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DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

#### Fireplace Kids,

As our community enters into a time of praying, fasting, and seeking God, I want to remind you of two of our core values here at Fireplace Church - Devotion to Jesus and Empowering the Next Generation. God wants to empower YOU, the next generation, with the Holy Spirit through your pursuit of and devotion to Jesus.

The next 3 weeks is a time where every person at Fireplace Church, kids included, are being invited to surrender things we like, exercise discipline to pursue God, and connect with Him daily in a real and tangible way. For the kids specifically, we want to emphasize studying God's Word, prayer, and worship as their avenues to God.

David once sang a worship song to God. One of the lines said this:

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." - Psalms 27:4

Did you know that though David most likely wrote this as an adult, he showed the same desire for God when he was a kid? David used to look after his family's sheep. He was often alone in the wilderness while he took care of them. Do you ever get bored when you are alone? David did too.

Can you guys guess what He did? He would talk to God and play him music on his lyre (a small stringed instrument). From a young age God saw David seek Him when no one else was around.

God knew that David loved Him because He spent time with God. God could see the purity of David's heart. God would soon honor David's pursuit of Him by anointing him as King of Israel.

Over the next 3 weeks, each of us have a daily opportunity to spend time with God by talking to Him about our lives, asking Him for help, studying the Bible, and worshiping Him. We can do it in many different ways. The important thing is that we do it.

Just like we show discipline every day in brushing our teeth, making our beds, and taking care of our bodies by drinking water and eating food, we can also show discipline in spending time with God. In fact, why not pray to God in your head while you brush your teeth or worship him while you make your bed or read your Bible while you eat breakfast!? You can be creative. David spent time with God while he was outside looking after sheep. You can invite God into every activity you do.

May God bless your time with Him over the next few weeks and throughout your life. May this time of seeking Him be the beginning of a life of a disciplined, daily pursuit of God. God is excited for you.

Always praying for you,

**Duffy Lowe** 

#### LIFESTYLE PRAYER



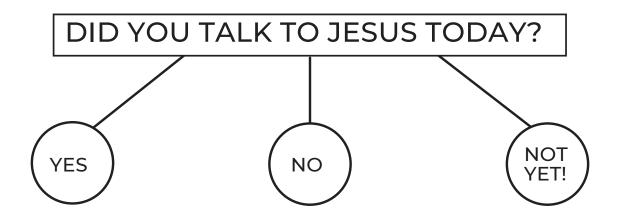
Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. (Mark 1:35)

#### Here's what we see:

He prayed every day. He prayed in a certain place. He prayed with a plan.

#### 1. TIME

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

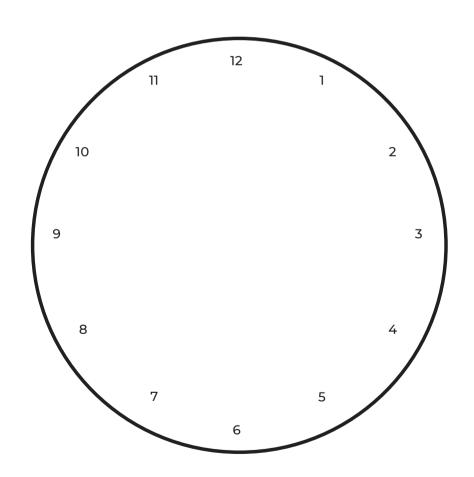


When will your prayer time be?
Use a pencil to circle your answer or answers!

WHEN I WAKE UP IN THE AFTERNOON

BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP

### USE A PENCIL AND FILL IN THE TIME THAT YOU PRAYED TODAY!

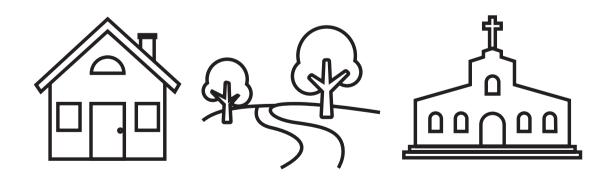


#### 2. PLACE

We see that Jesus had a certain place that He would go to pray. We 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 BELOW WHERE YOU LIKE TO PRAY TO JESUS.



