

# Collection of Prayers 2

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*The sermon emphasizes the power of God's word to cleanse, stimulate, and lift us up, and the importance of desiring inward purity and peace, prioritizing our lives, and seeking God's face continually.*

**Duration:** 15:55

**Scripture:** Habakkuk 3:2, Matthew 6:33, John 16:12, Acts 3:6, Romans 3:24, Philippians 4:19, Hebrews 9:26

**Topics:** "Prayer Meeting"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher expresses gratitude for the day when every knee will bow before God. He acknowledges the existence of villains who rule the empires of the world and the devastation they have caused. The preacher emphasizes the importance of hearing God's voice and the need for salvation through Jesus Christ. He prays for mercy and for the church to be a vessel of healing and revival in the world. The sermon encourages obedience to God and highlights the riches available through Christ Jesus.

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## Transcript

Father, we thank you for your word. Lord, it has a cleansing effect on us, it has a stimulating effect upon us. It lifts us up, it casts us down.

It clothes us and it strips us and then it clothes us, it empties us then it fills us. Oh Lord, this is our weapon. This is a slingshot, as it were, that David had in his hand when he threw Goliath and we can slay our doubts and fears and put our enemies down in the right sense of the word.

Lord, make us to desire this inward purity and peace and power and to live as you would live if you were living inside of our hearts. That's the only way to live. With your indwelling and your peace and your joy and your love, we give you our thanks in Jesus' name.

Amen. Father, we thank you tonight for our meditation. Oh, how wonderful that you should not cast us away.

We have all been a disappointment to you at some time or other. We have all failed to grasp all of the promises. Again, Lord, we say that we do not want to run with the rest of the crowd.

If you raised up this fellowship, you raised it for some reason, that in every dimension our lives will develop. But Lord, you won't have to say to us in that great day, I had many things to tell you, but you couldn't bear them. You got so busy with lesser things.

Keep us in our priorities right, we pray. Grant, Lord, we shall seek your face continually. We shall seek to love you and to honor you and to obey you.

And we will pray in Jesus' name. Amen. Lord, we thank you tonight for yourself.

We thank you that, as an old saint said, how can it be, thou heavenly king, that thou dost us to glory bring? Make slaves the partners of thy throne, decked with a never fading crown. We bless you, Lord, for where you've lifted us from, out of darkness into the kingdom of your dear Son. And we pray again that we may explore the possibilities of grace, that we'll not be content with waters to the ankles, but push on to waters to the knees and waters to the loins and waters to swim in.

That you won't have to embarrass us at the judgment seat and say, I have many things to tell you, but you couldn't bear them. That we won't be satisfied, Lord, with anything but the conscious witness of your Spirit, that we're walking in all the light that we have, that we've left darkness, we're no longer the children of darkness, that we've been translated into the kingdom of light with all its beauty and all its glory. Lord, I pray particularly here that last days that there'll be something unique about this place.

There'll be a radiant holiness, not a stilted holiness, not a legalistic holiness, but the beauty of holiness, the meekness of what Peter says, the ornament of a meek and a quiet spirit. That these people will all together be pure in heart, not to see God ultimately in eternity, but to see God now. We're told even our heart condition can affect the eyes, and Lord, if our hearts are pure, then our vision will be pure.

That Lord, there'll be nobody striving for mastery here in the fellowship, but in honor we'll prefer one another above ourselves. That again, we'll have a meek and a quiet spirit. We live in such an arrogant world.

We live in a world of such force, such bitterness, not much sweetness, such hatred and not much love. Lord, may this be as Paul wrote. He said we are citizens of heaven.

Our citizenship is in heaven. Or we're a colony of heaven on the way to heaven. That the kingdom of heaven is within us before we get to heaven itself.

That the king is ruling in our lives, and we are by the grace of God living this that you desire us to live. That we're well-pleasing in your sight. And we give you praise.

