

# **Prayers for Spiritual Growth**

**From John, James, Peter, Jude  
and the Revelation**



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# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## PRAYERS FROM JOHN, JAMES, I-2 PETER, 1-2-3 JOHN, JUDE & REVELATION

One of the most powerful ways to pray is to pray God's word back to Him. He promises in Jeremiah 1:12 to hasten to perform His word. As we pray His word, we are praying for things He wants and are releasing His power to change us and others.

Pray these prayers for yourself and respond to anything the Lord says to you as you pray. Then pray the prayers for your spouse, your children and for others that are around your life. Note those prayers that are most meaningful and come back to them often.

Probably the best way to use these prayers is to pray through them a few at a time using a marker to keep track of your progress. The written prayers form a framework on which you build the specifics related to your life or the life of those you are praying for. Remember: Just reading through the prayers may be interesting but it is not prayer and does not release the Lord's power into your life. I pray the Lord will speak to you through these prayers and make you much more like Himself.

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# JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

Use me, as You did John the Baptist, to tell others about Yourself, Lord Jesus, so people will believe in You. 7

Use me to help others believe on Your name, receive You into their lives and become sons of God. 12

Show me Your glory as You do miracles today. Fill me with Your grace and truth. 14

Cause me to receive all the fullness and grace You have for me. 16

Lord Jesus Christ, cause me to follow You day after day and open my eyes to see what You are doing and join You. Cause me to successfully invite others to come, see and know You. 39,46

Let me see the heavens opened. Allow me to see angels as they minister to Your body, the church. 51

## CHAPTER 2

Just as the best wine was provided last, make the church in these last days the best ever. 10

Lord Jesus Christ, do signs among us and manifest Your glory so many will believe in You. 11

Lord Jesus, raise up those who will cleanse Your church again. Fill me with zeal for You. 15-17

Cause me to really believe the scripture and the word that You have given me. 22

## CHAPTER 3

Use me to help others be born of the Spirit so they can enter the kingdom of God. 5

Use me to help lost people realize they have already been judged and face Your wrath because they have not believed on Jesus. 18 **\*\* If you are not absolutely sure that the Lord Jesus Christ is in your heart and Lord of your life, and you dread God's wrath, why not settle it right now. In prayer, ask Jesus to come in and be the Boss in your life. Ask Him to forgive Your sins. Tell Him He can make any changes in you that He wants. Thank Him for giving you eternal life. Tell someone what you just did. Write us, we'd love to hear.\*\***

Cause me to turn from every form of evil. See to it that I continue in the truth so my deeds may be shown as having been done by You. 20-21

Cause me to receive and walk in all You have given me. 27

Father, send me to speak Your words. Fill me to overflowing with Your Holy Spirit. 34

## CHAPTER 4

Cause the water of life in me to spring up and keep me full and overflowing with Your life. 14

Teach me to worship You in spirit and truth. 23-24

Make sure I do Your will and accomplish the work You have for me. Make serving You the most satisfying part of my life. 34

Open my eyes to the harvest and cause me to participate fully in the harvest. 35

Ensure the church fully reaps the end time harvest that she has worked for 1960 years to prepare. 38

**\*\* Have you ever prayed and asked the Lord Jesus to do something God-like? Something only He could do and get the credit for? I (Marcia) prayed that way some years back and here's what happened.**

**I was getting on the train in Oklahoma City to head home to Fort Worth when I noticed the lady across the aisle from me was talking to the conductor. I couldn't help but overhear that they were talking about the fact that her purse had been stolen during the night as she slept on the train. After the conductor left to get some paperwork for her to fill out, I went over to speak with her, desiring to comfort her. As I was thinking how to word what I wanted to say, (something like "I can't help you get your purse back, but I know Someone Who can") she said to me, "I'm a Christian, so this shouldn't upset me so much." I told her I was wanting to encourage her and then maybe we could pray together. I told her I'd had my purse stolen and returned and I knew God could help her. She agreed, but said she must tell me something first. She had been given the family heirloom jewels worth \$8000, and in deciding where to put them for her trip, she chose her purse. Wow, was this a job for God! It was one thing to get the purse back, but the jewels as well! We prayed and asked the Lord to have the purse returned with the jewels. As the train traveled on down the track, we became friends.**

**I asked her, as I got off the train in Fort Worth and she went on to Dallas, to please let me know what happened. Since I couldn't be reached by phone because we were moving, she wrote to tell me that she had slept the night after she got home. God had certainly given her peace because I'd lost fifty cents before and couldn't sleep! Then she shared how the Amtrack people had contacted her on Monday morning and told her the purse had been found by the cleaning lady in the rest room. There was no money in the purse, but inside were all her things including the \$8000 worth of family heirloom jewelry. All praise to the Lord and glory to Him for hiding the jewels from the thief and having an honest cleaning lady find the missing purse. God does hear and answer prayer, to Him be all the glory! \*\***

## CHAPTER 5

Lead me to those who want to be healed but are helplessly stuck in their condition. Speak powerful, healing words to them through me. Make their healing obvious and permanent. 6-9

Keep me from sinning so I don't have to reap sin's consequences. 14

Make sure I work in cooperation with You, Jesus Christ and the Father. 17

Keep me from thinking up things to do for You. Cause me to do what I see You doing and join You

in Your work. Use me to teach others to join You in Your work. 19

Father in heaven, see to it that I honor You and Your Son, Jesus. 23

Cause me to truly hear Your word and believe You. Use me to lead multitudes out of judgment and death into eternal life. 24

Keep me from doing things that I dream up on my own. Work in me to know and do Your will. 30

Make me to be a light that is burning and shining for You, Lord Jesus Christ. 35

Cause me to seek and receive the honor that comes from You, Heavenly Father. 44

## CHAPTER 6

Lord Jesus, do great miracles through Your people so great multitudes will come and have the opportunity to hear and believe. 2