#### 3. PLAN

We also see in the Bible that 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.

WRITE DOWN OR DRAW A PICTURE BELOW OF THE PEOPLE AND THINGS YOU CAN PRAY FOR TODAY!

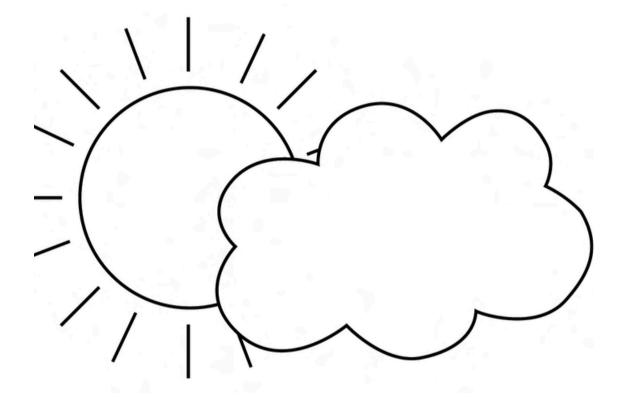
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1)

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

(Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV)

#### "OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN..."

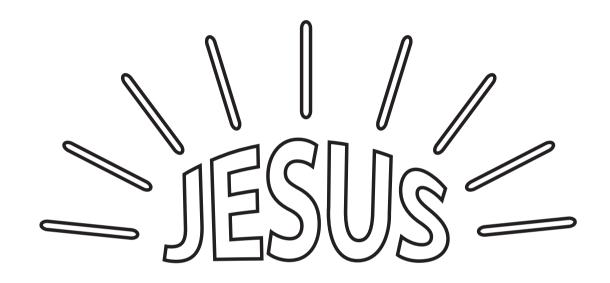


Connect with God. He is your loving Father.

# LIST SOME THINGS YOU COULD SAY TO START YOUR PRAYER WITH GOD.

Examples: "Dear God", "Hi Dad!", "Good Morning Lord!", "Heavenly Father"

### "...HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME..."



His name is holy.

God's name is a place of protection—good people can run there and be safe.

(Proverbs 18:10 MSG)

### MATCH WHO HE IS WITH WHAT HE CAN DO!

Healer God is on my side and will fight for me.

Friend God is in charge and wants the best for me.

Peace I will choose joy because God is my joy.

Forgiveness He is my hope for every situation.

Love He forgives me for anything I have done and will do.

Hope Jesus loves me the most.

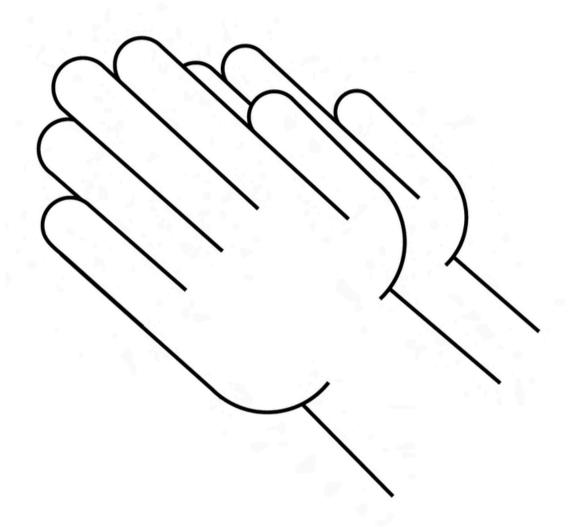
Joy He brings me peace no matter what I go through.

King He is always with me.

Protector God heals all our diseases.

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## "...YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN..."



Pray for what He wants (Pray His agenda first).

