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3 DAYS

FASTING AND PRAYERS

**POSITIONED
FOR THE
PROMISE**



**DEVOTIONS
&
PRAYERS**



Welcome

Welcome to the "Positioned for the promise" dry fast! We're excited to embark on this spiritual journey together. The theme "Positioned for the promise" is centered around seeking God's guidance, aligning ourselves with His will, and stepping into the abundant blessings He has in store for us.

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DAY 1

Prayer Point 1 Embracing Healing Through Confession

Introduction

Confession is a powerful and transformative act that holds immense significance in the life of a believer. It is a spiritual practice that enables us to bare our hearts before God, acknowledging our shortcomings, sins, and failures. In this devotion, we will explore the impact of confession on our spiritual journey and how it leads us to experience God's forgiveness, healing, and restoration.

Scripture

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:1-2

Acknowledging Our Imperfections

As human beings, we are not immune to mistakes and wrongdoings. We often fall short of God's standards and find ourselves entangled in a web of sin. Confession is an invitation to confront our imperfections, to come face-to-face with our own vulnerabilities, and to acknowledge that we need God's mercy and grace.

Breaking Down Barriers

Confession breaks down the barriers that separate us from God. When we confess our sins, we choose vulnerability over pride, humility over self-righteousness. Just as Adam and Eve hid from God after their disobedience, we too think we can hide our faults. However, confession encourages us to step out from behind the shadows and seek reconciliation with our Heavenly Father.

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Prayer Point 1

Embracing Healing Through Confession - Suite

Experiencing God's Forgiveness

Confession is not just an admission of guilt; it is a pathway to experiencing God's forgiveness. When we bring our sins before God, genuinely repenting and seeking His pardon, He promises to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). The weight of guilt is lifted, and we can bask in the light of His mercy.

Restoration and Transformation

Confession is not a one-time event; it is an ongoing practice. It allows us to continually realign our lives with God's purposes. Through confession, we open ourselves to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. Gradually, our hearts are molded into vessels of purity, righteousness, and love, reflecting Christ's nature.

Conclusion

In embracing the act of confession, we open ourselves to a divine exchange: our brokenness for God's healing, our sins for His forgiveness, our weaknesses for His strength. Let us remember that confession is not a burden but a pathway to freedom. As we engage in this practice, may we find solace in God's loving embrace, experience the balm of His forgiveness, and be continually transformed into vessels of His grace.



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Prayer Point 1 Embracing Healing Through Confession Prayer

"Gracious and merciful God,
I come before You today with a humble heart, acknowledging my shortcomings and sins. I confess that there have been times when I have strayed from Your path, when I have allowed selfish desires and worldly influences to guide my choices. I am sorry for the times I have hurt others with my words, actions, or lack of action.

Lord, I confess that I have at times neglected to love You with my whole heart and to love my neighbor as myself. I have not always been a good steward of the gifts and opportunities You've given me. Please forgive me for my failures, my doubts, and my lack of trust in Your perfect plan.

I ask for Your forgiveness, Lord. Wash me clean from my sins, and help me to turn away from them. Grant me the strength to resist temptation and the wisdom to discern Your will in my life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, that I may be transformed into a reflection of Your love, grace, and righteousness.

Thank You for Your promise of forgiveness and restoration. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, whose sacrifice on the cross reconciles me to You. Help me to grow in my relationship with You, to seek Your guidance daily, and to walk in Your ways. I commit myself to a life of repentance and renewal, knowing that Your mercy is abundant and Your grace is sufficient. May my confession lead to healing, restoration, and a deeper intimacy with You.

In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen."



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Prayer Point 2 **Seeking the Lord: A Journey of Intimacy and Transformation**

Introduction

In the fast-paced world we live in, where distractions and responsibilities abound, seeking the Lord can often become a secondary priority. Yet, the act of seeking God is a transformative journey that leads us into deeper intimacy with Him. This devotion explores the importance of seeking the Lord, the rewards it brings, and how it shapes us into the image of Christ.

Scripture

"Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

1 Chronicles 16:11 (ESV)

The Call to Seek

God's desire for us to seek Him is evident throughout Scripture. He beckons us to draw near, to seek His presence, and to cultivate a relationship that goes beyond the surface. Seeking the Lord is not merely a religious duty; it's an invitation to experience His love, guidance, and transformative power in our lives.

