Him for His greatness and magnitude (Rom. 11:33).
- 4) God is omnipotent, or all-powerful. Praise Him for His power and for how nothing is too difficult for Him (Jer. 32:17, 18).
- 5) God is omniscient, or all-knowing. Praise Him for His vast knowledge of everything there is (Ps. 147:4, 5).
- 6) God is good. Praise Him for His goodness in both who He is and how He's demonstrated that goodness in your life (Ps. 119: 65-72).
- 7) God is love. Praise Him for loving you and the whole world so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sins (1 Jh. 4:7-10).
- 8) God is Jehovah-jireh. He is a God who provides. Praise Him for all the things and ways He has provided for you (Gen. 22:9-14).
- 9) God is Jehovah-shalom. He is the God of peace. Praise Him for the peace that He extends to all His children, especially as we go through difficult times (Jud. 6:16-24).
- 10) God is immutable, or never changing. Praise Him for being the same God yesterday, today, and forever (Ps. 102:25-28).
- 11) God is just. Praise Him for always doing what is righteous and holy and being able to trust Him to always do what is perfectly right (Ps. 75:1-7).
- 12) God is Jehovah-rophe, meaning God heals. Praise Him for being the source of physical, moral, and, ultimately, spiritual healing (Ex. 15:22-26).
- 13) God is merciful and gracious. Praise Him for taking away our punishment for sin, and bestowing blessings on us through Christ (Deut. 4:29-31, Eph. 1:5-8).
- 14) God is faithful. Praise Him for being true to His Word and keeping His promises (Ps. 89:1-8).



## 1b – God's Promises

- 1) Thank God for promising to fight our battles for us (Ex. 14:14).
- 2) Thank God for promising to give strength and power to the weak (Is. 40:29)
- 3) Thank God for promising to always be with us and help us (Is. 41:10).
- 4) Thank God for promising never stop loving us (Is. 54:10).
- 5) Thank God that He promises to give us wisdom when we ask (Ja. 1:5).
- 6) Thank God for promising us that when we submit to Him, the devil will flee (Ja. 4:7).
- 7) Thank God for promising to forgive us of our sin and purify us from all unrighteousness when we confess our sin (1 Jh. 1:9).
- 8) Thank God for promising to hear us when we pray (2nd Chr. 7:14)
- 9) Thank God for promising to have a plan and purpose for our lives and that all things work for our good (Jer. 29:11, Rom. 8:28).
- 10) Thank God for promising freedom and liberty for those in Christ (Jh 8:36).
- 11) Thank God for promising to provide all of our needs (Philp. 4:19).
- 12) Thank God for promising to comfort us (Ps. 23:4).
- 13) Thank God that He promises to deliver us (Ps. 50:15).
- 14) Thank God for the promise that anyone who would declare with their mouth that “Jesus is Lord” and believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead will be saved (Rom. 10:9).
- 15) Thank God for promising to be a refuge in times of need (Ps. 9:9).
- 16) Thank God that He promises to give us peace and joy in our lives (Philip. 4:6, Jn 15:11).
- 17) Thank God for promising us victory over temptation, sinful habits and addictions (Ps.107:13-16, 1 Cor. 10:13).
- 18) Thank God for the promise of sealing us with the Holy Spirit and our eternal inheritance in Heaven (Eph. 1).
- 19) Thank God for the promise of rest for all those who are weak and heavy laden (Matt. 11:28).
- 20) Thank God for the promise of life and life abundantly (Jh. 10:10).
- 21) Thank God for the promise of a Savior, Jesus Christ (Is. 53).