Make sure we gather up carefully those who are coming in these last days so none will be missed.  
12 **\*\* Did you know that a large percentage of those coming and joining the church don't find friends or meaningful tasks, are not disciplined and soon drop out of church altogether? \*\***

Keep me from being afraid. Teach me to receive You into every situation in my life. Make me more than a conqueror. 20-21

Keep me from working for that which perishes. Ensure I work for that which endures to eternity.  
27 **\*\* Will the things you spend lots of time doing count in eternity? \*\***

Cause me to do the work of God by believing with all my being on You, Jesus. 29 **\*\* God is much more interested in our relationship with Him than our activity for Him! \*\***

So fill me with Yourself that I never hunger or thirst. 35

Make sure the church cooperates with You so that not one is lost on the last day. 39

God our Father, draw millions from all over this country to Jesus Christ in these last days. Use me to disciple and teach as many as I can. 44-45

Use me to help others believe on You and receive eternal life. 47

Cause me to fully partake of You, Lord Jesus Christ, and to fully live. 57

Lord Jesus Christ, speak through me words of spirit and life. Set me free from every useless activity of the flesh. 63

Weed out of the body those who don't and won't believe. 64

Keep me from ever even thinking about drawing back from my relationship with You, Jesus Christ Son of the living God. 67-69

## CHAPTER 7

Cause me to seek glory for You and speak only what You give me to speak. 16,18

Keep me from judging based on outward appearance. Cause me to know what You think about each situation I face. 24

Just as the devil was unable to stop You until Your work was done, please guard and protect me so nothing keeps me from completing the work You have for me to do. 30

Make the rivers of living water flow unimpeded from within me. Continually fill me with the Holy Spirit. Anoint me to speak and teach far above my human ability. 38-39,46

## CHAPTER 8

Keep me from walking in the darkness. Fill me with the light of life. 12

Cause me to see things from Your point of view. 15

Work through me to help people come to the place where they believe on You, Jesus, and are delivered from their life of sin. 24

Make sure I lift You up, Jesus, and speak what You give me to speak. Keep me always doing the things that please You. 28-29

Use me to tell people about You in ways that cause many to believe in You. 30

See to it that I am a faithful disciple who continues in Your word. Cause me to know the truth and to be made completely free. 31-32

Keep me from committing sin and being a slave to sin. Make me free indeed. 34,36

Keep me from going anywhere on my own initiative. Cause me to go where You send me. 42

Keep me from having anything to do with the devil. Don't let me believe any of his lies. Use me to set people free from his lies. 44

Cause me to hear the words of God. 47 **\*\* Hearing from God is the most exciting part of our life. \*\***

Use me to help others believe what You say so they won't have to face eternal death. 51

## CHAPTER 9

Work Your works through me before the night comes when no one can work. 4

Light of the world, show forth your light through me. Work through me to help the blind see. Lord Jesus, heal me in areas I am blind. 5-7,39

## CHAPTER 10

Call me and lead me where You want me to go. Ensure I know Your voice and follow You. 3-4  
**What are some ways that God has used to very clearly point out the path you were to take?**

Keep me from following any voice that is not of You. 5

Make sure I go through all the doors You open for me and find the abundant pasture You have for me. 9

Keep the devil from stealing from me, killing me or destroying what You are doing through me. Ensure I receive the abundant life You have for me. Use me to help bring others into the abundant life You have for them. 10

Work in me so I really know You. 14

Use me to bring others into Your flock and to help them know You as their shepherd. 16

Make sure I hear what You are saying and know that it is You. Then ensure I obediently follow You. 27

Thank You that no one (including myself) or no thing can take away the eternal life You have given me or end the relationship I have with You. 28-29

Cause me to understand the awesome power of Your word. Make me understand that Your word will be completely fulfilled. 35

## **CHAPTER 11**

Continue to do many healings among us in ways that bring You tremendous glory. 4

Use me to help people know You, the resurrection and the life. 25

Cause me to believe and see Your glory. 40

Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, cause me to know that You hear and respond to my prayers as I come to You in Jesus' name. 41-42

Free me from everything that binds me and use me to help loose others from their bondages. 44

Do wonderful things through me that cause people to believe in You. 45

Use me to help people become children of God. 52

## **CHAPTER 12**

Cause many to believe in You because of the things You have done in my life. 11

Cause me to fulfill Your word and Your desires whether I recognize it at the time or not. 16

Cause me to die to all that I am so You can bring forth much fruit through me. 24

Make sure I lose myself in Your kingdom work so I will have real life throughout all eternity. 25

Hasten the day when the world is judged and the devil is cast out. 31

Work through me to lift up Your name everywhere and tell the earth of Your death and resurrection. Continue to powerfully draw all men to Yourself. 32

Work through me to open the eyes of the spiritually blind. Soften their heart so they can see, believe, be converted and healed. 40

Don't let me hide my relationship with You. Keep me loving Your praise and not the praise of men. 42-43

Get me out of darkness and cause me to walk in the light. 46

Use me to keep others from rejecting You in any way so Your word won't have to judge them in the last day. 48

Make sure I speak only what You tell me to speak. 49-50

### **CHAPTER 13**

Cause me to serve others as You did by washing the disciples' feet. 14

Make sure I do the things You have taught me. 17

Keep telling me things before they come to pass so I can be strengthened in my faith. 19

Ensure I receive those You send and am received by those to whom You send me. 20

Cause me to love other believers like You loved me. Cause people to see my love for other believers and know that I am Your disciple. 34-35

### **CHAPTER 14**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart from being troubled. Work in me so I really believe and trust in You and the Father. 1

Jesus, be "the way" in me. Reveal Yourself as "truth" in me. Be "life" in me and bring me to Your Father in heaven. 6

Lord Jesus Christ, reveal Yourself to me and make sure I really know You and thus know the Father. Do Your works through me. 10

Cause me and the body of Christ to really believe in You and do the works You did. Cause us to do even greater works. 12