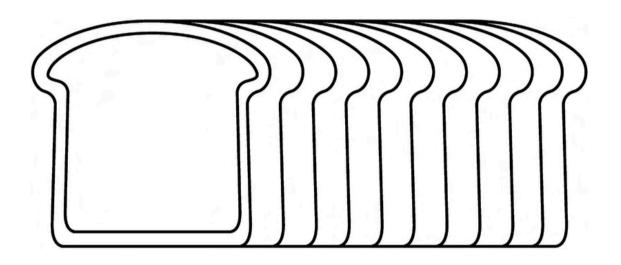
He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. (Luke 12:31 TLB)

### THE BEST THING WE COULD EVER WANT IS WHAT GOD WANTS.

He will take care of everything else we need!

List below and pray through the things God wants for the world and for you.

### "...GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD..."



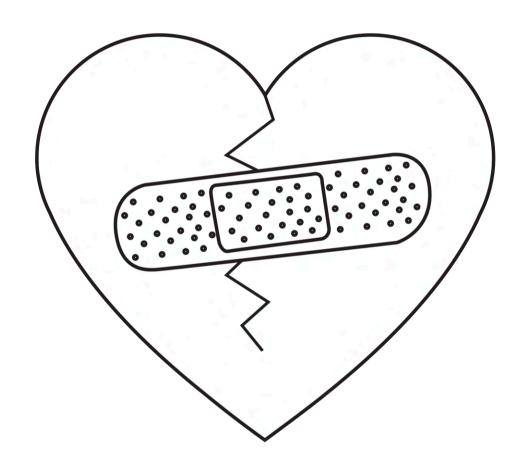
Ask God for what you want and need, and then trust Him to provide for you.

I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth! (Psalm 121:1-2 NLT)

### WHAT ARE YOU TRUSTING GOD FOR?

Write some of your answers below.

## "...AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS..."



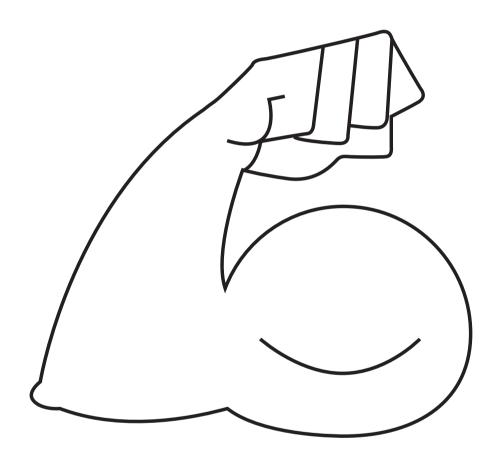
Make sure your heart is right with God and with people.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

### ASK JESUS TO LOOK INSIDE YOUR HEART:

1. What do you need to ask for forgiveness for?
2. What do you need to forgive someone for?

#### "...AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE..."



Replace any lie the enemy has told you with the truth of God's Word.

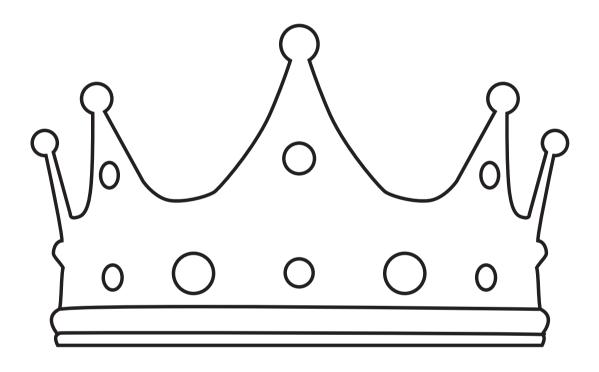
"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12)

#### GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH.

Below are some examples of how to replace the lies with God's truth:

LIE I HAVE HEARD	WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE
'I am mean."	l can be a friend like Jesus.
'I am ugly."	.I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
'I don't have friends."	Jesus loves me and I am never alone.
'If I lie, I won't get in trouble."	I can tell the truth and not be afraid.
'If I do what's wrong, I'll finally fit ir	n."My identity comes from Jesus.
Replace the lies you may have	heard with what God says is true.
LIE I'VE BEEN TOLD	GOD'S TRUTH

#### "...FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN."



God can do anything (believe it)!

