

Praying Through James

Father, today, I will consider it all joy when I encounter the various trials it will bring, knowing that the testing of my faith will produce patient endurance. Help me Lord, to let it have its perfect work in me and bring about the result You seek in my perfection and completion in Christ that I may be lacking in nothing.

In my need of wisdom, Lord, I ask in faith for Your Wisdom, Father, because You give generously and without reproach to all who ask in faith without doubting. Help me Father, to never doubt You or be double minded but instead make me a man of faith, stable and steadfast in all my ways.

Father, when I am in humble circumstances let me see Your glory and be lifted up in my heart, when I am experiencing abundance and riches, help me to remain humble and give You glory for it.

Father, grant me the strength to persevere under the trials of the day that I may be approved and receive the crown of life which You promised to those who love You.

When I am tempted, I will never say that I am tempted by You, God, because You can never be tempted by evil and You, Yourself, never tempt anyone. I know that when I am tempted, I am carried away and enticed by my own lust and when it is conceived, it gives birth to sin; when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Oh God lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil!

Father, let me not be deceived in any way concerning Your love and goodness towards me. For I know that every good thing given and every perfect gift comes down from You the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of Your will, You brought me forth by the Word of Truth, so that I may be a kind of first fruit among Your creatures and I thank You for this knowledge and understanding.

Lord, help me to be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger for I know that the anger of my flesh does not produce or achieve Your righteousness. Grant me the will, the power and desire to put away all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness in me.

Father, I receive Your word implanted in me that is able to save my soul. I look to Your Holy Spirit to help me and guide me in proving myself to be a doer of Your word and not merely a hearer only. I don't want to be like the man who looks at his natural face in a mirror and once looking at himself, walks away and immediately forgets what kind of person he was. Instead I want to be one who looks intently at Your perfect law, the law of liberty, and abide in it, not being a forgetful hearer but instead an effectual doer and be blessed in all that I do. Give me ears to hear Your Spirit oh Lord!

Father, keep me from a "religious spirit" and a "loose tongue" that only brings deception to my heart and is worthless. Let me practice the religion that is pure and undefiled in Your sight, one that visits orphans and widows in their distress and keeps oneself unstained by the world.

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Chapter 2

Father, help me not to hold my faith in my glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. Help me to treat the poor man as honorable as the rich man. Keep me from making distinctions among my brethren and making unrighteous judgments with evil motives.

Father, help me to fulfill Your royal law of loving my neighbor as myself so that I may do well in Your kingdom. Keep me from showing any form of partiality and sinning in this way as a transgressor of Your law. Help me Lord, to speak and so act as one who is to be judged by the law of liberty and to show mercy because mercy always triumphs over judgment.

Father, let my faith be shown by my good works in Christ and my belief in You be backed by this that I may be justified in my faith even as Abraham was reckoned by You as righteous because he believed Your word and acted upon it in faith. I too want to be called Your friend by believing Your word spoken to me and by acting in faith with good works in Christ which You ordained before the foundations of the world for me to walk in. Father, save me from dead works!

Chapter 3

Father, help me to take heed and to know and understand that as I teach others Your word, I am held to a stricter judgment. Lord, keep me from falling!

Father, help me not to stumble by what I say, keep me from hypocrisy and self deceit, help me to bridle my whole body as well and give Your Spirit complete control because I know that in my own efforts I cannot tame my tongue because it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. It curses from one side and blesses with the other and I know these things ought not to be. Oh God, help me to bring forth fresh and living water that gives life and not death, to bless those made in Your likeness and not curse them. Lord, Help me to love others as I love myself!

Father, make me to walk in Your wisdom and understanding and show this by good behavior and deeds shown in the gentleness of wisdom.

Father, remove from me any bitterness, jealousy and selfish ambition from my heart, forgive me of these things as I confess them as sin, arrogance and lies against the truth. I recognize that this kind of wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural and demonic and where these exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

Father I desire and ask You for the pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable Wisdom that is full of mercy, good fruits and is unwavering and without hypocrisy.

