

Oh Lord, I want to commune with You wholeheartedly, holding nothing back! It is so easy to fall into praying with my mind alone, rather than worshipping You in spirit and truth. Help me not to fear suffering, but to embrace those moments as opportunities to lift up Your name. Prepare me for whatever difficulty lies ahead as the end of days approaches. Give my heart such a deep compassion for those lost in darkness, and for those who are poor and marginalized and hurting. Compel me to be Your hands and feet as You use me for the purposes of Your kingdom.

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By Samuel Tippit*

Prayer Points

Praise God, who is light and in whom there is no darkness at all (1 Jn. 1:5). Thank the Lord for being your light and your salvation (Ps. 27:1). Confess any times you have willingly hidden the light of Christ from others. Commit yourself anew to living as a child of the light (Eph. 5:8). Ask—humbly—that you will become increasingly blameless and pure and that God will make you shine like a star in the universe (Phil. 2:15).

How big is your vision of the kingdom of God? Share Isaiah's exciting vision: "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn" (Isa. 60:3). Ask God to cause "nations" and "kings" to come to Jesus Christ today.

—Prayer Points taken from [Patterns for Prayer](#) by Alvin VanderGriend.



True Prayer Pursues the Will of God.

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The most powerful, praying Christians that I have met were some Christians in Romania. They understood the nature and the character of God because they filled their minds with Scripture.

It was inspiring to go to a prayer meeting in Romania. Not only did many pray with an understanding of the Word of God, but many were free to pray with their emotions. They wept when they prayed for non-Christians. They rejoiced when they thanked God for the good things He had done.

But there was one outstanding characteristic of those Christians that challenged my prayer life. They prayed with a heart that was set on doing the will of God. Although the will of God often brought suffering and persecution into their lives, they prayed with a will that was bent toward God. They learned to search for God with their whole hearts.

Most Christians in the Western world pray with only part of their hearts. Although many have a good knowledge of the Bible and the attributes of God, they pray with only their minds. We must learn to weep as Jesus wept over a lost humanity. We must learn to hurt as Jesus hurts for the non-Christian world. We must not fear praying with our emotions.

I am not referring to emotionalism; I am referring to praying with the passion of Christ.

Christians must learn to pray according to sound biblical principles. Effective praying will always be rooted in the truth of God's Word. Effective praying will not be given to emotional tangents and experiences. Experience and emotion will always come under the searchlight of God's Word. They must live up to the truth.

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Praying for Community Leaders

In our state there are many community leaders, in addition to government leaders, functioning within the region – city, township, county, and state, federal. God’s plan is that “the government shall be on His shoulders” and its leaders guided by His “wonderful counsel, mighty power, never ending Fatherhood, peace and wellbeing”. (Isaiah 9:6-7).

As we **PRAY** then for the Community Leaders, let’s pray for God’s.

Counsel – wisdom for what to **DO**.

In following God’s vision for the community.
In right use of the resources of the community.
In working justice for all the peoples of the community.

Power – authority, energy, stamina for ENABLING.

For God’s protection of the community.
For the right exercise of authority in public safety.
For the proper balance of power in the community.

Enduring Fatherhood – “long haul” care, protection, provision.

For God’s care in the development of neighborhoods.
For God’s protection of the young, the elderly, the families.
For God’s provision for the needy and disadvantaged.

Peace-Well Being – harmony in His peace building principles.

For God’s grace to flow in community inter relationships.
For speaking the truth in constructive criticism for change.

Pray for Community Leaders whom you know in your community, (neighborhood, and township) in your city and in the county where you live.

Leaders in business (where you do business).

Leaders in banking (where you do your banking).

Leaders in Utility Companies.

Leaders in Local Super Markets where you shop.

Leaders in the Transportation System you use.

Leaders where you get your Gasoline and Car Repairs.

Leaders of the Restaurants where you eat.