



Prayer Guide

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Dear Friend

We are so proud of you—learning what prayer is, how to pray, and how important prayer is to your everyday life. It is one of the most things you can do as a follower of Jesus. From day one, our church has prayed first in every situation, good or bad. Jesus is always the answer, He is our best friend, and He is always ready to talk with us. The more we learn about prayer, the easier it becomes. The easier it becomes, the more fun it is! Once we learn how to have real conversations with Jesus each day, we can experience the presence of God and that experience has the power to change our lives in the best way possible. Praying and talking with Jesus should be the best part of our day! Once you learn how to pray, you can make it a part of your everyday life.

You can pray:

Before the day begins

Before you go to school

Before you hang out with your friends

Before practice

Before you play a big game

Before you go to bed

When something bad happens

When something good happens

In every situation – PRAY FIRST!

We hope you will use this journal as a part of your daily prayer life, and that it helps you grow closer to Jesus. I pray blessings over your prayer life because prayer changes everything!

Lifestyle of Prayer

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.

Mark 1:35

What can we Learn from Jesus

He prayed every day.

He prayed in a certain place.

He prayed with a plan.

Time

The Bible says that Jesus got up very early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father and pray. Jesus had a specific time every day that He always knew was His prayer time. We should do the same.

Did you Talk to Jesus Today?

Color in your answer!

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Yes!	No	Not Yet

When will your prayer time be?

Color in your answer!

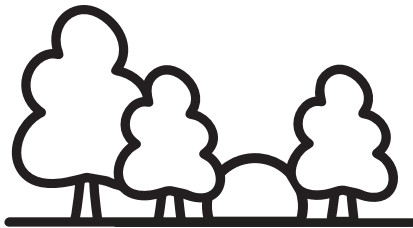
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When I Wake Up	In the After noon	Before I go to Sleep

2. Place

Jesus had a certain place that He would go to pray. We also need to have a place that doesn't have any distractions, noises, or things that would keep us from focusing on Jesus.

My favorite place to pray is:

Color in the place you like to pray to Jesus.



3. Plan

Whenever Jesus prayed, He always had a plan. He had things on His heart that He wanted to pray for and knew how He wanted to pray for them.

What is something you can pray for today?

Draw a picture of someone or something you can pray for today!



Tell Jesus How Great He Is.

A jump start to praying this way is below. Fill in the blanks and add your own praise and worship as you talk to Jesus about how great He is!

Look up Scripture as you walk through the outline.

Hi Jesus!

I love you so much!

Thank You that you are God. (Psalm 100:4; 118:24)

I love that you created _____

When I'm outside, I notice _____
in Your beautiful creation!

God, You made me. Thank You for my ability to
_____. (Mark 12:30)

You love me for who I am, no matter what.

Thank You for being my God and my Friend. I love You!

In Jesus' name, amen.

Give Thanks Every Day.

Having a thankful heart is something that Jesus loves. Giving thanks to God makes even bad days good. A jump start to praying this way is below. Fill in the blanks and add your own words of thankfulness!

Hi God!

I am so thankful for You and all that You have given me.

Today, I thank You for my family!

I thank You that I get to wake up and have a new day!

Thank You for the food I get to eat, the clothes I get to wear, and the house I get to live in.