Jesus, cause me to ask properly in Your name so You can answer my requests and so the Father can be glorified in You. 13

Make sure I ask in truth and faith in Your name. Make this decade a time of answered prayers that go far beyond anything the church has ever seen before. 14

Lord, so work in me that I deeply love You and to obey all that You command me to do. 15

Bring me into a fresh, intimate relationship with You, Holy Spirit. 16

Holy Spirit, cause me to walk in truth and make sure I know You as You abide in me. 17

Come to me, Lord Jesus Christ, speak to me and lead me. 18

Cause me to see You and be really alive like You are. Make me aware of all You are and all You are doing in, through and around me. 19

Ensure I really know that I am in You and You are in me and that I am in the Father. 20

Work in me so I know Your commandments and keep them. Make sure I really love You so You and Your Father can reveal more of Your love for me and You can manifest Yourself to me. 21

Cause me to receive the grace to love You and keep Your word. Love me and come to me and abide with me. 23

Holy Spirit, teach me all things. Cause me to remember all that Jesus has said to me. 26

Lord Jesus, fill me with Your peace. Don't let my heart be troubled or fearful. 27

## **CHAPTER 15**

Keep me from being a branch that does not bear fruit. Trim me where necessary so I will bear more fruit. 2

Jesus Son of the living God, flow Your word through me and clean me up. 3

Cause me to abide in You and come and abide in me so I will bear much fruit. 4,5

Keep me from ever being among those You have to discard as a branch. 6

Make sure I abide in You and Your words abide in me so You can do whatever I ask. 7

Make me into a faithful disciple who bears much fruit so Your Father will be glorified. 8

Give me and cause me to receive overflowing grace to abide in Your love and keep Your commandments. 10

Cause me to receive the things You have spoken to me so Your joy will remain in me and my joy will be full. 11

Work in me to love other believers like You have loved me. Cause me to lay down my life for my friends. 12-13

Keep me demonstrating my friendship to You by doing what You command. 14

See to it that I know what You are doing. Make known to me all You have heard from Your Father.

15

You have chosen me and appointed me to go bear fruit that remains. Make sure I ask the Father for the right things in Your name so my life brings forth much lasting fruit. 16

Give me grace and do the things necessary in me so I love others. 17

Give me the grace to endure being hated by the world. Strengthen me to endure persecution as necessary. 19-20

Holy Spirit of truth, testify of Jesus to me and bear witness of Jesus through me. 26-27

### **CHAPTER 16**

Lord Jesus, cause me to remember the things You have spoken to me, especially when persecution comes. 1-4

Holy Spirit, work through me to convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. 8-11

Holy Spirit of truth, guide me into all truth. Tell me what the Father is saying. Show me things that are to come. 13

Holy Spirit, tell me everything about Jesus and what He is doing. Cause me to really see and know Him. Stir me to love, worship, praise and glorify Jesus. 14

Father, cause me to ask properly so You can give me what I ask for in Jesus' name. 23

See to it that I receive and notice so many answers to prayer that I am constantly full of joy. 24

Cause me to ask constantly in Your name for every need that I see. 26

Cause me to hear Your words, have peace during tribulation and be of good cheer since You have already overcome the world. 33

### **CHAPTER 17**

Ensure that I fully receive and live in the eternal life You have given me. 2

Father, work in me to really know You, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ. 3

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to protect me in Your name and cause me to experience real unity with other believers. Father, fill me full of the joy Jesus has. 11-13

Father, I agree with Jesus' prayer and ask that You protect me and my family from the evil one. 15

Sanctify me in the truth and send me into the world as Your worker. 17-18

Bring forth Your heavenly unity among believers so the world will believe in Jesus. 21

Cause me to receive and walk in Your glory and be in unity with other believers. 22

Jesus, so control us that we are one in You. As we live like You, Jesus, cause the world to see and know that Your Father sent You and that He really loves them. 23

Father, hasten the time when we will all be with Jesus and behold His glory. 24

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I agree with Jesus' prayer and ask You to cause me to love Jesus just like You love Him. Bring forth fully the life of Jesus in me. 26

### **CHAPTER 18**

Lord Jesus, show me things that are coming. Don't let me try to prevent things that You want to occur. 4,10-11

Jesus, cause me to know You as King. Work in me to know You, the Truth, and hear Your voice. 37

### **CHAPTER 19**

Lord, cause me to comprehend more fully the rejection You felt, the agony and pain You endured and the separation from the Father You faced on the cross. Give me deeper understanding of how Your death paid for my sins and allowed me to be a child of God. Give me a powerful anointing whenever I am talking to lost people about Your death on the cross and Your resurrection. 1-42

### **CHAPTER 20**

Lord Jesus, fill me with Your peace and send me out just as the Father sent You. 21

Cause me to receive the Holy Spirit in the fullest measure. 22

Teach me when to pardon the sins of others and when to retain them. 23

Jesus, keep me from being faithless but cause me to believe. Make sure I fully know You as my Lord and my God. 27-28

Bless me as I have not seen You and yet have believed. 29

Through reading Your word, cause me to believe fully that You are the Christ, the Son of God. Make sure I receive life in its fullest measure in Your name. 31

### **CHAPTER 21**

Work through the church to cast nets in the right place and catch a great number of people for Your kingdom. 6

Keep us from losing any that You give us. Keep the net from breaking so that all who believe are integrated into the body. See to it that I do my part to care for Your sheep. 11,15-17

Cause me to follow You all the way until death and make my life glorify You. 19

Keep me from meddling in the lives of others and cause me to concentrate on following You. 21-22

Use me to tell how wonderful You are and about the wonderful things You have done and are doing so that many are drawn to You. 25

## JAMES

### CHAPTER 1

Keep me from fighting against the tests You send to develop my faith and patience. Prompt me to welcome the trials joyfully. 2-3

Make me mature and complete with all I need to be effective in Your kingdom. 4

Father God, give me a spirit of wisdom and discernment. Give me wisdom for every task You give me. 5 **\*\* Are you operating in God's wisdom or following the world's ways? \*\***

