

## A Powerful, Scripture-Based Prayer for "Overcomers"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*This is a prayer that someone gave me that I think is well worth sharing with you. Prayer is both essential and powerful and as Disciples of Jesus, we need to become fervent prayer warriors. The prayer below is from the Fathered By God Participation Guide (Page 21) and it was adapted from one appearing in Ed Murphy's The Spiritual Warfare Handbook. This prayer is very powerful because it's so comprehensive and deeply rooted in God's Word. Although I'm not a supporter of memorized or repetitious prayers, this particular prayer is an excellent 'model' because it was warrior developed, tested and proven. This prayer provides a good framework for capturing many key components of an effective daily prayer for spiritual warfare. Suggest reading (praying) this prayer daily for 40 days until you fully grasp the key Bible-based truths and promises. After that, you can put the prayer in your own words and personalize and refine it as the Holy Spirit directs you. Over time routine use of a powerful, Bible-based prayer like this one will significantly alter your thinking, words, and prayer life, as well as your relationship with God. It will help train your mind - "renew your mind in Christ"- and align your thoughts with those of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you. It will build your confidence in the power of prayer and in the power the Lord has already given you to be an "overcomer" with/for Him. It will also heighten your discernment (i.e., His light, His thoughts) about what God is doing in your heart/mind and life, and help you develop and sustain a more intimate, conversational, working relationship with your/our Heavenly Father. "The nearness of God gives us rest and power in prayer. This nearness is given to the person who makes God's intimate presence a priority. Seek nearness to God and He will give it, 'He will draw near to you'. God's nearness makes it easy to pray in faith. So persevere. Learn to place yourself in His presence, quietly anticipate His drawing near, then begin to pray." Andrew Murray*

**NOTE: This prayer is written specifically for fathers. Adapt it as needed for your familial position.** In the King's service,

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My dear Lord Jesus, I come to You now to be restored in fellowship [1] with You - to renew my place in You, my allegiance to You, and to receive from You all the grace and mercy I so desperately need this day. I honor You as my Sovereign Lord, and I surrender every aspect of my life totally and completely to You. I give You my body as a living sacrifice. I give You my soul and my spirit as well. I cover myself with Your blood [2] - my spirit, my soul and my body. And I ask your Holy Spirit to restore my fellowship with You and guide me in this time of prayer. In all that I now pray, I include (my spouse and children by name). **[For Fathers: Acting as their head in our family, I bring them under my authority and covering, and I come under Your authority and covering. Holy Spirit, apply to them all that I now pray on their behalf.]**

Dear God, holy and blessed Trinity, You alone are worthy of all my worship, my heart's devotion, all my praise, all my trust and all the glory of my life. I worship You, bow to you, and give myself over to You in my heart's search for life. You alone are Life, and You have become my life. I renounce all other gods, all idols, all strongholds, and I give You the place in my heart and my life that You so truly deserve - First Place. I confess here and now that it is all about You, God, and not about me. You are the Hero of this story, and I belong to You. Forgive me. God, for my every sin. Search me and know me and reveal to me any aspect of my life that is not pleasing to You. Grant me and my loved ones the grace of a true and deep repentance.

[Pause now and listen, respond to God's revealing]

Heavenly Father, Thank You for loving me and choosing me before You made the world [3]. You are my true Father - my Creator, my Redeemer, my Sustainer, and the true end of all things, including my life. I love You. I trust You. I worship You. Thank You for proving Your love for me by sending Your only and Beloved Son, Jesus, to be my substitute and representative [4]. I receive Him and all His life and all His work, which You ordained for me [5]. Thank You for including me in Christ [6], for forgiving my sins [7], for granting me His righteousness [8], for making me complete in Him [9]. Thank You for making me alive with Christ [10], raising me with Him [11], seating me with Him on Your right hand [12], granting me His authority [13] and anointing me with Your Holy Spirit [14]. I receive it all with thanks and give it total claim to my life.

Jesus, Thank You for coming for me, for ransoming me with Your Own Life [15]. I honor You as my Lord, I love You, worship You, trust You. I sincerely receive You [16] as my redemption, and I receive all the work and triumph of Your crucifixion, whereby I am cleansed from all my sin through Your shed blood [17], my old nature is overcome [18], my heart is circumcised unto God [19], and every claim being made against me is disarmed [20]. I take my place in Your cross and death, whereby I have died with You to sin, to the flesh [21], to the world [22] and to the evil one [23]. I am crucified with You. I take up my cross and crucify my flesh with all its pride, unbelief, fears and idolatry. I put off the old man [24]. I bring the cross of Christ between me and all people, all spirits, all things. Holy Spirit, apply to me (my spouse and children) the fullness of the work of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ for me. I receive it with thanks and give it total claim to my life.

Jesus, I also sincerely receive You as my new life [25], my holiness and sanctification, and I receive all the work and triumph of Your resurrection, whereby I have been raised with You to a new life, to walk in newness of life, dead to sin and alive to God [26]. I am crucified with You and it is no longer I who live but You who lives in me [27]. I now take my place in Your resurrection, whereby I have been made alive with You [28]. I reign in life through You [29]. I now put on the new man [30] in all holiness and humility, in all

righteousness and purity and truth. Lord Jesus, You are now my life [31] and the One who strengthens me [32]. Holy Spirit, apply to me (my spouse and my children) the fullness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for me. I receive it with thanks and give it total claim to my life.