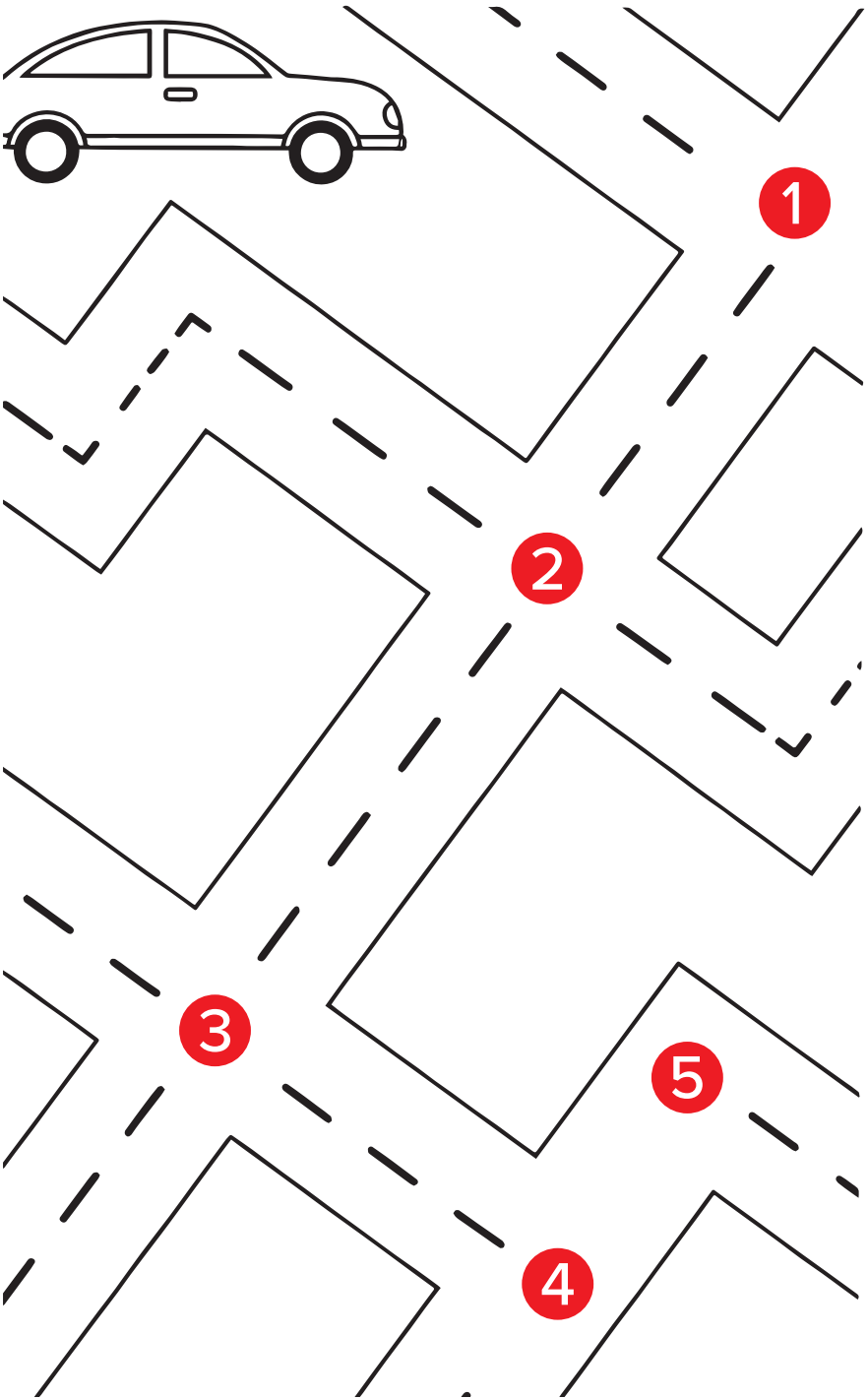
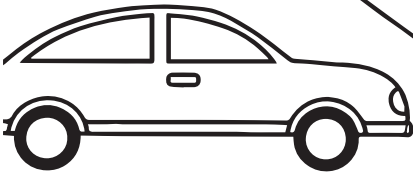
Thank You for _____.

Thank You for dying for me and saving me.

Help me be more like You, Jesus.

I am so thankful for You! I love You! (Psalm 96:1-2)

In Jesus' name, amen.



Ask God To Lead You Every Day.

Have you ever been lost and not know where you were going? It's not a fun feeling. The easiest way to avoid this is to ask for directions from someone with a map. Jesus has the map to life and has the best plan for your life.

Follow the numbers 1-5 and color in the road map on the next page as you ask Jesus to lead you today!

1. Thank You, Jesus, for the plan You have for me!
2. Jesus has the map for your life
3. Lead me. Give me words to say.
Help me think good thoughts.
4. Help me to be kind to people, be wise, and make good choices.
5. Jesus, please make me more like You every day. In Jesus' name, amen.

(Proverbs 3:5-7; Psalm 131:1-3; Isaiah 30:21)

Prayers For When I Need Help

Pray through the Armor of God.

Read Ephesians 6:11-18 and then say a prayer to God like the one on the next page to put on your armor!

