

PRAYING FOR PROSPERITY

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The bible teaches us to pray at all times about all things believing that God our Father will answer us. However, it is also a known fact that prosperity does not answer just to prayer, but to obedience to and application of covenant law and principles of prosperity.

Eccl 8:6

6 For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him.

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Praying that one will prosper alone will not get the job done, but practicing covenant principles will do it. It is ignorance to think that only prayers will bring prosperity without tithing, giving, sacrifice, hard work and focus. Biblical principles of success and prosperity must be practiced with passion and diligence to experience prosperity.

However, it is also essential that we pray, for through prayer, we settle many issues with God and obtain victory over forces that try to hinder our success. Through prayer we receive God's guidance, support and connections that bring us success and prosperity. We need to pray and through prayer handle what only can be settled through prayer.

Here are certain prayers that need to be effectively offered to aid and sustain prosperity as long as the person is working in obedience to covenant laws of prosperity.

2 Cor 10:4-6

4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

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PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that God will baptize you with the spirit of giving.

Luke 11:13

13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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2. Reject and banish from your life greed, covetousness, stinginess, selfishness, and the spirits behind them.

Col 3:5

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

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Prov 11:24-25

24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

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Deut 15:7

7 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother.

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Mark 16:17

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

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3. Receive grace to be a willing and cheerful tither and giver.

2 Cor 9:7

7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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4. Demolish every satanic road block in your part of progress.

1 John 3:8

8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

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5. Resist any person or spirit that wants to sit on your inheritance.

Ps 125:3

3 The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

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6. Ask the help of the Lord to build your business, careers and finances.

Ps 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

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7. Pray for the grace to walk in God's ways and in the fear of the Lord.

Ps 128:1-2

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

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Ps 23:1-2

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
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8. Rebuke the devourer that may come against you.

Mal 3:10-12

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. 12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

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9. Pray that you know how to follow the spirit as he leads you.

Rom 8:14

14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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Ps 32:8-9

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. 9 Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

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10. Pray that you will not be weary in planting your seed.

Gal 6:9-10

9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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Eccl 11:1-6

Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again. 2 Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. 3 If clouds are full of water, they pour rain upon the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there will it lie. 4 Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. 5 As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. 6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

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11. Pray that you be not carried away by your work or business, and that you continue to delight in the lord.

Ps 50:22

*22 "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with none to rescue:
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Ps 37:4

*4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.
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- 12.** Pray that you be able to manage success, and that the love of money and pride do not take root in you.

Deut 8:10-18

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

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- 13.** Commit your job, business deals to the Lord daily, depending on him and not on your own understanding.

Ps 37:5-6

5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: 6 He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

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- 14.** Entreat God's favour.

Ps 30:5

5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

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Ps 23:5-6

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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15. Pray for others to prosper.

Job 42:10-15

10 After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. 11 All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought upon him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. 12 The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. 13 And he also had seven sons and three daughters. 14 The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. 15 Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

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SUCCESS TIT-BITS

1. **Success that cost one his salvation is suicide.**
2. **Success is worthy of pursuit but not at the expense of one's relationship with his Creator and Saviour.**
3. **Enthusiasm is the lubricant of the engine of success.**
4. **Success requires your best ideas, skills, ability and strength.**
5. **Those who look up to God in faith and in prayer always succeed.**
6. **Success is the heritage of the believer in Christ. (Deuteronomy. 28:8 ; 2 Corinthians 2:14)**
7. **It takes determination to succeed. Those who refuse to give up always make it to the top.**
8. **It takes strong faith in God, in your vision and in yourself to succeed.**
9. **The faithful application of the principles of God's word for success makes success happen.**
10. **Success can make a man to come closer to God and can take a man away from God**
11. **Your present level of success can become an enemy (a clog in the wheel of progress) and stop you from moving forward, for it can make you think that you have arrived.**
12. **The danger of success is that it can make one proud and arrogant, and this will lead to a fall and destruction. (Proverbs. 16:18; 29:23)**
13. **Success can enhance your relationships or alienate you from people who love you and have been around you and a blessing to you before the success came.**
14. **You cannot succeed alone. You need people to succeed.**
15. **Time management is essential to success.**
16. **You need management skills to have success.**
17. **The pursuit of divine purpose leads to success.**
18. **You can only succeed in the area of your call and gifting.**