Father in heaven, use these prayers from Your word to teach me to pray in faith without wavering. So work in me that I pray in faith so I can receive what I need. 6-7

Teach me to rejoice in the position You have given me and serve You there. 9-10

Don't let me boast in or trust my riches since they can so quickly fade away. 11

So work in me that I do not give in to temptations. Make sure I qualify for the crown of life that You have promised to those who love You. 12

Make sure I conquer the lust that draws me away and tempts me. 13-14

Cause me to receive the good and perfect gifts You have for me. 17

So work in me that I am swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to get mad. Make me know that my wrath can never accomplish Your righteous purposes. 19-20

Cause me to lay aside everything that is unclean and wrong and receive Your word that You are building into my life. 21 **\*\* The Bible is not just empty words, it is your life. Deuteronomy 32:47\*\***

Make sure I obey Your word. Don't let me just listen to or read it and then quickly forget it. As I obey Your word, bless me in everything I do. 22-25

Work powerfully in me to gain control of my tongue. 26

Show me the fatherless and widows to whom You want me to minister. 27

### CHAPTER 2

Keep me from being one who treats people differently based on their wealth, position or appearance. Give me the grace and wisdom to reach out to rich and poor alike to win and disciple

them. 1-4,9

Use me especially to help the poor become rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. Keep me from despising the poor. 5-6

Cause me to speak and live as one who has been shown mercy and grace and has been set free by Jesus. 12-13

Fill my life with good works that flow from my faith in You. Teach me the proper balance of spiritual help and physical help to offer to those to whom You send me. 14-18

Keep me from having a dead faith that doesn't produce changes in me or accomplish the godly works You have prepared for me. Form in me a vital, living and active faith that You can use to accomplish Your kingdom work. 20-26

### CHAPTER 3

Keep me from taking my leadership responsibilities in the kingdom lightly since I will be held strictly accountable for what I do. 1

Holy Spirit, work powerfully in me to control my tongue. Don't let me start fires of iniquity and defile others with my words. Keep my speech pure and good, not a mixture of blessing and cursing. 2-12

Cleanse me of bitter envying and strife. 14,16

Give me Your wisdom that is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, and without partiality and hypocrisy. Cause me to be a peacemaker. 17-18

### CHAPTER 4

Cause me to be quick to ask You for the things I need. Work in me so I am asking in faith for the right things. 2-3

**\*\* It hit me as I was writing a prayer for verse 2-3 above, that so many times I tackle problems on my own without asking the Lord Jesus to take over. It is usually from the midst of defeat, despair or discouragement that I finally remember to ask God for a solution. So, ask the Lord to remind You to pray for direction before you have wasted a lot of time. \*\***

Make sure I am Your friend and not a friend of the world. 4

Keep me from being proud so You don't have to resist me. Work in me so I am humble and can receive an abundance of Your grace. 6

Keep me submitted to You. Stir me to resist the devil so he has to flee from me. 7

Cause me to draw close to You so You can draw close to me. Make sure I cleanse my hands and purify my heart. Cause me to walk humbly with You so You can lift me up. 8-10

Don't allow me to speak evil about others or judge them. 11-12 **\*\* Did you know that you are most likely to judge in others those things that are weaknesses in Your own life. As You judge**

**others, you sentence yourself to becoming like them. See Matthew 7:1-5 and Romans 2:1-3 \*\***

Keep me from making my own plans without consulting You. Instead, cause me to discern Your will and do what You want. Make sure I do the good things I know to do. 13-15,17 **\*\* Are your plans from the Lord Jesus? \*\***

## **CHAPTER 5**

Keep me from being one who piles up treasure in the last days. Make sure I am fair with those who work for me. Don't let me live only for my own pleasure. 1-5

As I have to endure evil that I am powerless to stop, cause me to be patient and remember that You will correct everything when You return. 7-8

Keep me from holding grudges against others, especially since Your return is so near. 9

Keep me from being one who tries to prove my truthfulness with elaborate oaths. Instead, cause my "yes" to mean yes and my "no" to mean no. 12

Remind me to call out to You when I am hurting. Keep me from complaining. When things go well, prompt me to sing praises to You instead of bragging on how great I am. 13

Raise up godly elders within the church who pray over the sick and anoint them with oil. Make the prayers of Your people the greatest source of healing on earth. 14-15

Prompt us to confess our faults to one another so we can be healed. Bring forth in me effectual fervent prayers that release Your good results. 16

Cause me to pray powerfully and effectively like Elijah did. 17

Use me powerfully to lead lost people into a saving relationship with You, Lord Jesus. 19-20

# 1 PETER

## CHAPTER 1

Set me apart and make sure I obey You. Cause grace and peace to be multiplied to me. 2

Bless You, Father, for causing me to be made alive through the resurrection of Jesus. Thank You for an inheritance which is incorruptible and undefiled and will not fade away because it is reserved in heaven for me. 3-4

Protect me by Your power through Your faith until I receive that salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 5 **\*\*In 2 Thessalonians 3:3 we are told that Jesus is faithful to strengthen and protect us from the evil one.\*\***

Cause me to greatly rejoice even though, if needed, I go through trials. Make my tried faith result in praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus. 6-7 **\*\* Has God ever led you into a difficult place to test you and then delivered you in a way that brought Him glory? When? \*\***

Even though I have not physically seen You, Jesus, cause me to deeply love and believe in You. Keep me greatly rejoicing with unspeakable joy full of glory. 8

Cause me to be alert and serious as I look forward to Your return. Don't let me return to my sinful way of life. Make me holy in all my behavior. 13-15

Fill me with a reverential fear as I remember that my salvation required the precious blood of Jesus. 17-19

Cause me to fervently love other believers with a pure heart. 22

## CHAPTER 2

Teach me to lay aside all malice, guile, hypocrisy, envy and evil speech. Use me to feed the spiritual milk of Your word to new believers so they can grow in their salvation. 1-2