## 1c – God's Word

- 1) Thank God that He's given us His Word.
- 2) Thank God that His Word is true, trustworthy, perfect, and contains no error.
- 3) Thank God that His Word is lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.
- 4) Thank God that His Word is alive.
- 5) Thank God that His Word is God-breathed, and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.
- 6) Thank God that He's given us His Word to keep us pure.
- 7) Pray that you would not merely be a hearer of His Word, but a doer of His Word.
- 8) Thank God that His Word endures forever and never changes.
- 9) Thank God that His Word helps us know Him more.
- 10) Thank God that He uses His Word to speak to our lives today.
- 11) Thank God that life is found in His Word.
- 12) Pray that you would be dependent on God's Word for growing in your faith.
- 13) Thank God that we can put our hope in His Word.
- 14) Pray that you would hide God's Word in your heart so that you might not sin against Him.
- 15) Thank God that His Word is sufficient for growing in Christ-likeness.
- 16) Pray that you might have an ever-growing passion to read, know, and memorize more of God's Word in the coming year.
- 17) Pray for God to help you, by His grace, be disciplined and committed to reading His Word on a regular basis.
- 18) Thank God that there is power in His Word.
- 19) Pray for a strong sense of judgment and discernment when others begin teaching God's Word, so that you may distinguish between truth and error.
- 20) Pray for a heart that eagerly searches God's Word for direction.
- 21) Thank God for the sword of the Spirit, that being God's Word to take into battle each day.



## 1d – Thankfulness

### Thank God...

- 1) For God being who He is
- 2) For God saving you
- 3) For the forgiveness of sin
- 4) For new grace and mercy for each day
- 5) For hope, both that God is working things out for good in your life now and the hope of heaven
- 6) For the indwelling Holy Spirit
- 7) For victory of certain sin struggles that you've experienced personally
- 8) For God's gifts, both material and spiritual
- 9) For your life
- 10) For your family members
- 11) For your church
- 12) For your friends
- 13) For basic life essentials (food, water, clothing, shelter, etc.)
- 14) For caring about you, hearing and answering your prayers
- 15) For the trials in life that have produced great perseverance
- 16) For the joy God offers us to experience, regardless of circumstance
- 17) For our freedom to worship, freedom as American citizens, and, most importantly, our freedom in Christ from sin, bondage and addictions
- 18) For the beauty of creation
- 19) For modern conveniences
- 20) For health and modern medicine
- 21) Take time to thank God for specific things in your life or anything else that wasn't mentioned above...



# Section Two

## A Prayer For Personal Revival

2a – A Thirst for God (Psalm 63:1-3; John 4:13-14; Matthew 5:6)

Pray that God would...

- 1) Give you a deeper longing to walk with Him
- 2) Reveal Himself to you
- 3) Help you put your relationship with Him before all things
- 4) Remind you of His great love for you
- 5) Draw you closer to Himself
- 6) Refresh your spirit
- 7) Renew your spiritual joy

2b – Longing for His Word (Psalm 119:36-40; Jeremiah 15:16; Matthew 4:4)

Pray that God would...

- 1) Give you a deep thirst for His Word
- 2) Reveal Himself to you as you read His Word
- 3) Reveal the beauty of His Word to you
- 4) Help you apply the truths in His Word to your life
- 5) Show you areas of your life that need to be surrendered to Him
- 6) Help you trust Him more as you learn more about Him from His Word

2c – Self-Examination (Psalm 51:10-12; Philippians 1:9-11; 2 Corinthians 13:5)

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help you search your life and reveal to you any sin that is present
- 2) Help you be honest about your sin
- 3) Fill you with a deep desire for holiness
- 4) Help you hate the sin in your life
- 5) Help you surrender sinful thoughts and practices
- 6) Help you live more faithfully
- 7) Restore any lost joy in your walk with Him





## 2d – Examining Relationships (Ephesians 4:25-27; John 13:34-35; Colossians 3:12-15)

Pray that God would...

