

Prayer Guide

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"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

BLENDING AND BLESSED PRAYER GUIDE

There are many different types of blended families with many unique issues that they face. Only God knows every situation and need, and only He has the solutions. This prayer guide was developed by asking God to show us how to pray hour by hour for these needs.

God showed us that we need to focus on Relationship. Our relationship to Him and to one another. Repentance – turning from doing it “our” way and doing it God’s way. Response – responding in belief and His power through the Holy Spirit.

This guide is set up to focus on those attributes of God that encompass these things. Each hour will be a different attribute with scriptures that we can pray into these family’s lives.

We will be focusing on:

Hope - God is our hope. He gave us hope through Jesus who is our salvation. He gives us hope through every circumstance.

Peace - Through Jesus we have peace with God and one another. We can be reconciled with Him and with others. Forgiveness is key to having peace with others.

Grace – God lavishes His grace on us. We need to accept that grace, give grace to ourselves, and others.

Love - God is love. He shows us what love is and how to love.

Rock – God is our rock. He the stability we need for every situation.

Power – Through the Holy Spirit, God enables us to follow Him and His ways.

Truth – We need to respond in belief. We need to believe that God will do what He says. His ways are the best, because He is truth.

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

Psalm 139:23-24: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 66:18: If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.

Please take time to ask God to search your heart. Confess any sins.

1 John 1:9: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please ask God to direct your prayers by His Spirit to come into unity with others as we pray.

(Each Session for everyone allow 5-10 minutes)

8:00 – 9:00 AM

GOD OF OUR HOPE – God is our hope. He gave us hope through Jesus who is our salvation. He gives us hope through every circumstance.

Titus 3:5-7 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Psalm 33:18, 22 - But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love, May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You.

Psalm 147:11 – The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.

Isaiah 40:30 – But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

Micah 7:7 – But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Romans 15:4 – For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 8:24-25 – For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 12:12 – Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Hebrews 10:23 – Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 15:13 – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

9:00 – 10:00 am

GOD OF PEACE – Through Jesus we have peace with God and one another. We can be reconciled with Him and with others. Forgiveness is key to having peace with others.

Romans 5:1-2 – Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as member of one body you were called to peace, and be thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:13b – Live in peace with each other.

Psalms 34:14 – Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalms 119:165 – Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.

Matthew 6:14-15 – For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Ephesians 4:32 – And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 – Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

10:00-11:00 am

GOD OF GRACE – God lavishes us with His grace. We need to accept that grace, and give grace to ourselves and others.

Ephesians 1:7-8 – In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.

Ephesians 2:8-9 – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.

2 Corinthians 9:8 – And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 – And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Hebrews 4:16 – Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and by find grace to help in time of need.

James 4:6 – But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

2 Peter 3:18 – but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

John 1:17 – For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17 – For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

11:00-12:00pm

GOD IS LOVE - He show us what love is and how to love.

1 John 4:7-8 - Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 3:16 – This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a – Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trust, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33b – Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 33b and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 6:1-4 – Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3: 18-21 – Wives submit to your husbands, as is fitting to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do no embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Ephesians 5:1-2 – Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 Peter 3:8-9 – Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Ephesians 4:31-32 – Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Matthew 5:43-44, 46 – “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

Matthew 22:37-38 – Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘ Love your neighbor as yourself.’

1:00 – 2:00 pm

GOD OUR ROCK - God is our Rock. He is our stability for every situation.

Psalm 62:5-8 – My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken. On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

Isaiah 33:6 – And He shall be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Psalm 61:1-3 – Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to You, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

Matthew 7:24-27 – Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Proverbs 10:25 – When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.

As our Rock, He gives strength and comfort.

Isaiah 40:28-32 – Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 41:10 – Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

GOD OF POWER/HOLY SPIRIT – Through the Holy Spirit, God enables us to follow Him and His ways.

1 Chronicles 27: 11-12 – Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Zechariah 4:6 – So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

Galatians 5:16 – So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:22 - 25 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 – And do not grieve the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

John 15: 5 – I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

Philippians 4:13 – I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

2 Peter 1: 3-9 – His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

3:00 – 4:00 pm

GOD OF TRUTH – We need to respond in belief. We need to believe that God will do what He says. His ways are best, because He is truth.

John 14:6 – Jesus said to him, “ I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

Psalms 119:160 – All Your words are true; all Your righteous laws are eternal.

Psalms 25:5 – Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

1 John 3:18-20 – My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

3 John 1:4, 8 – I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth. We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

Psalms 119:30 – I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on Your laws.

Psalms 119:66 – Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in Your commands.

Jeremiah 1:12 – Then the LORD said to me, “you have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.”

John 2:22 – After He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Hebrews 11:1, 6 – Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.