

Living with Purpose

Father we thank you for your perfect design in all of creation. That we are created with intention and formed and fashioned by your hands with purpose. You knew from the beginning the plans marked out for us. Plans for our good, not disaster, plans to give us a future and a hope.

How marvelous to know that in Christ we are a new creation.

We thank you for the beautiful gift of purpose and the honor you give us to represent Christ as ambassadors to the earth. You made us in your image to reflect your glory to the world and as we yield to Holy Spirit you are continually transforming us to look more and more like Jesus! Let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to you Father. Thank you Father that you long before we were born you chose us to live in this place on the earth for such a time as this in history! What an honor!

We hold fast to the promise that you will fulfill your purpose for us; your steadfast love, O Lord endures forever.

We will not swerve to the right or to the left; we choose to turn our feet away from evil. We look directly forward toward your purpose for us. We will ponder the path of our feet so that our ways will be sure. Apart from you Lord we can do nothing. Help us to lean into you knowing that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Unify our hearts with yours and set our eyes on the things above. We ask to see what you see, open our ears to hear what you hear. Help us to speak and act based on your voice. Give us a hunger for your Word. Let our delight be in the law of the Lord as we meditate on it day and night knowing that it brings nourishment and through it we bear much fruit. Let your desires become our passion and our only pursuit!

Give us a God confidence to fulfill our calling. We ask for wisdom, clarity and direction as we seek your specific purpose for our lives.

Blessed be your name God forever and ever, wisdom and might belong to you. You give wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; you reveal deep and hidden things; you know what is in darkness, and the light dwells with you. Thank you that you make known to us what we ask of you. We pray that you the God of peace equip us with all we need for doing your will. We pray that it would produce in us through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to you.

Help us to be strong and courageous knowing that you are with us wherever we go. We repent of fear of man, fear of failure and fear of lack knowing that you have not given us a spirit of fear but of love, power and a sound mind. We thank you that a holy reverence and awe of who you are is the beginning of wisdom and understanding. Let all other fear fade away in your presence.

Search us O God and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out ANYTHING in us that offends you and lead us along the path of everlasting life. Strengthen us to not withhold or shrink back out of self-preservation or wrong motives. Remove selfish

ambition and unrighteous desires so that what remains are pure hearts devoted to living out your Kingdom purpose.

We thank you that even in our pain and challenges, you work ALL things together for our good and your glory! Thank you that we know that these light and momentary afflictions are preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, so we look not to the things that are seen but the things that are unseen. Knowing that things that are seen are transient, but things that are unseen are eternal! We choose to be Kingdom minded in all seasons and circumstances knowing that you have set eternity in our hearts.

Give us a heart for others and help us to recognize that we are on assignment at all times. Help us to be strategic and intentional everywhere we place our feet. We want to be attentive to your leading and salt and light to those around us. Thank you that you created us for connection. Give us a sensitivity to needs and a longing for healthy relationship with you and those you place in a sphere of influence.

Teach us to trust that if you give us vision and direction that you will give us provision to succeed. Increase our faith to believe for what is impossible with man. Increase our territory as we learn to trust and obey without hesitation. You are our sun and shield. You give us grace and glory. You withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. What joy for those whose trust is in you!

We choose to surrender our lives fully to you. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us and was given to us by you.

We do not belong to ourselves, you bought us with the high and precious price of Jesus. So we choose to honor you with our lives.

Refine and purify our hearts. Burn away all unnecessary so that what remains is holy and consecrated to you.

Thank you for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and surround us, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Thank you for the gift of Holy Spirit who teaches us all things in your Name and brings to remembrance all that you have said. We incline our ear to your voice so that we can run our race well.

Father we glorify and honor you for giving us an extraordinary life with Kingdom purpose. Thank you that you are a God of adventure and fun! We praise you that life in you is exciting. We want to be excellent stewards of the immeasurable inheritance we have received. Help us to advance your Kingdom and bring glory to your Name!

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Surrendering to God's Will

Revelations 22:13 says: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Lord, thank You for Your will for all of us. You have been there since the beginning. There is no part of our life that You haven't seen. You go before us, behind us, and walk alongside us. You are all around us!

Psalms 139:13-18 says: "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!"

God, You are our creator. You were so thoughtful and intentional to think out every moment of all our days. We recognize that You are in every year, every season, every month, and every day. Each day has been written out by You. Help us not to neglect the story that You intended for us to live out today. Help us fix our eyes on You. We ask that You give us a Kingdom mindset and lens. Let us see what You see. And let us remember to look back at the history of what You have done for us personally.

Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Your ways are higher than ours. Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We surrender our thoughts and plans to You. Help us to do what You want us to do and not to do what we want to do. You are the Lord of our lives. Not just a part of our lives but of our entire lives! We surrender to Your Lordship now in all areas of our life.