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:11-18

Praying Through The Armor Of God...

Lord,

Today, I put on the full armor of God. I am protected. I put on the belt of truth to speak and walk honestly. I will put into place the breastplate to do what is morally right.

I will strap onto my feet and be ready with the gospel of peace.

On my arm, I will carry the shield of faith and block the attacks from the evil one. I know God is with me.

On my head, I will wear the helmet of salvation.
Jesus loves me and I belong to Him!

With my shield in one hand, I will carry the sword of the Spirit with me in the other. It is the Word of God.

I will pray on all occasions, everywhere, for anything. I will be alert and never stop praying daily for those around me.

In Jesus' name, amen.



Prayers For My Family

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

Jesus,

Today, I thank You for my family.

I thank You that you love us and want the best for us.

I pray You would give (say their names) and me wisdom today to make good choices and do the things You would want us to do.

I pray that you will bless us so that we can be a blessing to others.

I pray You will give us favor and influence.

I pray You would lead us and guide us through the whole day and I pray that you will watch over everything we do.

I pray that You would cover us, protect us, and keep us far from any harm so that we can do good things for You.

In Jesus' name, amen.

List Below What You Don't Need To Be Afraid of and the Things You Can Have Peace About!

I don't need to be afraid of:

I can have peace about:

Prayers For When I Feel Afraid

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

Jesus,

Today I pray against the spirit of fear.

I command it to go by the authority that you have given me by Your name.

I ask that you would give me peace, perfect love that casts out fear, and complete confidence in You

Thank You that I don't have to be afraid.

Thank You that you are in control.

Thank You that you love me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayers For When I Feel Alone

I will never leave you or let you be alone.

Hebrews 13:5 NLV

I am with you always.

Matthew 28:20

Jesus,

Thank You that you are my best friend.

Thank You that you never leave me, and
that I never have to feel alone.

As You are with me today, help me follow
You and make good choices.

Help me forgive anyone who has hurt me.

Thank You for the comfort that Your Spirit brings me.

Help me be like You and choose to love
people the way you love people.

In Jesus' name, amen.

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

Jesus always wants to keep us safe because He loves us. There are three great things we can use to protect ourselves.

1. The Name Of Jesus

Jesus tells us that he will protect us and keep us. He will cover us with his wings. The bible says that the name of the Lord is a strong tower that we can run to so we can be kept safe.

2. The Covering Of The Blood Of Jesus

When Jesus died on the cross for us, his precious blood was shed. And that blood saved us, washes our sin away, and protects us.

3. The Word Of God (The Bible)

The Bible is full of prayers of protection. It is such a powerful weapon against the enemy. We can pray god's word over us and our family. Psalm 91 is one of those great prayers of protection.

Jesus,

Thank You that I am important to You.

Thank You that you are always watching over me and protecting me.

I pray that you will cover me with the protection of your blood and surround me with Your angels.

I run to the name of Jesus, my strong tower.

Thank You for being my rock and strong defender.

Please protect my family and me from every evil attack.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Read out loud **Psalm 91** when you are finished praying.

THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.

1 Chronicles 4:10

Blessing

Influence

Presence

Protection



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Blessing

Jabez begins his prayer by asking God for His blessing. A blessing is like a good gift that is meant to help or encourage us. We need more of God's blessing so we can make a difference by helping others and showing them the love of Jesus. James 4:2-3 tells us, "You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." How cool is that? God wants to bless us, but He is often waiting for us to ask with the right heart and attitude. He wants to see that we don't just keep His blessings to ourselves but use them to bless others. We have a really big God, and we can be bold and hopeful in asking for His gifts and blessings. In the Bible, James says that God sees our heart and knows exactly what we need, but he wants to hear it from us. We get God's attention when we ask Him for blessings to help others.