Because you, O Lord, are worthy in Jesus' name. Amen. Father, we thank you tonight again for your holy word.

It quickens our hearts. It has a marvelous effect on us. It lifts us up and it casts us down.

It lifts us up to realize that we're heirs of God, that the riches are ours in Jesus Christ. O God, help us to appropriate these things and shed them abroad in this poor, lost, bewildered world in which we live. And we give you praise in Jesus' name.

Amen. Thank you. Father, we thank you again for the possibilities of grace, and we pray that this will not be the last consideration in our lives, but the first consideration, that we may please you in all things.

Do all those things which please the Father. I pray, Lord, about this fellowship here, that the outstanding thing about it will be its meekness, its holiness, the beauty of the Lord our God being upon each one of us, that when people come in here, they may go to dozens of other places, but may they have to say, whether

they come in the print shop or on the grounds or anywhere else, that there's something about last day's ministry that I've not seen or felt before. May they take knowledge of us that we've been with Jesus, and we'll give you praise in His name.

Amen. Thank you. Father, we're so glad that this fabulous experience of being redeemed and cleansed and filled with the Spirit is not for an isolated few.

It's not for those who've had a good background and always walked clean and upright, always kind of loved the things of the pure, but it's for those twisted, tormented, defeated, broken lives that we can put together. No one else can put them together. Lives that the blood contains and nothing else contains.

We bless you for the power of the Gospel. And ask the Lord that since you've been so merciful to us, that mercy may flow from us. You've been so patient with us, may we have patience with others.

You've been so forgiving, may we find it easy to forgive. You've been so loving, help us to be strangers to hatred and bitterness, and that your love may be shed abroad from our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Keep your good hand upon us.

We pray for the magazine, all the new letters it goes out, the new one, that Lord, your blessing and anointing will be upon it, and that Jesus will be glorified in all our lives. Father, we thank you tonight for this break, this time, this quietness, this change. We pray more that you teach us by your Spirit what we need to know.

We pray that we may have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying. We never get caught in the trap of thinking we have righteousness of our own. It's all of yourself, it's all of your mercy that we're not consumed.

If we're cleansed, it's because of your blood. If we're victorious, it's because of your power within us, not anything of our own. And Lord, we pray that we may be so indwelt with your Spirit that we radiate the love of God.

You said we should be filled, and I guess we can't fathom the mystery of that, but I'm sure it means we'll be filled with peace, and we'll be filled with joy, and we'll be filled with power, and we'll be filled with purity. Because you can satisfy that one thing that nothing material can ever satisfy, the spiritual center of our being which can only be adequately satisfied by the indwelling of the Spirit of God. We thank you for your mercy, we thank you for your love, and we pray that we may lift your glory continually in Jesus' name.

Amen. Thank you. We thank you that you've not cut us off, either as individuals or as a nation.

We surely test your patience. You said your Spirit will not always strive with man. Lord, maybe if we knew, the alarm signal is already ringing out for this nation.

Maybe we're almost at the end of our tether as it were. Maybe you said, for us as a nation, the harvest is past and the summer is ended, and we're not saved. But yet, Lord, we would stand in the gap tonight and plead as thy servants of old.

We would plead like the man whose tree was to be cut down. And they pled, Lord, you'd give just another year that he might fertilize it and get it all in good condition. And then if it bear not fruit, then he said, then cut it down and take it away.

Lord, some of us tonight have very unfruitful lives. We have nothing to offer to our children. We have nothing to offer to our church.

We have nothing to offer to our community. And yet there are all these riches in glory by Christ Jesus which can be ours if we're obedient to thee. O God, we know that the cripple at the gate is the world.

We can't bind up its wounds with politics. We can't heal its diseases with any intellectual power. It must come through the body of the church of the living God.

As we have sung this week, revive thy work, O Lord. Revive every heart here tonight. Grant, O Lord, that nobody should leave this house in bondage.