Build me up as a spiritual house and as a part of Your holy priesthood. Cause me to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to You through Jesus Christ. 5 **\*\* Ask your Father in heaven to make you realize how precious you are to Him and how vital your life and prayers are to a lost world. \*\***

Use me to declare how wonderful You are and to tell others how You called me out of darkness into Your marvelous light and made me part of Your people. 9-10

Make sure I reject fleshly lusts. Make me a good example to a lost world. Cause me to be properly submitted to governments and authorities. 11-14

Keep me from using my spiritual liberty to cover up wicked activities. 16 **\*\* Remember, the Lord won't overlook sin in your life just because you are busy for Him! \*\***

Prompt me to honor the president and all men. Cause me to love other believers and fear You. 17

Work in me to respond properly to those bosses and leaders You place over me. 18

Keep me obeying You, even if I suffer for it. If I suffer for doing the right thing, cause me to patiently endure it. 20

So live Your life through me, Lord Jesus, that I respond like You in every situation. 21

Cause me to fully accept my position of being dead to sins and alive to righteousness. Make sure I receive all the healing that Your wounds purchased for me. 24

### CHAPTER 3

Teach the wives in the body to remain safely under the authority of their husbands. Ensure that the wives with lost husbands live in such a way that their husbands are quickly won by their pure and Christlike responses. 1-2

Keep the wives from focusing too much on their outward external appearance. Cause them to concentrate on inner qualities, such as having a gentle and quiet spirit, because these are extremely valuable in Your sight. 4

Teach the husbands in the body how to love and honor their wives so that the prayers of neither are hindered. 7

Make sure I am of one mind with other believers. Fill me with compassion, love, tenderness and courtesy. Don't let me return evil for evil, or anger for anger. Bless others through me. 8-9

Keep me from speaking evil or deceitful words. Cause me to turn from evil and do good. Make sure I diligently seek peace. 10-11

Keep me from harm as I do what is right and good. If I am persecuted for obeying You, keep me from giving in to fear and worry. Keep me focused on Your love and blessings. Ensure I set You apart as Lord in my heart. Keep me ready to patiently and respectfully explain my beliefs. 13-15

Cause me to so live that those who speak evil of me will be put to shame by my Christlike responses. If I have to suffer, cause it to be for well doing rather than evil doing. 16-17

### CHAPTER 4

Use my past suffering to keep me from sin and the lusts of men. Cause me to instead live to obey Your will. 1-2

Open my eyes to realize how close the end is. Keep me sober, alert and always ready and able to pray. 7 **\*\* If our prayer life isn't effective, the rest of our activity won't be either. \*\***

So work in me that I am fervent in my love for other believers. Keep me from being stingy with my hospitality. 8-9

Cause me to be a good steward of the gift I have and allow this wonderful gift to serve others. 10

**\*\*Remember, the Holy Spirit is the gift and He works in you to make you a vital part of the body as He supplies something through you that the body lacks.\*\***

Work in me so I speak exactly the words You give me to speak. Cause me to minister with all the ability You provide. See to it that everything I do brings You glory. 11

Don't let me be surprised when severe trials come, but prompt me to keep on rejoicing and giving thanks. 12-13

Keep me from doing wrong things so that if I suffer it will be for doing right. If I suffer as a Christian, keep me from feeling ashamed but instead cause me to glorify You. 15-16

Judge and cleanse me and the body of Christ so that You can powerfully use us to reach a lost world. 17

If in Your wisdom You allow intense suffering to come into my life, make sure I keep trusting You, my faithful Creator, and that I keep doing what is right. 19

## CHAPTER 5

Cause the leaders to eagerly and willingly oversee Your flock. Keep them from trying to be lords over Your people. Make their focus pleasing You, not money, power or position. 1-3

Teach me to be submissive to my leaders and to be clothed with humility toward others. 5

See to it that I humble myself under Your mighty hand so You can exalt me in due time. Keep me casting all my care upon You because You care for me. 6-7

Prompt me to be sober and watchful because of the devil's activities. Cause me to effectively resist him and keep me steadfast in my faith. 8-9

God of all grace, ensure I receive all the grace You have for me. Work in me to mature, establish, strengthen and position me in Your kingdom work. 10

**A key verse for 1990 was 1 Peter 5:10. I (Tom) was beginning to recover from the polymyositis that had almost destroyed my muscles and totally reorganized our plans for the future. It was also a time when many of the prayers were being written and prayed. Through the verse the Lord Jesus impressed Marcia and me that He was working to mature, establish, strengthen (physically and spiritually), and position us in the right place to serve Him. We memorized the verse from a modern translation and prayed it back to the Lord many times. We then began to watch to see what God was going to do. Six books of prayers have been written so far. We are still watching to see how the Lord will continue to perform this verse in our lives. \*\***

Cause me to greet others with loving affection. 14

## 2 PETER

### CHAPTER 1

Father, reveal Yourself and Jesus more fully to me and multiply Your grace and peace to me. 2

Cause me to receive that true knowledge of You that provides all I need for life and godliness. 3

Make sure that I believe and receive Your exceeding great and magnificent promises. Through them, cause me to partake of Your divine nature and escape the corruption and lust in the world. 4

**\*\* A promise that might help you is Rom 6:14 which says "sin shall not have dominion over us." \*\***

Build in me a solid faith. Then build virtue into my life. After virtue, give me all the knowledge I need. Next, build self-control and then patience into my life. Make sure I become a godly person. Fill me with kindness to others and finally express, through me, Your kind of love. Do all that is necessary to fill my life with these qualities so I am not barren and unfruitful as a Christian. 5-8

If any of the above character qualities are lacking in my life, make sure I know it and that I cooperate with You as You build them into my life. 9

Keep me certain that You have called me and selected me to be Yours forever and to enjoy the abundance of Your kingdom. 10-11

Use me to remind others to walk in the truth that You have revealed to them. 12-13