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Father, let the seed in me be the fruit of righteousness, empower me oh Lord to be one who sows in peace and makes peace that I may glorify You in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Chapter 4

Father, I recognize that the source of my quarrels and conflicts with my brethren is due to the pleasures that wage war in my flesh. My lusts, my jealousy, envy and selfishness. I know that if I ask and do not receive, it is because I ask with these wrong motives so that I may spend it on my own pleasures. When I do this, I am an adulterer and have formed a friendship with the world and made myself an enemy of You, oh God.

Father, I do not wish to be a friend of the world and I certainly do not want to be Your enemy. I want Your Spirit, whom You Jealously desire and which You have made to dwell in me to rule in my heart and soul. Forgive me for grieving You, Holy Spirit!

Holy Father, forgive me of my pride, I renounce the works of my flesh and all that it desires, I offer myself to You as a living sacrifice, make me holy and acceptable in Your sight. You give grace to the humble, therefore I will humble myself in Your presence, oh Lord, that You and You alone would be exalted.

Father, help me not to speak against my brother nor judge him unrighteously. Help me to be a doer of the law and not a judge of it. You are the only lawgiver and judge, You are the One who is able to save and destroy. Forgive me for judging my neighbor.

Lord, help me to say, "If the Lord wills" each day, when I make my plans and before I leave my house as well as when I am making any plans in business or otherwise and to always remember and recall that when I don't do this, it is a boast of arrogance and evil and when I know the right thing to do and don't do it, it is sin. Lord forgive me for my disobedience!

Today Lord, I recognize my life as a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. the only thing that remains are the eternal things I do in this life that are according to Your will. So today I proclaim in my heart and soul and by the fruit of my lips I give You thanksgiving and praise and say, " Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in my life on this earth today as it is in heaven!" - Amen!

Chapter 5

Father, You have blessed me richly and You have given me much in this world. In so many ways I have taken it for granted and have not been a good steward over them. I have been like the greedy rich man, I have hoarded, I have stored up treasures for myself in these last days, I have lived luxuriously on this earth and led a life of wanton pleasures. many times I have withheld good when its been in my power to do it.

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Father, I take heed to this warning toward the rich and realize how blessed I have been and how much I have been given. Forgive me of this sin! Thank You for the blood of Jesus that cleanses me from this and all other unrighteousness!

Father, help me to be patient like the farmer and consider his ways, strengthen my heart, for I know that Jesus is coming very soon. Help me not to complain against You or my brothers and sisters so that I will not be judged because You are standing at the door. Lord help me to fill my lamp!

Lord, help me to learn and follow the example of the prophets who spoke in Your name in their suffering and patience and all of those blessed who endured like Job. I know the outcome of Your dealings, that You are full of compassion and are a merciful God. Lord, have mercy on me!

Lord God, I will not swear by heaven or earth or with any other oath, but instead I pray that my yes would be yes and my no, no so that I may not fall under judgment.

Lord, help me to be aware of those that are suffering around me and in my own suffering, to pray, and when I am cheerful and in the company of a cheerful person, to sing praises. And when I am sick or in the presence of a sick person, help me to be obedient in calling for the elders of the church to be anointed with oil in Your Name so that the prayer offered in faith will restore the sick and as we see You raise him up, we will know this; that if there are any sins committed that they will be forgiven.

Father, help me to practice the confession of my sins to my brothers and in the giving and receiving of prayer there will be healing for us. You are the God who heals!

Elijah was a man with a nature like my own and the effectual prayer of this righteous prophet availed much and so in the righteousness of Christ, my earnest prayers will also avail much according to Your will and purposes.

Father, if I know anyone who has strayed from the truth, Let me be Your instrument to turn them because You said that when I do this, his soul will be saved from death and a multitude of sins will be covered. Lord bring the prodigals to their senses and bring them into Your arms of Love!

How great are Your mercies, oh God, and I praise and worship You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength! - Amen!