- 1) Show you if you have any broken relationships in your life
- 2) Help you know if you have contributed to broken relationships
- 3) Help you determine to do all you can to mend broken relationships
- 4) Help those you have hurt to forgive you
- 5) Restore your fellowship with them
- 6) Give you the courage to seek to restore fellowship
- 7) Help you be a peacemaker whenever possible

## 2e – Concern for the Lost (Isaiah 55:10-11; Luke 10:2; Matthew 28:18-30)

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help you understand more about the plight of the lost
- 2) Help you understand better how much God abhors sins
- 3) Give you a greater understanding of His holiness
- 4) Give you a renewed burden for the lost
- 5) Help you share His message of love with the lost
- 6) Save the lost people you will pray for right now
  - a. Spend time praying for people you know that are lost
- 7) Lead you to more lost people to witness to

## 2f – Repentance ( 1 John 1:9; Mark 1:15; Luke 13:1-5)

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help you surrender every area of your life to Christ's lordship
- 2) Help you be more aware of any sin in your life
- 3) Help you be willing to give up sin in your life
- 4) Help you change any patterns in your life that tempt you to sin
- 5) Help you make strong Christian friendships that encourage you in holiness
- 6) Help you live faithfully and be an example of holiness to others



# Section Three

## A Prayer For Your Family

### 3a – Praying for Your Husband

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help him love God with all of his heart, mind, soul, and strength
- 2) Help him walk in integrity, keep his promises, and fulfill his commitments
- 3) Help him love you unconditionally and stay faithful to you
- 4) Help him be patient, kind, hard to offend, and quick to forgive
- 5) Help him not get distracted or cower to passivity, but embrace responsibility
- 6) Help him become a hard worker who faithfully provides for your family and children
- 7) Help him surround himself with wise friends and avoid foolish ones
- 8) Help him use good judgment, pursue justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God
- 9) Help him depend on God's wisdom and strength rather than his own
- 10) Help him make choices based upon the fear of God, not the fear of man
- 11) Help him become a strong spiritual leader with courage, wisdom, and conviction
- 12) Help him break free from any bondage, bad habit, or addiction that is holding him back
- 13) Help him find his identity and satisfaction in God rather than temporary things
- 14) Help him to read the Word of God on a regular basis and allow it to change him and guide his decisions
- 15) Help him to be found faithful to God and leave a strong legacy for future generations



### 3b – Praying for Your Wife

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help her love God with all of her heart, mind, soul, and strength
- 2) Help her find her beauty and identity in Christ and reflect His character
- 3) Help her love the Word of God and allow it to develop her into Christlikeness
- 4) Help her be gracious, speaking truth in love and avoiding gossip
- 5) Help her respect you and submit to your leadership as unto the Lord
- 6) Help her be grateful and find her contentment in Christ, not in circumstances
- 7) Help her be hospitable and diligently serve others with Christ-like joy
- 8) Help her bring her family good and not evil all the days of her life
- 9) Help her invite older, godly women to mentor her and help her grow
- 10) Help her to not believe the lies that would devalue her roles as a wife and a mother
- 11) Help her be loving, patient, hard to offend, and quick to forgive
- 12) Help her have her sexual needs met by only you, her husband, and for her to meet your sexual needs as well
- 13) Help her be devoted in prayer and effectively intercede for others
- 14) Help her guide her home and children in a diligent, Christ-like way
- 15) Help her provide no reason for her character to be slandered or to lose confidence in who she is



### 3c – Praying for Your Children/Grandchildren

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help them love Him with all of their heart, mind, soul, and strength and their neighbors as themselves
- 2) Save them early in life
- 3) Help them develop a hatred for evil, pride, hypocrisy, and sin
- 4) Protect them in every area of their lives: spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically
- 5) Convict them when they are guilty of sin, and lead them to receive their chastening from Him
- 6) Give them wisdom, understanding, knowledge and discretion
- 7) Help them to respect and submit to authority
- 8) Surround them with the right kind of friends, and help them avoid the wrong ones
- 9) Bless them with a godly mate, and help them to, one day, raise godly children who will live for Christ
- 10) Help them walk in sexual and moral purity throughout their lives
- 11) Help them keep a clear conscience that remains tender before Him
- 12) Help them not to fear evil, but to walk in the fear of the Lord
- 13) Help them be a blessing to your family, the church, and the cause of Christ in the world
- 14) Help them be filled with the knowledge of God's will and be fruitful in every good work
- 15) Help them overflow with love, discern what is best, and be blameless until the day of Christ



# Section Four

## A Prayer For The Church

### 4a – Your Church

Pray that God would...