Ensure I take heed of Your word until You return. 19

### CHAPTER 2

Cause me to recognize false teachers and keep me from following their teachings or being taken advantage of by their words. Cause them to be quickly exposed so people don't confuse their teaching with true Christianity. 1-3

Lord Jesus Christ, deliver me from the temptations I will face. 9

Don't let me walk in the flesh or despise leaders You place over me. 10

Keep me from being overcome by sin and corruption. Don't let me return to the unclean things of the world. 20

### CHAPTER 3

Make sure I look at time from Your frame of reference. 8

Teach me how to work diligently with You to reach those who are to come to repentance. 9

Cause me to be a person full of holy conversation and godliness since Your return is drawing near. 11 **\*\*Are you really ready for His return? Ask Him.\*\***

Show me how to look for and hasten Your return. 12 **\*\* Ask the Lord Jesus to show you what your part of the work is and to make sure you get it done. \*\***

So work on me that, at Your return, I am at peace, without spot and blame. 14

Cause me to carefully maintain my relationship with You and keep me from being carried away by deceivers. 17

Make me grow in grace and the knowledge of You, Lord Jesus Christ. 18

## **1 JOHN**

### **CHAPTER 1**

Cause me, my family, and the body to proclaim what we have seen and heard, and cause others to have fellowship with us, with You, Father, and with Jesus. Fill us with joy as we do this. 3-4

Cause me to walk in the light, have fellowship with others and be cleansed from all sin. 7

Keep me from being deceived about my sin. 8

Holy Spirit, lead me to confess my sins and receive forgiveness. 9

### **CHAPTER 2**

As I read and study through Your word, keep me from sin. Cause me to keep your commandments. 1-3

Cause Your love to be perfected in me and make me know I am in You. Cause me to walk as You walked. 5-6

Keep me from hating my brother and cause me to love my brother and abide in the light. Keep me from stumbling. 9-11

Lord Jesus, cause me to really know You. Keep me strong with Your word abiding in me and cause me always to overcome the wicked one. 13-14

Don't let me love the world or the things in the world. Fill me with Your love, Father. Deliver me from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. 15-16

Lord Jesus Christ, work in me so I know all things. 20

I confess that You, Christ Jesus, are my Lord and that I have a personal relationship with You and the Father. Cause Your word to remain in me and cause me to continue in a close relationship with You, Jesus, and You, Father. 23-24

Cause Your anointing to teach me all things and to keep me abiding in You. 27

Cause me to live so I won't be ashamed at Your appearing but instead have confidence. 28

Lord Jesus Christ, You are righteous in me, cause Your righteousness to come forth through me day after day. 29

### **CHAPTER 3**

My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, cause me to be like You as I see and know You. Fix my hope on You and cause me to be purified. 2-3

Keep me abiding in You, Lord Jesus, so I don't sin. Cause me to live righteously. 6-7

Work through me to destroy the works of the devil. 8

Make it obvious to me and to others that I am Your child, Lord Jesus, as I live righteously and love my brother. 10

Cause me to understand that, because the world hates You, it will hate me. 13

Lord Jesus, cause me to open my heart to those in need and share and lay down my life for other believers. Cause me to love with deed and truth. 16-18

As Your love for others flows through me, make that constantly remind me that I am Yours. 19

Lord, keep me in the place where my heart does not condemn me and where I have confidence before You so whatever I ask I can receive. Ensure I keep Your commandments and do the things that please You. Make sure I believe on the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and love others. 21-23

Cause me to faithfully keep Your commandments so I will constantly abide in You and You in me. Holy Spirit, so stir, energize and excite me that I am constantly aware that Jesus is abiding in me. 24

### **CHAPTER 4**

Lord Jesus Christ, keep me from believing any spirit that is not of You and direct me in discerning spirits and recognizing false prophets. Cause me to recognize You, Holy Spirit, and what You are doing and to recognize the activity of the antichrist. 1-3

Show forth Your overcoming greatness in me, Lord Jesus, since You are greater than anything I will face in the world. 4

Cause those who know You to listen when You speak through me. Make me a good expression of Your love. 6-9

Direct me in loving others. Live in me and perfect Your love in me. 12

Holy Spirit, make me deeply know that I live in God and He in me. 13

Father, use me to tell others about Your Son, Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world. 14

Jesus, I confess that You are the Son of God, and that God abides in me and I in God. 15  
Fill me with Your perfect love and cast out all my fear. Make sure I love my brother and love You.

18-20

## **CHAPTER 5**

Father of Jesus Christ, work in me to bring forth love for You and for Your children. 2

Cause me to know and keep Your commandments. 3

Make me an overcomer in the world. Strengthen my faith so I walk in the victory that You have already won for me. I believe that You are the Son of God, Jesus, keep me overcoming the world. 4-5

Holy Spirit, bear witness to me and through me of Jesus and cause me to know and walk in the truth. Holy Spirit, You are the truth. 7

Holy Spirit, continue to give witness to me of the greatness of God, Who Jesus is and who I am in Christ, and of the eternal life I have. 10-11

Lord Jesus, as I believe in Your name, make me know I have eternal life. 13

Jesus, so work in me that I ask according to Your will. Make me confidently know that You hear me and that I will get what I ask for. 14-15

Direct me in praying for brothers in sin so You can give them life. 16

Lord, keep me from practicing sin. Protect me and keep the wicked one from touching me. 18

Give me understanding so I know You, the One Who is true. Make me really know that I am in You, Jesus. 20

Lord Jesus, work in me to guard me from idols. 21

## **2 JOHN**

Cause me to keep Your commandment to love other believers. 5-6

Give permanence to what You have accomplished through me so I may receive a full reward. 8

Keep my home pure from those who do not teach the truth and keep me from partaking of their evil deeds. 10-11