Ah, Sovereign LORD, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You. (Jeremiah 32:17)

### PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR EVERY DAY

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#### MY PRAYER LIST

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Make a	list of tl	nings yo	u want to	pray for e	every day

#### 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	(Psalm 100:4; 118:24)
I love that You created	
When I'm outside, I noticebeautiful creation!	in Your
God, You made me. Thank You for ( (Mark 12:30)	my ability to
You love me for who I am, no matte	er what.
Thank You for being my God and n	ny 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 pray that for my family You would
I thank You that I get to wake up and have a new day!
I pray today for
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.

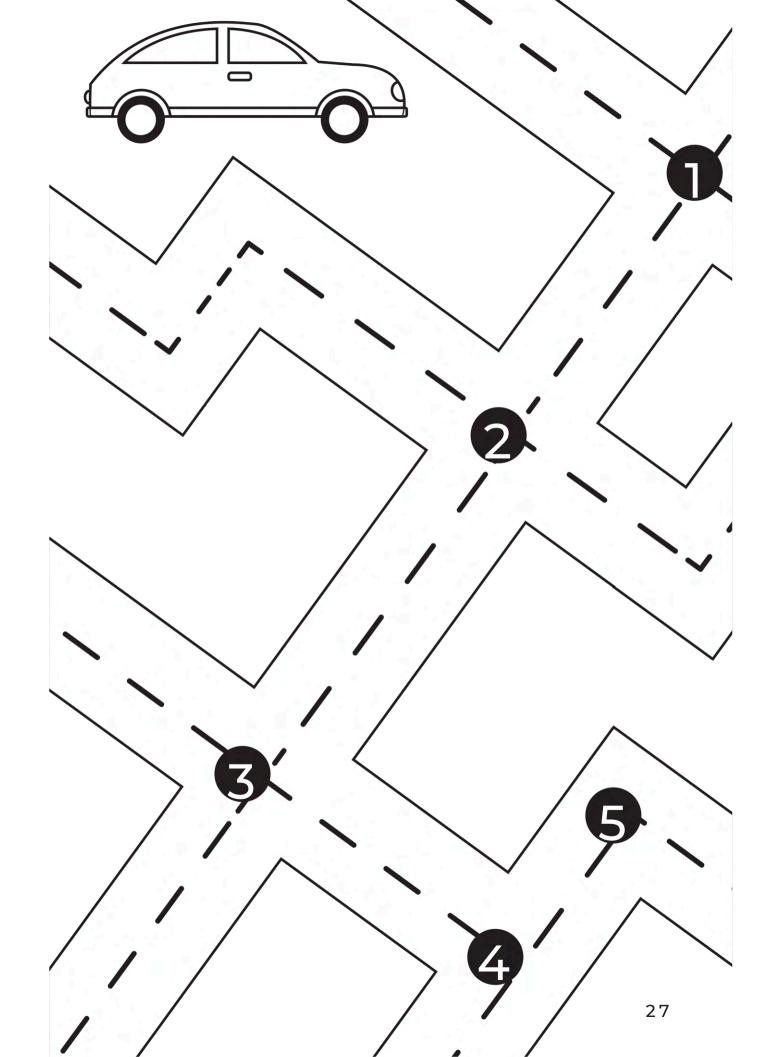
The easiest way to avoid this is to ask for directions from someone with a map.

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. Today I choose Your plan for my life, because I know it's the best plan there is!
- 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!

O Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 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.