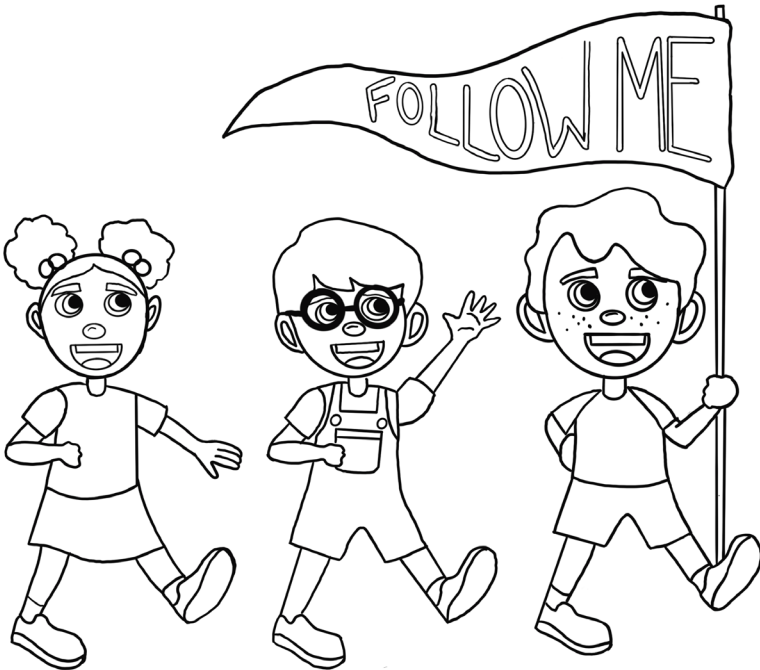
Ask God for His blessing. Recognize that you need Him to give you more than you need so that you can be a blessing to others and show them the great love of Jesus.

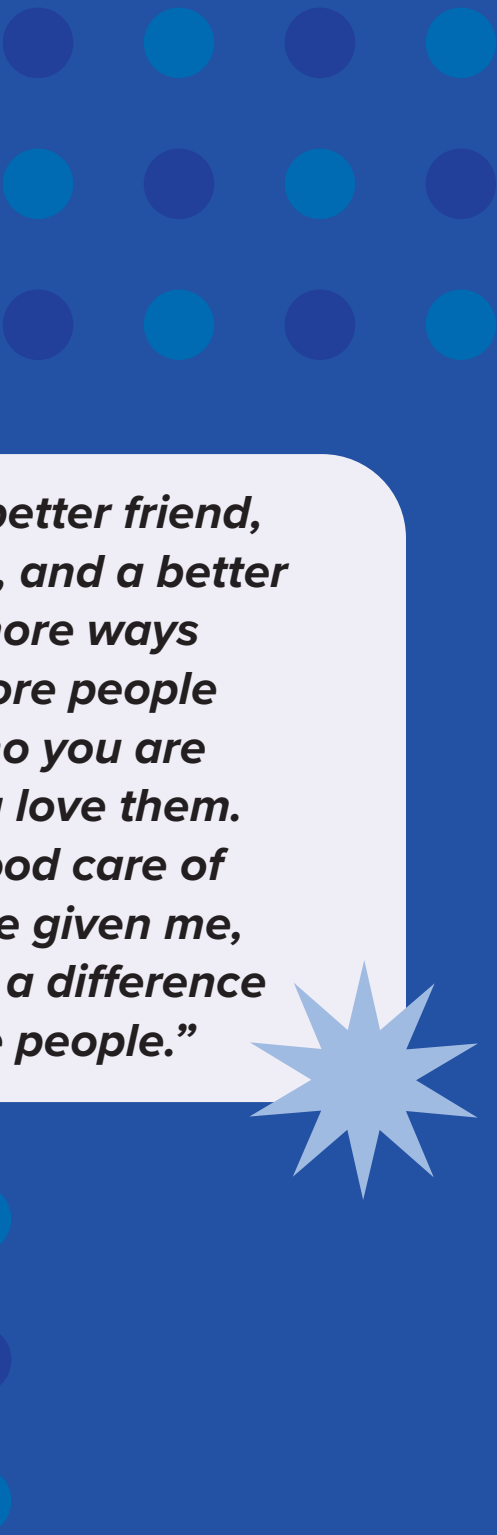

“Father God, I know you care for me and you give me what I need. I don’t want to be selfish in asking for things-give me more so that I can be generous and share Your blessings with others. Jesus, I want to be a blessing so that I can help lead others to You.”