- 1) Pour out His Spirit on your church
- 2) Break down all barriers to revival in your church
- 3) Fill your church family with His Spirit
- 4) Strengthen your church family's burden for holiness and evangelism
- 5) Increase joy in your fellowship
- 6) Strengthen your church's commitment to its mission
- 7) Raise up more laborers for ministry
- 8) Help Highland to move forward into its next season with wisdom, discernment, grace, and a greater commitment to God and His Word

### 4b – Your Pastors, Ministry Leaders

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help your pastor(s) maintain the right priorities
- 2) Draw your pastor(s) close to Himself
- 3) Surround your pastor(s) and his/their family with His protecting angels
- 4) Fill your pastor(s) with His Holy Spirit
- 5) Remind your pastor(s) of His great love for them
- 6) Reveal to your pastor(s) anything that stands in the way of his walk with the Lord
- 7) Fill your pastor(s) with a great thirst for God
- 8) Help build a strong sense of unity among your church staff
- 9) Fill each ministry leader (Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Committee Member, Volunteer, etc.) with His Holy Spirit
- 10) Give each ministry leader a clear vision for what He wants their ministry to achieve
- 11) Help each ministry leader to understand the importance of their role in their church
- 12) Raise up other leaders to continue the work of the ministry



#### 4c – The Members in Your Church

Pray that God would...

- 1) Help them fully surrender their lives to the lordship of Jesus Christ
- 2) Help them learn to abide in Christ, be filled with His Spirit, and live according to His will
- 3) Help them grow in Christ and obey the Word of God as a disciple
- 4) Help them love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength
- 5) Help them walk in love, kindness, and favor with the lost and with the believers around them
- 6) Help them find their identity and satisfaction in Christ rather than anything else
- 7) Help them know their hope, riches, and power of their inheritance in Christ
- 8) Help them be devoted to prayer in secret and corporate prayer in the church
- 9) Help them repent daily of sins and walk in holiness before God
- 10) Help them break free from any bondage, stronghold, or addiction in their lives
- 11) Help them walk in integrity, keep their promises, and fulfill their commitment
- 12) Help them live with Christ as their hope and true source of peace and joy
- 13) Help them be bold and share the Gospel faithfully and make disciples of others in their lives
- 14) Help them to have been found faithful when they stand before God



#### 4d – The Churches in Your City, State, and Nation

Pray that God would...

- 1) Pour out His Spirit on the other churches in your city, state, and nation
- 2) Give these churches a deep burden for the lost
- 3) Raise up spiritual leaders in all the churches to call their members to holiness
- 4) Convict every person in each church of their unconfessed sin
- 5) Fill the pastor of every church with His Spirit
- 6) Break down the barriers that prevent churches from working together for the Gospel
- 7) Reveal to each church anything that is hindering a great movement of God in their midst
- 8) Bind Satan and every demon and prevent them from interfering with revival



# Section Five

## A Prayer For The Nation

### 5a - National Revival

Pray that God would...

- 1) Pour His Spirit out over the entire nation
- 2) Convince and convict every person of their sin
- 3) Convince every person that they will face a final judgment by God
- 4) Reveal His holiness to every person
- 5) Reveal His great love through Jesus Christ
- 6) Empower and embolden Christians to share their faith so that the lost can hear the Gospel
- 7) Restrain Satan from blinding people to their sin
- 8) Help churches discover more effective ways to reach the lost
- 9) Give the church boldness to stand and proclaim the truth of His Word
- 10) Call Christians and the nation to repentance
- 11) Move Christians to renew their commitment to the lordship of Christ over their lives
- 12) Create an intellectual thirst for Him and His Word
- 13) Draw the nation to Himself
- 14) Turn the hearts of the lost to the church for spiritual guidance
- 15) Help reveal the emptiness of false beliefs

### 5b - Government Leaders

In this section, research specific leaders within your local, state, and national government offices. Pray for them specifically and for God to lead them as they lead you.