Thank You, God, that Proverbs 3:5-6 says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

Show us the path, Lord. We repent for ignoring or avoiding Your will for our lives. We repent for leaning on our own understanding. Help us to be still in

this time to hear Your voice. We set aside all the things from today that are filling our minds, and we lay them at Your feet. Nothing is more important than You. We repent for worrying. We repent for going our own way and for going through the motions. We repent for not thinking that You have us or thinking that You are not in control. We repent for wasting time instead of sitting with You.

Help us to throw away distractions and cancel out the noise that is not from You. You have the whole world in Your hands. Help us to trust that. Help us to depend on You just as a child depends on their parent. You are our Father. Help us remember that You have the best plan for us! Holy Spirit, reveal to us what that plan is, and let us seek You in every decision and step we take. I thank You, Lord, for ordering the steps to our plans. We don't want to have a separate agenda from what You have in store. Thank You for calling each of us individually to Your specific plan. Thank You for knowing about the battles, trials, and obstacles ahead.

Thank You that Your will for our life is also full of fun surprises and blessing. Help us not to want what our flesh wants. Help us to realize our true identity and assignment from You. Thank you, Lord, that it is Your will to expand Your Kingdom, love others, and to heal people. Help us to be Your hands and feet. If we are doing something that is preventing us from growing closer to You or from walking in Your ways, let us cut it off. I bind distraction, comparison, and disobedience in our hearts in Jesus' name.

Thank You, God, that You delight in Your children. You discipline those You care about and love. Discipline us in the ways that we need to be corrected. Refine us. You are our shepherd. We are Your sheep. You guide us. Your rod and staff comfort us. Thank You, Jesus, for allowing us to depend on You. We drop any sense of independence. We need You, God. We need Your ways, Your rhythms, Your character, Your wisdom, Your heart, Your body, and Your blood. We can't function without You. Every breath we take is a gift from You. Help us to not take that for granted. We surrender our hearts to You and align with Your will right now.

You have called us individually for such a time as this. You put us in the homes that we live in, with the families that we have. You placed us in the school that we go to, and the workplace that we work in; you even know which checkout line we are going to go through at the grocery store. You know who we are going to encounter every day. You put us in circles to influence. God, let us take every opportunity to follow Your will. Let us take every opportunity to shine Your light! Holy Spirit, help us increase our awareness of You and to be sensitive to what You are doing in each moment of our day. You are always moving and working.

Help us prioritize You first and foremost. Let us come to You every day and put You before what we think we need to get done. Let us not place urgency on anything that You haven't. Let us only carry what You want us to carry. Help us not to get ahead of what You are doing! Help us not guess what we think You want us to do but instead ask You because You are our Father. Help us to be radically obedient to Your will and quick to act on what You are calling us to do. Help us to discern what is from You and what is not. Let our hearts never be selfish and resort to what is easiest for us.

We realize that just as much as You had a hand in each of the disciples' lives and everyone in the bible, You also have that same hand in our lives. Let us yield to You fully, Holy Spirit. We don't want to hold anything back. Even if that means we look crazy, we want to do whatever it takes obey You. Highlight to

us now areas in our life that we have not surrendered to You. Holy Spirit, we thank You for the fruit of self-control and patience. We ask that You expand that fruit in us now for when we feel the need to take over. We only get that fruit by abiding in the true vine. As You abide in us, let us abide in You. Let us not get trapped in the busyness of our lives. Help us to slow down and to seek Your will for us. Thank You, Lord, for Your perfect will!

And Thank You Lord that it says in Romans 8:26-27: In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Thank You, God, for providing a way for us to pray Your will over ourselves even when we don't know what to say! Stir in us a hunger to partner with You. We surrender to Your will now, God, and pray Your wisdom over our lives. Thank You that You are preparing a way for us. Thank You, Lord, for being a Victorious God. You have designed us to win. You have designed us to overcome things. Jesus as You have said, not my will but Yours, let us walk with that same humility. NOT OUR WILL BUT YOURS!!!

Thank You, God, that You know the desires of our heart. Thank You, Jesus, for always walking with us and that Your goodness and mercy follows us all the days of our lives. We don't have to worry about tomorrow because You have given us grace for just today. We surrender to You, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Walking in Boldness and Faith

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

- God fills us with the Holy Spirit, who is bold and courageous (1 Timothy 1:7-8). We do not have to muster courage and strength on our own. We simply submit to the Spirit of God that is within us.
- The Spirit of God emboldens us to proclaim the gospel without fear (1 Thessalonians 2:2).

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes Acts 28:31 NoT ITSame

He proclaimed the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ - with all boldness and without hinderance!

Acts 14:3

So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Psalms 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

2 Timothy 1:7-8

For God has not given us a Spirit of Fear, but of power and love and a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Joshua 24:14

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Romans 8:31-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

- Boldness is contagious. When we are bold for Christ, enduring hardships for our faith, others are provoked to do the same (Philippians 1:14).