The Quest for Intimacy

When we seek the Lord, we open the door to intimacy with the Creator of the universe. Just as a relationship with a close friend requires time spent together, seeking God involves intentional time in His Word, prayer, and meditation. In these moments, we discover His character, His promises, and His heart for us.

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Prayer Point 2 **Seeking the Lord: A Journey of Intimacy and Transformation**

The Pursuit of Wisdom

Proverbs 2:3-5 reminds us that seeking the Lord is a quest for wisdom and understanding. As we delve into His Word and seek His guidance, we gain insights that shape our decisions, attitudes, and perspectives. The wisdom gained from seeking God leads to a life aligned with His purposes.

The Promise of Finding

Jesus' words in Matthew 7:7 remind us of the promise of finding when we seek: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Our seeking is not in vain; God responds to our genuine pursuit with His presence, guidance, and blessings.

Conclusion

Seeking the Lord is an intentional choice that yields immeasurable rewards. It's a journey that draws us into the depth of His love and transforms us into His likeness. May we commit ourselves to seeking God continually, setting aside time in our busy lives to know Him intimately, gain His wisdom, and find solace in His presence. As we seek, we find a treasure that far surpasses anything the world offers—an enduring relationship with the One who knows and loves us best.



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Prayer Point 2

Seeking the Lord: A Journey of Intimacy and Transformation Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I come before You in awe of Your greatness and the privilege of seeking Your presence. You are the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, and I long to draw near to You. Your Word tells me that when I seek You with all my heart, I will find You. So, Lord, I set my heart on this journey of seeking You.

In a world filled with distractions and busyness, I choose to prioritize seeking You above all else. Help me to lay aside the worries and concerns that often consume my thoughts, and fix my gaze upon You. Open my eyes to see Your wonders in creation, to recognize Your hand in the details of my life.

As I dive into Your Word, may it come alive to me. Illuminate the pages with Your wisdom and truth. Let me discover the depths of Your character and the abundance of Your promises. Guide me in my times of prayer, as I pour out my heart before You. May my words be sincere, and may Your Spirit intercede for me when I lack the words to express my deepest desires.

Lord, I confess that at times I've allowed my pursuit of You to waver. I've been entangled by the cares of this world and have forgotten the surpassing value of knowing You. Forgive me for the times I've settled for the things of this world. Renew my passion for seeking You, that I may experience the richness of intimacy with You.



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Seeking the Lord: A Journey of Intimacy and Transformation Prayer - suite

In my seeking, I ask for wisdom to discern Your will for my life. Grant me the insight to make decisions that honor You and align with Your purposes. When challenges arise, help me remember that Your strength is made perfect in my weakness.

As I seek Your presence, fill me with a steadfast spirit, unshaken by circumstances.

Lord, I am expectant. I trust that as I seek, I will find; as I knock, the door will be opened; as I ask, You will respond. May my seeking not be in vain but be a catalyst for transformation. Mold me into the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and let His love radiate through my life.

Thank You for the promise that as I seek You, I will find You. Draw me closer to Your heart, Lord, and reveal Yourself to me in new and profound ways. In the name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen.



DAY 2

Prayer Point 3 United in Christ: The Strength of a Unified Church Body

Introduction

The concept of unity within the body of Christ holds immense significance. As believers, we are called to be part of a diverse yet harmonious community, working together to fulfill God's purposes. This devotion explores the importance of unity within the church, its impact on our witness, and the beautiful example of unity we find in Christ.

Scripture

"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

The Call to Unity

Unity is not a mere suggestion; it is a divine mandate. God's desire is for His people to be united, not divided. Just as a symphony requires different instruments playing in harmony, the church functions most effectively when its members are united in purpose and love.

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The Witness of Unity

Jesus emphasized the importance of unity in John 17:21: "May they all be one...so that the world may believe." Our unity is a powerful testimony to the world. When the world sees believers loving, supporting, and standing together despite differences, it becomes a compelling reason to consider the truth of the Gospel.

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Prayer Point 3 United in Christ: The Strength of a Unified Church Body

Overcoming Division

Divisions can arise in any community, including the church.

