

When We Pray  
August 15, 2019

#### Serving Others

As we enter this change of seasons, let us pray for those who serve others. We pray that we might keep kindness in our hearts and show gratitude for those who perform meaningful jobs with a servant's heart. Pray for the school teachers, Paras, lunch ladies, janitors, bus drivers, garbage collectors, plumbers, and electricians. These are the people who keep us fed, clean, and keep our world as we know it neat and orderly. They enable others to do jobs that are more recognized and in the spot light. Pray for a heart more like theirs, a heart to serve others without seeking praise, recognition, or accolades. Pray for an attitude of worship through service.

*Matthew 6:3 (NIV) But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.*

#### Persecuted Family

Lord you are our Shepard, you take care of your sheep, you provide, protect and guide them where ever they are. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. We pray that God will protect those who take great risks to fellowship and grow and spread the gospel where ever they are. We pray that the seed of God's word will take deep root in their hearts so they will be able to withstand the persecution and pressure they face for following Jesus. We pray that God will pour out His healing presence to the families of those killed for their faith and walk with Jesus as they continue to be Christ's ambassadors. We pray that through the Holy Spirit, they will experience the joy and freedom that God grants them when they forgive their persecutors, as the Lord Jesus have forgiven us.

*Acts 4:29 (NIV) Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.*

#### Overcoming Addictions

Lord, you are our deliverer. We ask the Lord for healing in families that are torn apart by addictions or strongholds in our life. We pray that God will protect those family members that are in harm's way because of their loved one's addictions. Everyone suffers in a family where there is addiction. We pray that you will give them courage and strength to face down their demons and hurts. And to clean out the wounds once and for all so they can be free from the sickness and pain that keeps them in bondage. May they seek the Lord's help for guidance and wisdom against these strongholds. We pray that you God will pour out your grace, mercy and healing power on each person who has been affected by someone with an addiction. We pray that God will break the chains and set the captives free and begin the healing that only God can bring. We pray that Jesus will bring hope, giving a vision of what life can be like for a person freed from pain and addiction. May they find redemption and restoration in our Lord.

*Matthew 6:13 (NIV) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

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