Influence


Next, Jabez asks for more influence. Jabez prayed that God would help make his territory bigger so that he could share God's blessings with more people. He wanted to be more successful in life so that he would have more opportunities to tell others about God and bring glory to Him. When God blesses us and gives us more, we also ask for more opportunity to influence the world around us for Jesus. God has the power to bless us greatly, and He also has the power to give us more ways to make a difference.

Pray for more influence. Pray that you will get to know more people that you can share God's love and blessings with.





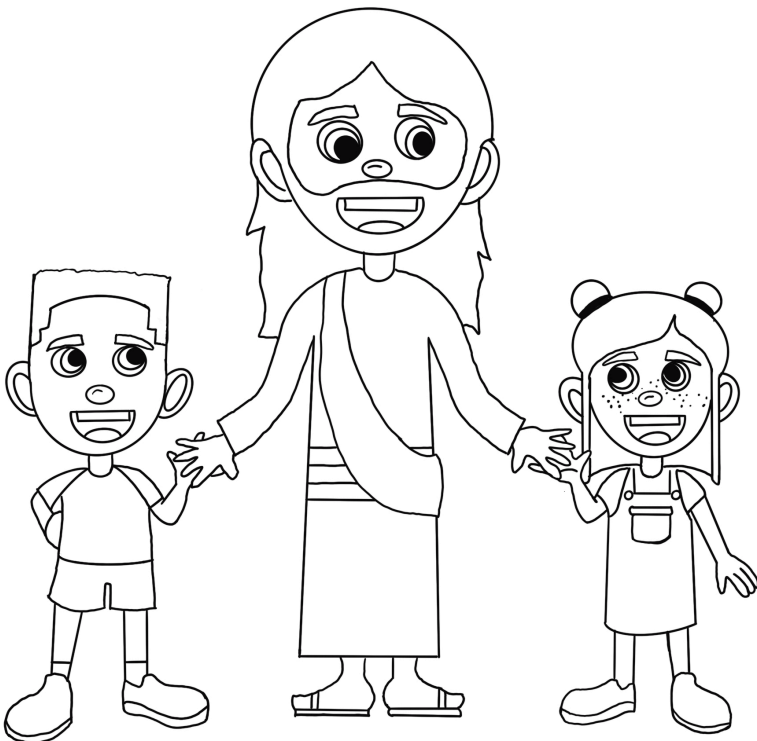
***“God, make me a better friend,
a better classmate, and a better
leader. Show me more ways
that I can reach more people
and show them who you are
and how much you love them.
Help me to take good care of
the things You have given me,
and help me make a difference
in the lives of more people.”***