However, as followers of Christ, we are called to address conflicts with grace and humility. Ephesians 4:3 encourages us to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Through prayer, communication, and a commitment to reconciliation, we can mend what is broken.

Fostering Unity

Unity requires intentional effort. We must cultivate an attitude of humility, preferring one another above ourselves. Practicing forgiveness, empathy, and genuine love for our fellow believers strengthens the bonds of unity. Acts of service and encouragement also contribute to a harmonious church community.

Conclusion

Unity within the church is not an abstract idea; it is a vital aspect of our witness and mission. When we live out the unity that Christ prayed for, we become a powerful force for change and transformation in the world. Let us embrace our differences, resolve conflicts with grace, and commit to loving and supporting one another. As we stand united, we showcase the transformative power of Christ's love and draw others into the abundant life found in Him.



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Prayer Point 3 United in Christ: The Strength of a Unified Church Body Prayer

Gracious and loving Father,
I come before You with a heart full of gratitude for the unity You desire for Your Church. Your Word reminds us of the importance of living in harmony with one another, being of one mind and purpose. I recognize that unity is not a mere human endeavor but a reflection of Your character and design. Lord, help Salem to truly embrace the call to unity. Enable us to celebrate our diversity, recognizing that each member brings a unique gift and perspective. May our differences be a source of strength rather than division. Help us to see beyond our individual preferences and to focus on the greater mission we share as followers of Christ.

In a world that is often marked by division and discord, let us stand as a shining example of unity. May our love for one another be so evident that it becomes a compelling testimony to Your transformative power. As we live in unity, I pray that those who encounter us will be drawn to the truth of the Gospel.

Lord, where there are conflicts or misunderstandings within our church, I ask for your healing touch. Grant us the humility to seek reconciliation and the wisdom to address issues with grace and truth. Teach us to be quick to forgive, just as You have forgiven us.



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Prayer Point 3 United in Christ: The Strength of a Unified Church Body Prayer - suite

We thank You for the example of unity found in the relationship between Jesus and the Father. Help us to abide in Christ, relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us in our interactions and decisions. May our pursuit of unity be a reflection of our deep connection to You.

Father, I pray for the leaders of our church. Give them wisdom and discernment as they guide us in the path of unity. Strengthen their hearts and grant them the grace to lead by example.

As we commit to fostering unity within our church, I ask for Your empowering presence. Fill us with Your love, patience, and compassion for one another. May our actions and attitudes be pleasing to You as we journey together as a united body.

In the name of Jesus, who prayed for our unity, I lift up this prayer. Amen.



DAY 2

Prayer Point 4: Pursuing Peace: Walking in the Footsteps of Christ

Introduction

In a world filled with turmoil and discord, the pursuit of peace becomes a sacred calling for believers. As followers of Christ, we are called to embody the peace that surpasses all understanding. This devotion delves into the significance of pursuing peace, the role of Christ as our example, and the transformative impact of peace in our lives and communities.

Scripture

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

Romans 14:19

The Call to Pursue Peace

Peacemaking is not an optional trait for believers; it is a divine mandate. Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount highlight the blessedness of those who actively pursue peace. It's a way of living that reflects God's heart and brings honor to His name.

Christ, Our Ultimate Peacemaker

Christ Himself is the embodiment of peace. Through His sacrificial death on the cross, He reconciled humanity to God, bridging the gap caused by sin. He brought reconciliation where there was division. By following His example, we participate in God's redemptive work.

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Prayer Point 4: Pursuing Peace: Walking in the Footsteps of Christ

Peace Within and Without

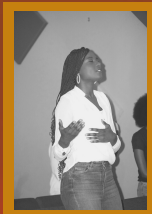
Peace begins within our hearts. As we experience the peace that comes from a restored relationship with God, we are better equipped to extend peace to others. As peacemakers, we have the privilege of being agents of reconciliation. By fostering understanding, practicing forgiveness, and showing empathy, we contribute to healing broken relationships.

Navigating Conflict with Grace

Conflict is inevitable, but our response to it can make a significant difference. Instead of responding with anger or resentment, we can choose to engage in constructive dialogue and seek common ground. The pursuit of peace does not mean avoiding disagreements; rather, it involves addressing them in a Christ-like manner.