# Section Six

## Praying Missionaries & The Lost

### 6a - Missionaries

- 1) Pray that God would call out a new generation of believers to mission work, both foreign and domestic, and expand the Kingdom of God.
- 2) Pray that God would give missionaries faith, courage, and the initiative to obey God's call, wherever that may lead.
- 3) Pray that God would answer prayers, as well as provide encouragement and resources to undergird their work spiritually and financially.
- 4) Pray that God would help missionaries serve in the power of God's Spirit and not their own flesh.
- 5) Pray that God would help missionaries represent Christ well in their words and actions.
- 6) Pray that God would make missionaries diligent, effective and fruitful laborers.
- 7) Pray that God would undergird them with ongoing support and accountability to keep them effective.
- 8) Pray that God would lead them to abide in Christ and be devoted to prayer and dependence on God.
- 9) Pray that God would grant them good health, rest and refreshment from the Lord.
- 10) Pray that God would bless them with strong marriages and families amid the hard labor of mission work.
- 11) Pray that God would empower them to effectively evangelize and make disciples of Christ.
- 12) Pray that God would help them start churches and establish good leadership within those churches.
- 13) Pray that God would use them as a catalyst for unity and revival where they go and serve.



## 6b – The Lost

- 1) Pray that God would connect them to genuine believers and the simplicity of the gospel.
- 2) Pray that God would disconnect them from any influences that are pulling them away from Christ.
- 3) Pray that God would expose the lies they've believed that have kept them from Christ.
- 4) Pray that God would show mercy, bind Satan, and turn them from darkness to light so they may receive the forgiveness of sin.
- 5) Pray that God would enlighten them to everything God extends towards those who believe.
- 6) Pray that God would convict them of sin, God's coming judgment, and their need of a Savior.
- 7) Pray that God would grant them a repentant heart that fully turns to Christ.
- 8) Pray that God would save them, change their hearts, and fill them with God's Spirit.
- 9) Pray that God would help them get baptized and plugged in to a Bible-believing church.
- 10) Pray that God would grace them to repent of daily sins and walk in holiness.
- 11) Pray that God would grow them in Christ by helping them obey the Word of God as a disciple.
- 12) Pray that God would help them live with Christ as their hope and true source of peace and joy.
- 13) Pray that God would deliver them from evil, the devil's traps and schemes, and any strongholds that might be present in their life.
- 14) Pray that God would help them abide in Christ and live according to His Will.
- 15) Pray that God would find them faithful when they stand before Him.



# Section Seven

## Models Of Prayer

### 6a - Models of Prayer

#### 1) The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

The Lord's Prayer is often recited in churches or at religious events, but there is so much more to this prayer. Jesus provided this model as an outline to teach us how to pray in a way that connects us to God and empowers us to accomplish great things through Him.

#### 2) Praying Scripture

The Word of God is one of the most valuable tools we have to build a dynamic, daily prayer life. It brings power, truth, and encouragement to our prayer time.

#### 3) The Prayer of Jabez (1st Chronicles 4:10)

The Prayer of Jabez follows the model of blessing, influence, presence, and protection.

#### 4) The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-17)

Prayer is not only communion with God; it is also confrontation with the enemy. When Jesus was on the earth, He came face to face with the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness (see Matthew 4 and Luke 4), and every time the enemy tried to tempt Him, Jesus responded with a reference from the Bible. He used the Sword of the Spirit to defend Himself from the enemy's attacks. Consider that in these exchanges, Jesus didn't confront the devil as "God." He confronted the devil as a "man applying and practicing the Word of God." We should do the same thing.



We exist to bring glory to God  
By winning people to Christ,  
Developing them to Christ-like maturity  
And, in every stage of life,  
Equipping them to be ministers in their worlds.



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