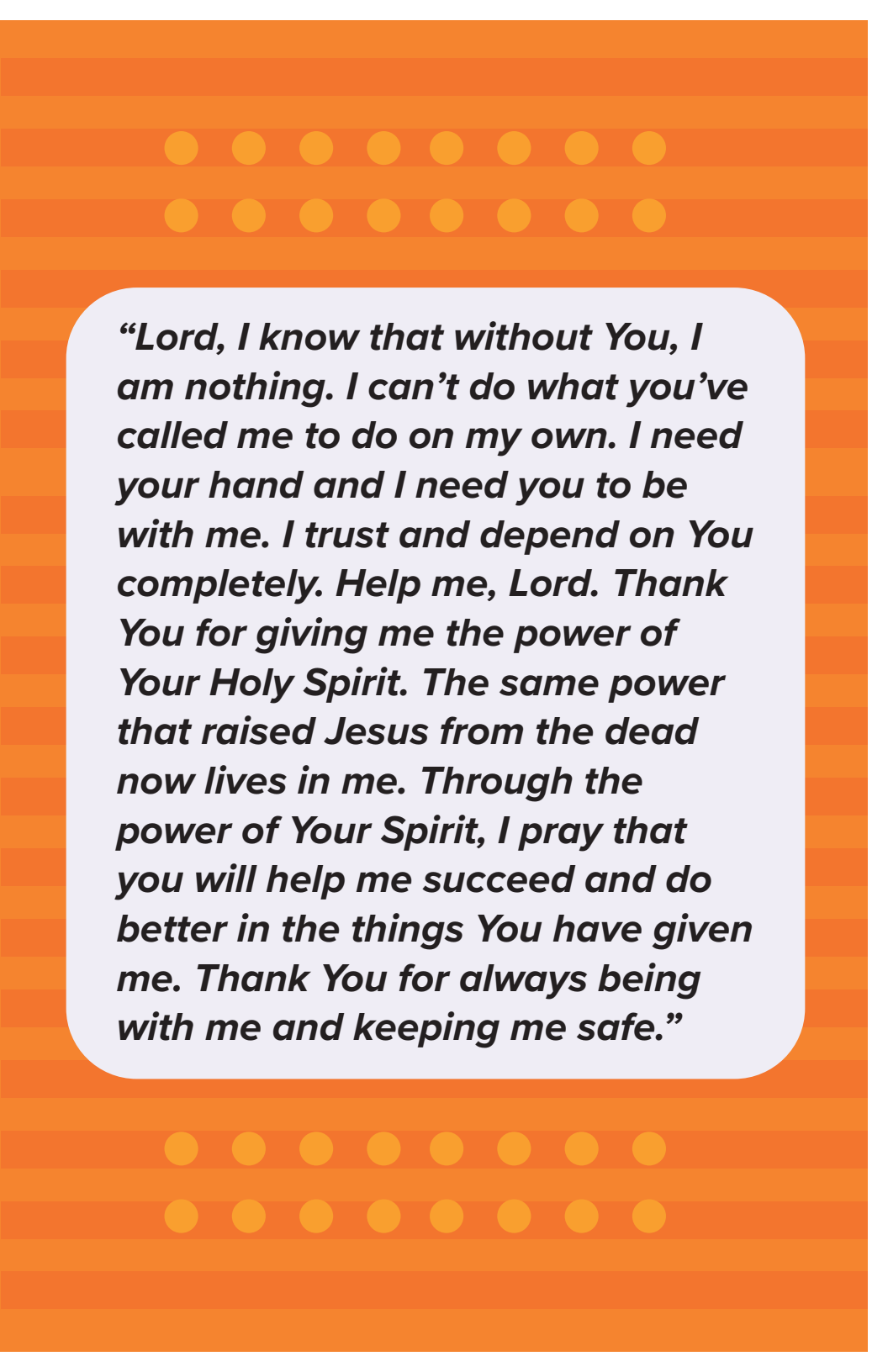


Presence

In order to reach more people, we need God's presence. God gives us power through the Holy Spirit to help us do more than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). When we ask for blessing and influence, we also need to ask for God's presence to help us, so that we will not try to only do things in our strength. Jabez knew that he could not be successful by himself. He wanted God to put His hand on him to help him make good decisions.

Trust and depend on God-ask for more of Him in your life today. Be humble and admit that you can't do things alone, that you need God to be with you and to help you.



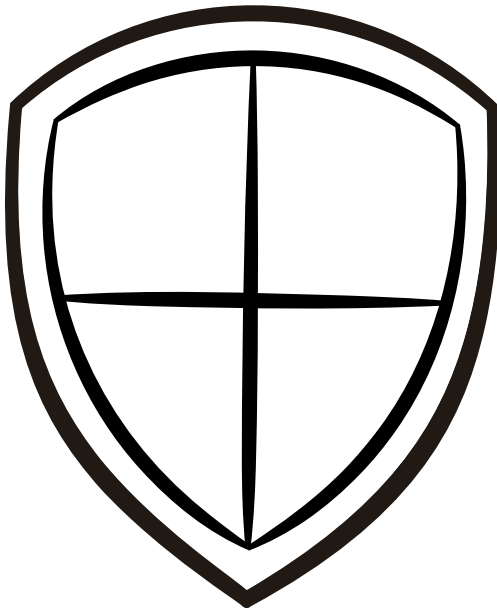


“Lord, I know that without You, I am nothing. I can’t do what you’ve called me to do on my own. I need your hand and I need you to be with me. I trust and depend on You completely. Help me, Lord. Thank You for giving me the power of Your Holy Spirit. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in me. Through the power of Your Spirit, I pray that you will help me succeed and do better in the things You have given me. Thank You for always being with me and keeping me safe.”

