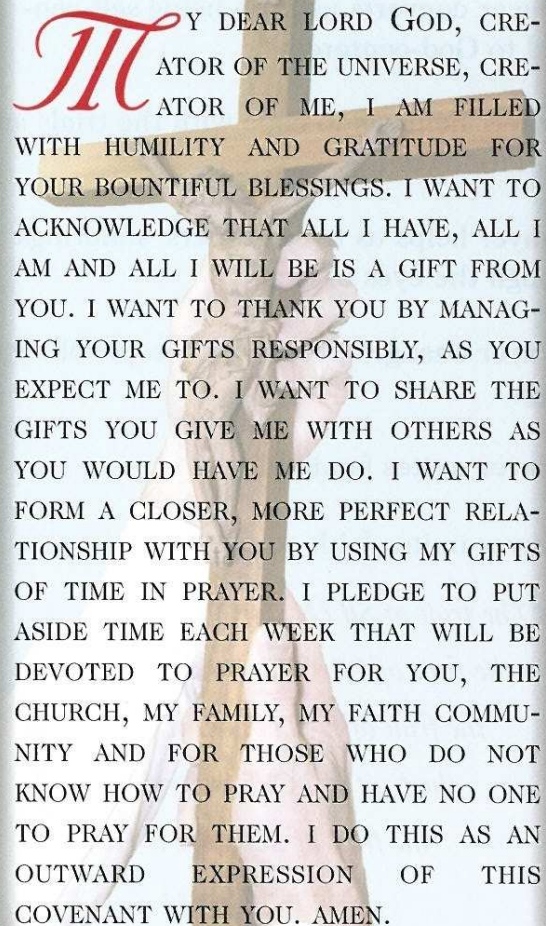


“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Ways.”

Psalms 86:11

PRAYER COVENANT



MY DEAR LORD GOD, CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ME, I AM FILLED WITH HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL I HAVE, ALL I AM AND ALL I WILL BE IS A GIFT FROM YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU BY MANAGING YOUR GIFTS RESPONSIBLY, AS YOU EXPECT ME TO. I WANT TO SHARE THE GIFTS YOU GIVE ME WITH OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE ME DO. I WANT TO FORM A CLOSER, MORE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU BY USING MY GIFTS OF TIME IN PRAYER. I PLEDGE TO PUT ASIDE TIME EACH WEEK THAT WILL BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER FOR YOU, THE CHURCH, MY FAMILY, MY FAITH COMMUNITY AND FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PRAY AND HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR THEM. I DO THIS AS AN OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF THIS COVENANT WITH YOU. AMEN.



STEWARDSHIP IS A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE.

*A disciple is one who follows
the teachings of Jesus Christ.*



Stewardship

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WHAT DOES THE WORD OF GOD

TEACH US ABOUT PRAYER?



Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive and anyone who seeks will find and the door will be opened to those who knock.”

Matthew 18:19-20

“Again, I tell you, if two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. When two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst.”

Mark 11:17

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Mark 11:24

“I give you my word, if you are ready to believe that you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer, it shall be done for you.”

Romans 12:12

“Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer.”

Philippians 1:3-4

“I give thanks to my God every time I think of you, which is constantly, in every prayer I utter—rejoicing as I plead on your behalf.”

Philippians 4:6

“Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude.”

Colossians 4:2

“Pray perseveringly, be attentive to prayers and pray in a spirit of thanksgiving.”

1 Timothy 2:1-2

“I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be offered for all, ... especially those in authority, that we may be able to lead undisturbed and tranquil lives in perfect piety and dignity.”

James 5:13-16

“If anyone among you is suffering hardship he must pray. If a person is in good spirits he should sing a hymn of praise. ‘Is there anyone sick among you’ he should ask the presbyters of the church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his. Hence, declare your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may find healing.”

REASONS WHY WE SHOULD PRAY:

† **Prayer** is how we spend our time forming a close, more perfect relationship with God.

† **Prayer** opens our hearts, minds and souls to God’s teachings.

† **Prayer** converts us from being self-centered to God-centered.

† **Prayer** helps us to cope with the trials and temptations of life.

† **Prayer** helps us to see others’ sufferings through the eyes of God.

† **Prayer** changes people and people change things.

† **Prayer** unites families.

† **Prayer** unites faith communities.

*“The fruit of SILENCE is Prayer,
the fruit of PRAYER is Faith,
the fruit of FAITH is Love,
the fruit of LOVE is Service,
the fruit of SERVICE is Peace.”*

Mother Theresa

Clip the prayer covenant on the back and place it in your family Bible as a tangible sign that you are committed to a closer relationship with the Lord through prayer.