Conclusion

Pursuing peace is a sacred journey that aligns us with the heart of God. As we walk in the footsteps of our Prince of Peace, we not only experience the richness of His presence but also become beacons of hope in a world hungering for harmony. Let us embrace the call to be peacemakers, cultivating peace within ourselves and extending it to every corner of our lives. In doing so, we mirror the transformative power of the Gospel and bring honor to our Heavenly Father.



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Prayer Point 4: Pursuing Peace: Walking in the Footsteps of Christ Prayer

Gracious and loving God,

I come before You in awe of Your divine plan for peace. Your Word teaches us the blessedness of being peacemakers, and I recognize the profound significance of this calling in my life. As I reflect on the devotion on pursuing peace, I am reminded of the example of Christ, our ultimate Peacemaker.

Help me, Lord, to cultivate peace within my own heart. May the peace that comes from knowing You saturate my soul, even in the midst of challenges and trials. Grant me the grace to walk in the confidence of Your presence, knowing that Your peace surpasses all understanding.

Empower me to be an agent of reconciliation in a world that is often divided. Give me the courage to stand for justice, the wisdom to foster understanding, and the heart to extend forgiveness. As I navigate conflicts, may I do so with grace, seeking to build bridges rather than walls.

Guide me, Lord, in the pursuit of unity and harmony. Teach me to listen attentively, to speak words of kindness and encouragement, and to exhibit patience and humility. Let Your love be the driving force behind all my efforts to promote peace.

Thank You for the promise that those who pursue peace shall be called Your children. What a privilege it is to be counted among Your sons and daughters. May my life radiate Your peace and reflect the beauty of Your kingdom.

In the name of Jesus, our Prince of Peace, I lift up this prayer.
Amen.



DAY 3

Prayer Point 5 Triumph of Goodness: Overcoming Evil with Good

Introduction

In a world where darkness and evil often seem pervasive, the triumph of goodness is a message of hope that echoes throughout history. As followers of Christ, we are called to be bearers of light and agents of positive change. This devotion explores the significance of choosing good over evil, the power of Christ's example, and how our actions can usher in transformation.

Scripture

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."
Romans 12:21 (ESV)

The Battle of Good and Evil

The struggle between good and evil has been a constant theme in human history. We see the effects of evil in injustice, hatred, and brokenness. Yet, the message of Scripture is clear: good has the power to overcome evil, and we have a role to play in that victory.

The Choice to Do Good

Doing good is not always the easiest path, but it is the path that aligns with God's character. Choosing to respond to evil with kindness, love, and compassion is a powerful testimony to the transformative power of Christ's message. We have the ability to break the cycle of hatred by extending goodness.

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Prayer Point 5 Triumph of Goodness: Overcoming Evil with Good

Christ's Ultimate Triumph

The ultimate triumph of goodness over evil is seen in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through His sacrificial love, He conquered sin and death, offering us a way to be reconciled with God. Christ's victory is a reminder that even in the darkest moments, goodness will ultimately prevail.

The Power of Light

Light dispels darkness. As believers, we are called to be lights in a world that desperately needs illumination. Just as a small candle can light up a dark room, our acts of goodness have the power to dispel the shadows of evil. We have a responsibility to let our light shine brightly.

Overcoming Hate with Love

Responding to hate with love is a radical choice that challenges the status quo. When we choose to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, we break down the barriers that perpetuate evil. Love has the capacity to soften hearts and bring about transformation.

Planting Seeds of Change

Our small acts of goodness can have far-reaching effects. Acts of kindness, compassion, and empathy plant seeds of change in the hearts of those around us. By sowing these seeds, we contribute to a world where goodness prevails over evil.

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Prayer Point 5 Triumph of Goodness: Overcoming Evil with Good

Conclusion

As followers of Christ, we have the opportunity and responsibility to stand on the side of good. We are called to be ambassadors of love, bearers of light, and agents of positive change. By choosing goodness over evil, we join in the triumphant work that Christ began—a work that ultimately transforms lives and redeems a broken world. Let us embrace this calling with courage and conviction, confident that goodness will always have the final say.



DAY 3

Prayer Point 5 Triumph of Goodness: Overcoming Evil with Good Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I come before You with a heart filled with gratitude for the message of hope and victory over evil that Your Word offers. Thank You for the reminder that goodness is more powerful than darkness, and that in Christ, we have the ultimate example of triumph over evil.