19. **It takes focus to make it in life. Broken focus is the real reason why men fail.**
20. **A positive mental attitude is a criterion for success.**
21. **There is no substitute to information in the school of success.**

WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. **Love is the greatest weapon in the universe where all else fails, love always wins. Love conquers, and has always conquered the beast in man. By the “Beast”, I mean the evil nature in man.**
2. **The meanest of all men has always bowed to love. No matter how hard-hearted or wicked a man may be, when loved, will bow. That is why the wicked have lovers – people that they laugh and play with. In the presence of such people wickedness is suspended or forgotten as long as their fellowship lasts.**
3. **There is something in man that craves for love. And nothing can fill that vacuum. Man is constructed (made) to love and to be loved. Man is created to seek and expect love. Man is created to fall for or bow to love. All this is so because man is a product of love from a loving God who himself is an embodiment of love – God is love.**
4. **Never relate outside of love – think, speak, respond and act in love all the time no matter what you see, hear or experience.**
5. **Everything about God is love. He exists in love. The essence of God is love. All He does, He does out of love. All He created, he created out of love. When He judges, He is driven by love. Every Father disciplines the children he loves. Discipline is an act of love and not hate. There is no hate or evil in God that is why He is described as the “unapproachable light”, one who “wraps himself in light as with a garment”, and The “father of heavenly light”. Light is a symbol of purity; and purity is the absence of evil.**
6. **If God is love and operates in love, anyone who claims to belong to and know Him must necessarily walk in love. Like father like child. No wonder Jesus said, “By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another” (John 13:35).**
7. **Love wins friends, maintains relationships and wins over enemies. Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8).**
8. **Love enables a man to overlook an offence**
9. **Love is the only true proof of sonship in Jesus Christ. Since God is love, you can’t be a son of God and not walk and live in love. Love is true evidence and mark of a true disciple of Jesus Christ. Love is the nature of the believer. It is the spiritual blood that flows in the vein of the believer. Love is the life that flows in the spirit of the believer. You can’t be born of God and not be a lover. You are a lover by nature, therefore, you can love anyone and everyone, including those who hate and ill-treat you. Shout it our Loud now,**

“I AM A LOVER”. Keep saying it to yourself until it starts flowing out of you.

- 10. Love conquers everyone and anyone who is loved. Anyone can change when loved. And love involves patience. You must be willing to be patient till the change expected is effected. You can't love without practicing patience.**

RENEWING THE MIND

- 1. Positive use of the mind brings happiness, good health, success, prosperity and long life.**
- 2. Negative use of the mind brings sadness, depression, high blood pressure, sickness and diseases, failure, poverty and untimely death.**
- 3. Problems give birth to creative thinking. The desire to solve a problem, change a situation, leads to creative thinking. When there is a problem, there will always be a way out. Every invention is a solution to a problem. Every creation of God or man is to meet a specific need, which was a problem at that time to someone or some people.**
- 4. A positive, creative thinker does not in the face of a problem react, he responds to the challenge through creative and resourceful thinking to overcome.**
- 5. Never stop what you are doing because things are not working out well; success is around the corner. Don't give up. Only think, pray and believe your way out of the problem.**
- 6. Never take no for an answer. Keep on keeping on no matter how hard the going may be. Go for ideas.**
- 7. A state of dissatisfaction leads to creative thinking. Those who are satisfied with what they have and where they are can never think creatively. It is for only those who want to make more progress. It is only the desperate that think of how to move forward, the satisfied don't.**
- 8. When you are irritated about your position in life and experience, you will think. The desire to end poverty, lack, frustration, stagnation and mediocrity will always lead to creative thinking.**
- 9. The pursuit of excellence causes a man to think creatively. There is nothing in its finished stage. There is always room for improvement. The desire to improve on your achievements will make you think creatively.**
- 10. The drive to be ahead of others makes a man to think creatively.**
- 11. The desire to remain relevant makes a man to think creatively. When there is nothing at stake, you are not challenged or propelled to think.**
- 12. Creative thinking is the answer to the problems of life.**

- 13. The desire to make a name or be famous makes a man to tax his brain and produce great products.**