Jesus, I sincerely receive You as my authority and ruler, my everlasting victory over Satan and his kingdom, and I receive all the work and triumph of your ascension, whereby Satan has been judged and cast down [33], and his rulers and authorities disarmed [34]. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to You, Lord Jesus [35], and I have been given fullness in You, the Head over all [36]. I take my place in Your ascension, whereby I have been raised up with You to the right hand of the Father and established with You in all authority [37].

I bring Your authority and Your kingdom rule over my life, my family, my household, and my domain.

And now I bring the fullness of Your work — Your perfect life, Your cross, resurrection, and ascension — against Satan, against his kingdom, and against all his emissaries and all their work warring against me and my domain. Greater are You who is in me than he who is in the world [35]. Christ, You have given me the authority to overcome all the power of the evil one and I claim that authority now over and against every enemy, and I banish them in the name of Jesus Christ [39]. Holy Spirit, apply to me (my spouse, and children) the fullness of the work of the Ascension of Jesus Christ for me. I receive it with thanks and give it total claim to my life.

Holy Spirit, I sincerely receive you as my Counselor, my Comforter, my Strength and my Guide [40]. Thank you for sealing me in Christ [41] I honor You and ask you to lead me into all truth, to anoint me for all of my life and walk and calling, and to lead me deeper into Jesus today [42]. I fully open my life to You in every dimension and aspect, choosing to be filled with You, to walk in step with You in all things [43]. Apply to me, blessed Holy Spirit, all of the works and all of the gifts ordained for me in Pentecost [44]. Fill me afresh, blessed Holy Spirit. I receive You with thanks and give You total claim to my life (and my spouse and children).

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for granting to me all spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ Jesus [45]. I receive those blessings into my life today, and I ask the Holy Spirit to bring those blessings into my life this day. Thank You for the blood of Jesus. Wash me with His blood from every sin and stain and evil device. I put on Your armor — the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes for the preparation of the gospel of peace, the helmet of salvation. I take up the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and I wield these weapons and armor against the evil one in the name of Jesus and the power of God. I choose to pray at all times in the Spirit, to be strong in You, Lord, and in Your might [46].

Heavenly Father, thank you for your angels. I ask You to summon them and release them to war and battle for me and my household. May they guard me at all times this day [47], Thank you for the intercessors, for those who pray for me. I confess I need their prayers, and I ask You to send forth Your spirit and raise them up, arouse them, unite them, establish and direct them, raising up the full canopy of prayer and intercession for me. Please call forth the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ this day throughout my home, my family, my church, my life, my domain.

All this I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, with all glory and honor and thanks to Him. Amen.

- 1) There is a "daily-ness" to our walk with Christ: we have to choose to abide in Christ every day. It's not something that happens automatically, and we can lose connection with our Head (Col. 2:10, 19). Not a loss of salvation, but a loss of that intimate connection to the Vine through which we receive His life. Every morning we bring our lives back to Christ and under His Lordship. It's important that we consecrate our whole being to Christ — our body (Rom 12:1). our soul (Luke 10:27), and our spirit (1 Cor. 6:17).
- 2) 1 John 1:9
- 3) Ephesians 1:4
- 4) Romans 5:8
- 5) By entering into the work of Christ daily. we appropriate in a fresh way all He has done for us. After all. Christ told us to take up our cross daily (Luke 9:23)
- 6) 1 Corinthians 1:30
- 7) Colossians 2:13
- 8) 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 9) Colossians 2:10
- 10) Colossians 2:13
- 11) Colossians 3:1
- 12) Ephesians 2:6
- 13) Luke 10:19; Ephesians 2:6
- 14) Ephesians 1:13
- 15) Matthew 10:28
- 16) See 5 above
- 17) 1 John 1:9
- 18) Colossians 2:11
- 19) Romans 2:29
- 20) Colossians 2:15 Romans 6:11
- 21) Galatians 6:14
- 22) Colossians 1:13
- 23) Ephesians 4:22
- 24) Having put off the old man, we are told to put on the new (Ephesians 4:24) something we must have a mind-set to do.
- 25) Romans 6:11
- 26) Galatians 2:20
- 27) Ephesians 2:5
- 28) Romans 5:17
- 29) Romans 6:4
- 30) Colossians 3:4
- 31) Philippians 4:13
- 32) John 12:31
- 33) Colossians 2:15
- 34) Matthew 26:18
- 35) Colossians 2:10
- 36) Ephesians 2:6
- 37) 1 John 4:4
- 38) Luke 10:19
- 39) John 14:16. Acts 9:31
- 40) Ephesians 1:13
- 41) John 15:26, 16:13
- 42) Galatians 5:25
- 43) Ephesians 4:8
- 44) Ephesians 1:3
- 45) Ephesians 6:10-18
- 46) Hebrews 1:14
- 47) 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

- **I will accept the challenge to pray this prayer every day for 40 days, ending May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Signed:**

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