## 3 JOHN

Cause me to prosper and be in health even as my soul prospers. 2

Lord Jesus, keep me walking in the truth. 3-4

Keep me faithfully meeting the needs of other believers as You direct. 5

Keep me from following evil but cause me to do what is good. 11

**\*\* Back in 1972 I (Tom) bought a two year old Pontiac LeMans. It was the newest car I had ever owned. I was also learning to let Jesus be Lord of my life. I had just learned that we were to give thanks in everything and was beginning to put that into practice. Before daylight one Saturday morning I ran out and jumped in the car to go join my brother, Ras, for a fishing trip. As I started to pull out of the shed that I parked the car under, I heard a terrible screech. I stopped, got out and looked. A door from the storage space behind my car had been blown over onto the trunk during the night by the wind. Some screws from the door hinge had dug into the paint on the car.**

**Just as I started to demolish the door, a small voice inside said "I thought we were going to give thanks in everything." Well, I didn't know "everything" included scratches on my new car. Finally I agreed, said thanks for the door and the scratches and set the door firmly back in place. I also said "Lord, it's Your car, if You like it scratched up, that's OK with me."**

**I kept that car for ten more years. The scratches never rusted but they were always there to remind me who really owned the car and to give thanks in everything. Lest you think I learned the lesson totally back then, I have to admit that today working on the sprinkler system with water squirting in my face it took awhile before I was saying thanks. The problems or tests seem to go on until we look past the problem to the Lord, thank Him for the problem and ask for help. \*\***

## JUDE

Cause mercy, peace and love to be multiplied to me and to those whose lives I influence. 2

Cause me to contend earnestly for the faith which has forever been delivered to the saints. Lord Jesus, keep me from unbelief. 3,5

Protect me from those indulging in immorality and homosexual and lesbian relationships. 7

Keep me from being a murmurer and a complainer and pursuing my own lusts. Keep me from haughty speech and from pretending to admire people so I can take advantage of them. 16

Cause me to keep building myself up in my most holy faith; to keep praying in the Holy Spirit; and to keep myself in the love of God. 20-21

Make a difference in people's lives by the mercy You show them through me. Cause me to go wherever necessary to save people from the fires of hell. Protect me when I go into sinful places to help reach people for You. 22-23

Keep me from falling, cleanse me with the blood of Jesus and bring me joyfully into Your presence. 24

To You, the only wise God, my Savior, be glory, majesty, dominion and power both now and always. 25

## **REVELATION**

### **CHAPTER 1**

Open my eyes to see the things that are coming to pass. 1

Father, cause me to more faithfully tell others about Jesus and Your word, the Bible. 2

Cause me to read, hear and obey Your word in Revelation so I can be blessed. 3

Make me realize I am a king and a priest to God because of the salvation I have through You, Jesus. 6

Open my spiritual eyes to see Your beauty and awesome majesty. 13-16

Cause me to understand the things that have happened and recognize the things that are happening. As much as possible, make me aware of the things that are coming. 19

### **CHAPTER 2**

Keep me earnestly and patiently doing the work of the kingdom. Teach me how to deal with evil within the church. Give me discernment to recognize false apostles. Don't let me get tired and give up. 2-3

Most of all, keep me from losing my first love for You. If I have, make it obvious to me and cause me to repent and return wholeheartedly to You. 4-5

If the teaching of the Nicolaitans is still around, cause me to resist it. 6

Open my spiritual ears and make sure I hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to me. Cause me to be an overcomer. 7

Keep me faithful through tribulation and, if necessary, faithful unto death. 10

Work in me to hear the Holy Spirit and overcome temptation. 11

Cause me to hold fast and not deny Your name no matter how much evil there is around me. 13

Keep me from accepting moral impurity as a way of life no matter how prevalent it is around me.

14

Make sure I am an overcomer in all areas of my life and give me the hidden manna of Your word.  
17

Work in me so my works of love, service, faith and patience keep on increasing. 19

Cause me to recognize and resist the spirit of Jezebel and the impurity and immorality it brings.  
Cleanse the church of all involvement with Jezebel. 20-23

Strengthen me so I hold fast until You come. Keep me hearing and obeying Your word. Make me  
an overcomer until the end. 26,29

### CHAPTER 3

Keep churches from trying to live on a past reputation when they spiritually dead. 1

Use me to recognize and strengthen those things in the body of Christ that are near death. 2  
**\*\*Effective prayer, real worship where everyone participated in sharing with each other and  
in praising God and close intimate relationships with Jesus come to mind. \*\***

Holy Spirit, cause me to remember what I have heard and received. Make sure I hang on to what I  
know and repent wherever I have fallen away from Your word. Keep me always ready for Your  
return. 3

See to it that I don't get defiled even with all the wickedness around me. 4

Thank You, Jesus, for doing everything necessary to keep my name from being blotted out of the  
book of life. Make sure I am an overcomer so You can confess my name before Your Father and  
His angels. 5

Work powerfully on me so I hear what You are saying to the churches. 6

Strengthen me and make sure I keep Your words. Don't let me ever deny Your name. Set before me  
the open doors of opportunity that You have for me. Keep anyone from being able to stop Your  
work through me. 8

Make sure I keep Your word so You can keep me from the hour of temptation that is coming upon  
all the world. 10

Ensure I hold fast to what You have taught me until You return. 11

Cause me to steadfastly overcome and obey what You say to me until You return. 12

Make sure I am hot in my walk with You. 15-16

Keep me from ever thinking I am rich and have everything I need when I am really wretched,  
miserable, poor, blind and naked apart from You. 17

Make sure I get from You the blessings that make me eternally rich, Your righteousness for clothing and clear sight and discernment. 18

Teach me to quickly and thoroughly repent when You rebuke and chasten me. 19

As a member of the Laodicean Church, I open the door and ask You to come in to our services and be more real and obvious than anytime since the early church days. 20

So work in me that I can sit with You on Your throne. 21-22

#### CHAPTER 4

Open the eyes of my understanding so I comprehend the things that are to come to pass. 1