Lord, I confess that there are times when the darkness of this world feels overwhelming. In those moments, help me to remember that Your light shines brightest in the midst of darkness. Empower me to choose goodness over evil, even when it's difficult or unpopular.

I pray that You would fill me with Your love, compassion, and kindness. When faced with hatred, bitterness, or injustice, may my response be rooted in the transformative power of Your love. Teach me to love my enemies, to pray for those who persecute me, and to extend grace as You have extended it to me.

Lord, I recognize that the battle between good and evil is ongoing, but I take comfort in the fact that You have already secured the ultimate victory through Jesus' death and resurrection. Help me to live in the confidence of this victory, knowing that even in the face of adversity, goodness will prevail.

Use me, Lord, as a vessel of Your light in this world. May my actions, words, and attitudes reflect Your goodness and bring glory to Your name. Show me opportunities to plant seeds of change through acts of kindness, empathy, and compassion. May I be a beacon of hope, pointing others to the triumph of goodness over evil that is found in You.

In the powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



DAY 3

Prayer Point 6

A Triune Deliverance: Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical

Introduction

Deliverance is a concept deeply rooted in the heart of God's redemptive plan. Throughout Scripture, we witness stories of individuals and nations being delivered from various forms of bondage. This devotion explores the multifaceted nature of deliverance—spiritual, emotional, and physical—and how Christ's work on the cross brings liberation to every aspect of our lives.

Scripture

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 (NIV)

Spiritual Deliverance

Our foremost need is spiritual deliverance. Sin enslaves us, separating us from God. Through Christ's sacrifice, we find forgiveness, reconciliation, and freedom from the power of sin. This deliverance is instantaneous, transforming us into new creations and reuniting us with our Heavenly Father.

Emotional Deliverance

Emotional bondage can be as enslaving as physical chains. Anxiety, depression, fear, and past wounds can shackle our hearts. God's promise is that He is near to the brokenhearted. His Word and Spirit bring healing, replacing pain with peace and restoring our emotional well-being

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Prayer Point 6 A Triune Deliverance: Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical

Physical Deliverance

God's deliverance extends to our physical lives. Throughout the Bible, we witness miraculous healings and interventions. While physical challenges may persist, God's power to heal and deliver remains. We trust His sovereignty and find comfort in His presence even amidst trials.

Christ's Complete Work

Jesus' ministry demonstrated His power over all forms of bondage. He healed the sick, cast out demons, and proclaimed liberty to the captives. Through His death and resurrection, He secured our ultimate deliverance from sin, bringing spiritual, emotional, and physical freedom.

Walking in Freedom

Galatians 5:1 encourages us to stand firm in the freedom Christ has won for us. It's a freedom that calls us to live according to His Spirit, not our flesh. As we surrender to His leading, we experience ongoing deliverance from the habits, attitudes, and mindsets that hinder our growth.

Conclusion

Deliverance in its spiritual, emotional, and physical dimensions is a testament to God's love and power. Christ's sacrifice and resurrection paved the way for our liberation, enabling us to live in freedom, joy, and hope. As we embrace this multifaceted deliverance, we find ourselves living testimonies of God's redemptive work, drawing others to experience the freedom found in Him.

DAY 3

Prayer Point 6 A Triune Deliverance: Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical Prayer

Dear Lord,

I come before You recognizing my need for deliverance. I thank You for the complete work of Christ on the cross that brings freedom to every area of my life. Lord, I ask for spiritual deliverance from the power of sin and for the grace to live in obedience to Your Word.

I bring my emotional struggles before You, knowing that You are the God who heals the brokenhearted. Bring healing to my wounds, peace to my anxiety, and joy to my sorrow. I trust in Your timing and sovereignty.

For physical challenges, I ask for Your healing touch. I know that Your power to heal is limitless, and I trust Your wisdom in every situation. Regardless of the outcome, I rest in Your unfailing love and presence.

Lord, help me walk in the freedom You have provided. Teach me to lean on Your Spirit, that I may resist the snares of my flesh and live according to Your will. May my life reflect the deliverance I've received, pointing others to Your transformative grace.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