Nobody should leave it fettered. Nobody should leave it in failure. But, Lord, we may touch that spring which is in thee and invite the fire of God to come in consuming power and burn out the draughts and burn off the fetters that hold us and liberate us that are going out like this man who is leaping and praising God.

There'll be something so different in our spirits, in our attitudes, in our words that they'll have to say of us as they said with them. They took knowledge of them that they'd been with Jesus and for this we'll give you praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

What all the blood of beasts on Jewish altar slain could not give one guilty conscience peace or wash away one's stain. But Christ, the heavenly Lamb, takes all our guilt away. Lord, we lay in your work today that our high priest does not need to make an offering every day.

Once in the end of the age he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin. He only could unlock the gates to the kingdom of heaven.

We thank you that one day around the throne of God in heaven there'll be from every kingdom and nation and people and country. Lord, whether some are being saved 10 minutes before they were raptured or served Christ for 50 or 80 years won't make any difference. We thank you that we're going into society which is ageless, endless, sinless, but not joyless, it's full of joy.

Jesus is going to reign forever and ever. Lord, we bless you for that day when we're under conviction of sin. They've heard the wrath of God and they never obeyed that voice.

God, it was an awful thing that millions tonight will never hear the voice of Jesus unless we have a Holy Ghost revival throughout the world. But we've millions of people who have heard that they've not obeyed the voice of the Son of God who said everybody should come. They're going to obey your voice that time anyhow.

Blessed Lord, we pray. And thank you for mercy to us. We thank you for the will of God.

Lord, show us the dross of this world and the glory of the world to come. Lord, we bless you for this Holy Word and this lamp for our feet, this light for our path. We praise you, Father, for all who are down at ages.

The men who were burned at the stake to give us this wonderful, wonderful book. I've been reading tonight, Lord, about that wonderful young Scotsman, Hugh McHale, going to the marketplace with a young man, joyfully singing in front of a scuffle in the middle of the night. He didn't need the help of the Virgin Mary because she was saying that he by himself forged our sins.

Lord, I think of the moment when he said it is finished. I think I'd be living in hell instead of being afraid. I think I'd be an angel in heaven waiting for ecstasy because he put an end to the old sacrificial system and he abolished the priesthood and made us a kingdom of three sons of God.

Lord, I bless you these men and I thank you, Lord, that you can normally turn warts into wine, you can turn sinners into saints, you can turn liars into truthful people, you can change the dead from dead to life, you've got the hopeless into hope, you've got the unbelievers into belief, you've got the faithless into faith. We thank you that even as the old song says the hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred streets before we reach the heavenly fields or walk the golden streets. Lord, we bless you.

I thank you for everybody who may be intimidated by men or by guns or by a system. Dear Lord in heaven, we feel embarrassed at the sight of them living an easy life today and their daily toil is misery and grief and sorrow and anguish and yet, Lord, if the hymn says of Jesus, for every grief hath known that rings the human breast and takes and bears them for his own that all in him may rest, we thank you for this. Let's pray.

Father, we thank you for the provision of the beauty of the Lord our God may be upon us that we'll stand for your righteousness in this unrighteous world. Bless again the fellowship here. We pray it will go from strength to strength.

Bless each one of us now in Jesus' name. Amen. Father tonight, we thank you for the possibilities of grace and we do ask that we should be ever expanding in our knowledge but not only that, in our practice, in our exercise, of the things of holiness because the Holy Spirit indwells us.

Father, we thank you for the provision you give us in a wicked and perverse generation to be as different from it as it's possible for human beings to be. And finally, even now we have our reward. We have a reward because we're not haunted by our sins.

We're not haunted by the footfall of the policemen. We're not afraid of some threat upon us. That's all being dissolved and away.

Our desire now is that we may walk in newness of life and climb the heights of spirituality and do the will of God. We thank you for the possibility and thank you for the adequate provision that you've made for us through Jesus our Lord.

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