Protection

Finally, Jabez asks the Lord to protect him. He asks God to keep him safe so that he would be free from pain. If we are making a difference in the lives of others, we must understand that the devil will try to stop us. We can ask God to protect us, even before the enemy attacks. We do not need to be afraid- Jesus has already won the victory by what He did for us on the cross! We have nothing to fear because God promises to be with us and to protect us.

Trust God to protect you. Place your hopes in Him. Tell Him specific areas where you need His protection. Maybe it's at school, at home, or somewhere else. Ask Him to keep you from any harm in the future that you can't see yet.



“God, as I do the things you want me to do, I pray that You will stop every attack against me. Please keep me safe and protect my body, my mind, and my emotions. I pray that you will keep me from any hurt, harm, or danger. I also pray that you will protect my family and my friends. Jesus, I know that you love me and are watching over me. I know that I have nothing to fear because You already won the victory! Thank you for protecting me. I love You, and I trust You.”

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Fill in the lists below with names of those in each category that you can be praying for.

MY GOVERNMENT

MY CHURCH

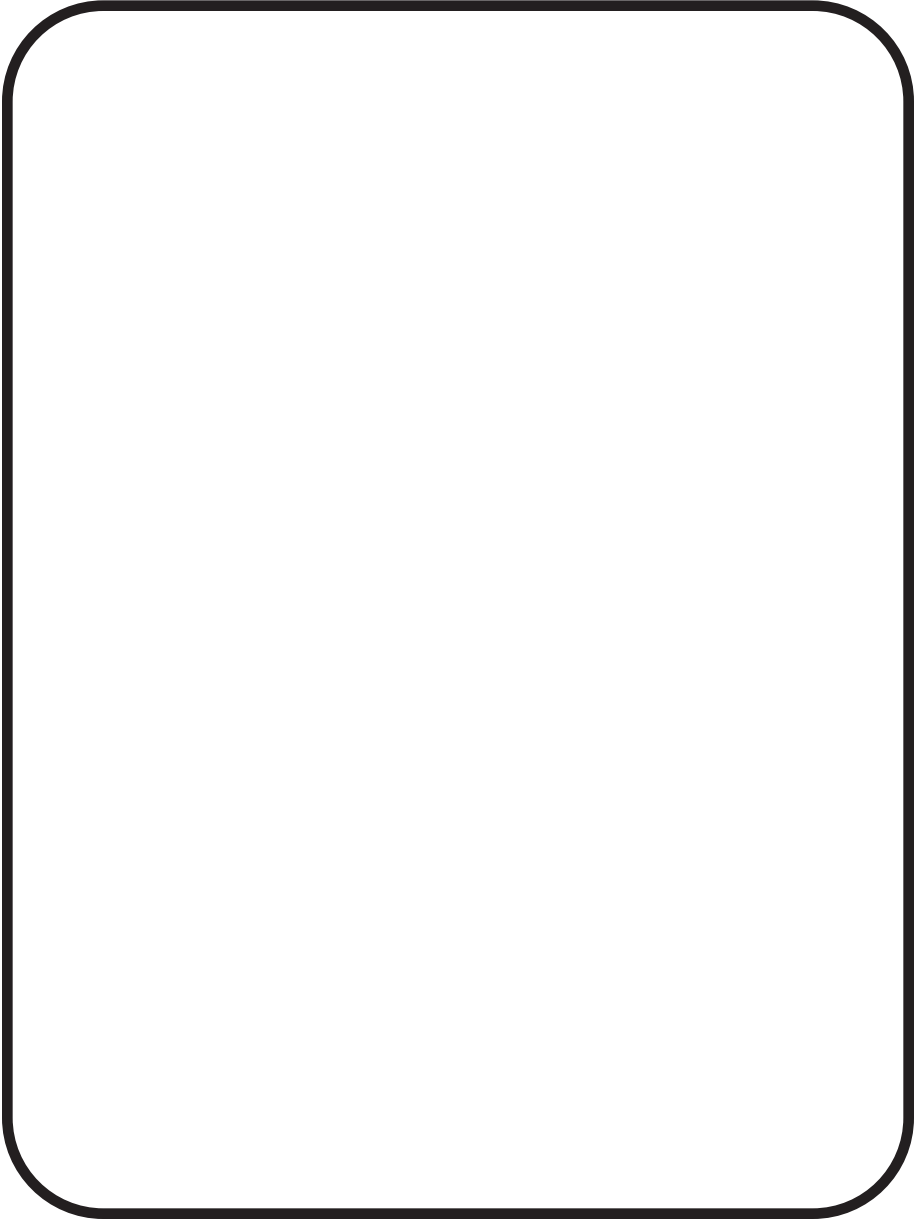
MY SCHOOL

MY FAMILY

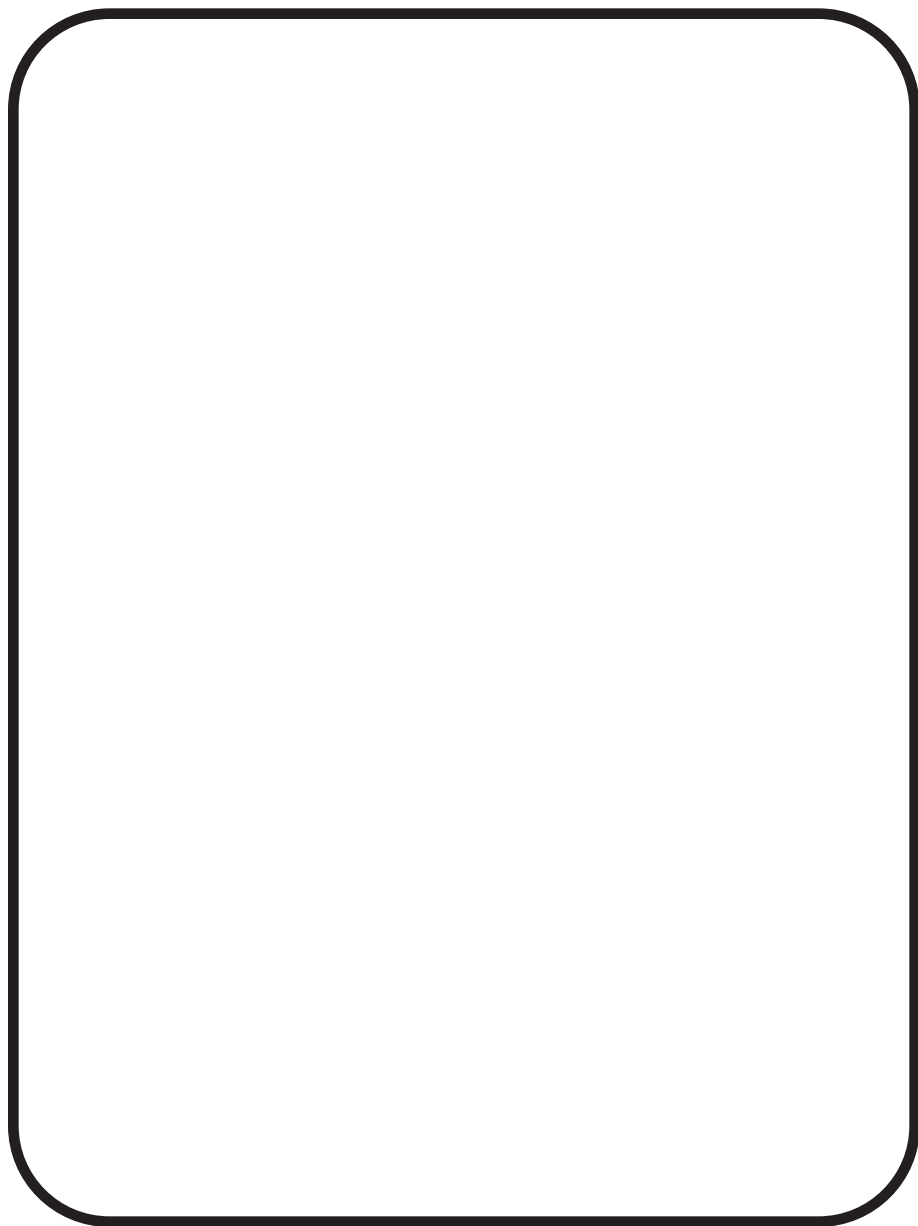
MY FRIENDS

PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS

**Color a picture of something
you are believing God for.**



Color a picture of an answered prayer!



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