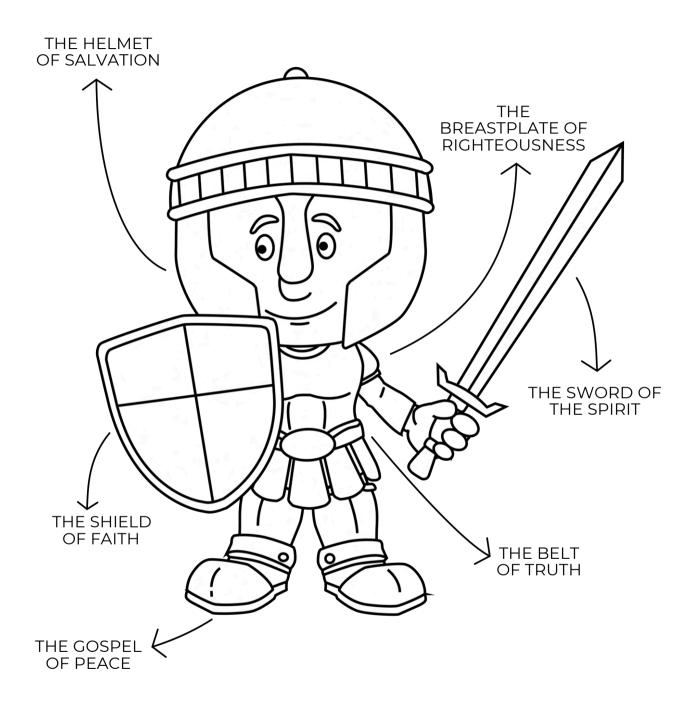
On my arm, I will carry the **shield of faith** and block the attacks from the evil one. I know God is with me.

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.

#### THE ARMOR OF GOD



Ephesians 6:11-18

### PRAYERS FOR MY FAMILY

#### **DAY 13**

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.

### PRAYERS FOR WHEN I FEEL ALONE

#### **DAY 14**

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.

#### 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)

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#### 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.

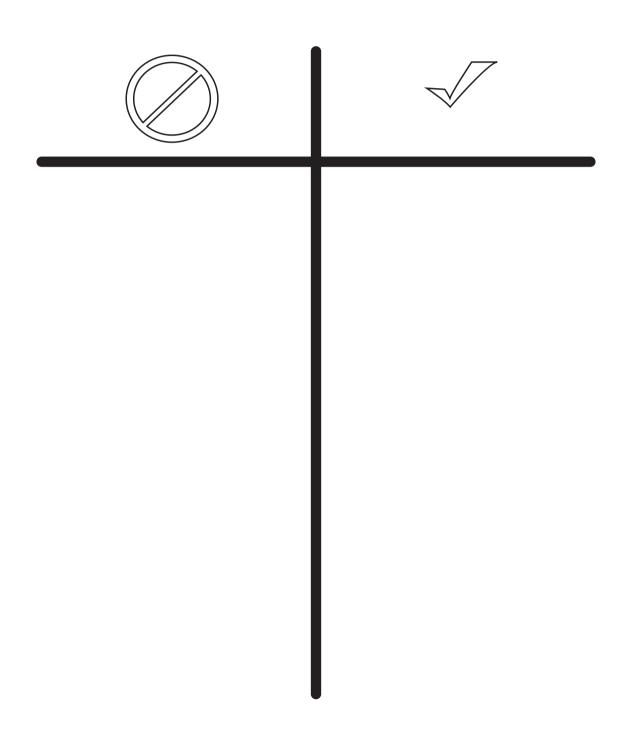
I ask that you would give me peace, perfect love that casts out fear, and complete confidence in You.

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

Thank You that You are in control.

Thank You that You love me.

## LIST BELOW WHAT YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID OF AND THE THINGS YOU CAN HAVE PEACE ABOUT!



### PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

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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 an 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 Psalm 91 out loud when you are finished praying.

#### Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.[a]
- 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- 8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
- 9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling
- 10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
- 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
- 14 "Because he[<u>b</u>] loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
- 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

#### **DAY 17**

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 COUNTRY
MY CHURCH
MY SCHOOL
MY FAMILY
MY FRIENDS
PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS

#### PRAYERS FOR ME

#### MY PRAYER NEEDS

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#### MY PRAYER JOURNAL

## DRAW AND COLOR A PICTURE OF SOMETHING YOU ARE BELIEVING GOD FOR

### DRAW AND COLOR A PICTURE OF AN ANSWERED PRAYER

#### TELL HOW GOD ANSWERED A PRAYER