Father God, I agree that the words "holy, holy, holy" are most appropriate to be spoken of You. Give me a much greater respect, reverence, sense of awe and desire to worship You. 8

So work in me, Father, that I bring You the pleasure for which You created me. 11

#### CHAPTER 5

Raise up much more and purer worship of You in Your church. 12-14

#### CHAPTER 6

Thank You for taking on the cross the wrath I deserved so I won't have to face it when You pour out wrath on the earth. 17

#### CHAPTER 7

Use the church in this day to reach many who will one day be in heaven worshipping You. 9-10

Father, I agree, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to You forever and ever. 12 **\*\*This is a good place to stop and worship our wonderful Father.\*\***

#### CHAPTER 8

Give me many prayers that You can answer now and also save for a fragrant aroma before Your throne in eternity. 3-4

#### CHAPTER 9

Thank You for Your provision to mark and protect those who belong to You when Your wrath is poured out on the earth. 4

In mercy, use Your people to reach as many people as possible before they become so hardened that they won't ever repent. 21

#### CHAPTER 10

Hasten the day when time is finished and I am with You forever. 6

Cause me to prophesy and tell people things You want them to hear. 11

## **CHAPTER 11**

Cause multitudes all over the earth to turn to You during the three and one-half years the two witnesses are prophesying on the earth. Use the great miracles they do to draw people to Jesus. Use this event to cause many to turn to You before it is too late. 3-6

Make sure the TV cameras record the coming back to life, the voice from heaven and the ascension of the two witnesses. Cause it to be seen by many more people than even the Challenger disaster. 3-11

Hasten the day, Lord Jesus, when You take Your great power and begin to reign over all the earth. 17

## **CHAPTER 12**

Hasten the day when You empower Michael and his angels to cast the devil and his angels out of heaven forever. If the battle is underway today, give Michael and his angels great power and success. 7-9

As soon as possible, end the accusations of the devil who accuses me before You day and night. 10

Make me one who overcomes by Your blood, precious Lamb of God, and by my testimony. 11

## **CHAPTER 13**

Cause believers, who are on the earth, to recognize the antichrist as he comes to power. 3

Keep them from being deceived by the great miracles he performs. 13-15

Completely protect Your people from the mark of the beast. Provide for them when they can no longer buy and sell. 16-18

## **CHAPTER 14**

Cause every person on earth to hear the gospel in their own language as the angel flies and preaches all over the earth. Cause as many as possible to repent and believe even at this late hour. 6-7

Give the saints an abundance of grace so they keep Your commandments and are filled with the faith of Jesus. Make them understand that dying for You is a tremendous honor. 12-13

## **CHAPTER 15**

Father, I agree with the song of Moses and the Lamb. Your works are great and marvelous Lord God Almighty. King of all the saints, Your ways are just and true. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name. For You alone are Holy. Everyone will worship You as they are made aware of Your just and perfect ways. 3-4

## **CHAPTER 16**

Make sure those who belong to You watch for Your return and keep themselves pure and ready. 15

## **CHAPTER 17**

Cause believers to recognize the whore of Babylon, the beast and the antichrist. 7-16

Praise You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You are able to use the devil's crew to accomplish Your purpose and fulfill Your word. 17

### **CHAPTER 18**

Cause Your people to come out from and not partake of the sins of wicked Babylon. Protect them from the plagues that will come on Babylon. 4

Give the church insight into what city, nation or religion is Babylon. 10

### **CHAPTER 19**

Hasten the day of the marriage of the church to You, Lamb of God. Work powerfully in me and in the church to make us ready. 7-9

Cause me to see You and love You more, precious Word of God. 11-13

Come soon and judge and rule over us, Faithful and True One. King of kings and Lord of lords, come soon and reign over the whole earth. 11,15-16

Praise to You, all powerful Lord Jesus Christ. When You come to rule, the beast and false prophet haven't got a chance. 20-21

### **CHAPTER 20**

Let us all see the dragon, the old serpent, the devil or Satan when he is bound and thrown in the bottomless pit. 1-3

Thank You for making me part of the first resurrection. Use me to help as many as possible become part of the first resurrection. 6

Don't let me ever forget that the devil's end is certain. Work through me to keep people out of the lake of fire where the devil and those who follow him are tormented forever. 10

### **CHAPTER 21**

Father, as You bring this one verse to pass, everything I can see, taste, touch, hear and smell will be totally destroyed and changed. As I see the power waiting to perform this verse, encourage me to believe that I am releasing Your power as I pray back other verses for myself, my family and my nation. 1

God my Father, how I look forward to the day when I will dwell with You face to face forever. 3

Thank You for Your provision to take away my sad and hurtful memories from my time on earth. 4

Thank You for making everything new; including new glorified bodies for us. 5

Work through me to introduce others to You, Alpha and Omega, so You can freely give them the water of life. 6

Make sure I am an overcomer who gets to inherit all things. 7

## **CHAPTER 22**

Father, the attraction of things, people and places on earth have distracted me from a focus on Your heaven. Thank You for this description of the river that flows from Your throne and the fruit trees along the river. Thank You that there is no more curse. Most of all, I get to see You, Lord Jesus, and fellowship intimately with You forever. Use these verses to get my focus back on You and Your heaven. 1-4

Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that things are completed shortly and that You will come soon. Make sure I understand and obey the things You are telling me in the Revelation. 6-7

Since the Revelation is not sealed, cause me to understand it much more fully than ever before. 10

Cause me to maintain a righteous and holy walk with You. 11

Work in me so I will be able to receive a full reward when You return. 12

Eternal Father, I agree with the Holy Spirit and ask that You will send Jesus back soon. Work powerfully through Your body so that everyone clearly hears about Christ Jesus and has an opportunity to trust in Him. 17

Lord Jesus Christ, keep me from ever in any way adding to or taking away from the prophecies of this book of the Revelation. 18-19

Do come soon, Lord Jesus Christ. Make sure I receive the abundant grace You have for me. 20-21