

## 14 Life-Giving Prayers for the Church

*“They all joined together constantly in prayer” (Acts 1:14).*

1. God, You are the only true God. We ask you to encourage our *pastor and church staff* when ministry gets tough. Help them to remain faithful with the things You have entrusted to them (2 Cor. 4:1; 1 Cor. 4:1-2).
2. Teach us, Father, to respect and honor our *overseers and deacons*. May they give whole-hearted attention to prayer and ministry. Keep them devoted to their families and above reproach. May they be gentle, honest, and wise as they carry out their responsibilities (Acts 6:4; 1 Tim. 3:1-2, 5:17; Titus 1:7).
3. Lord, we pray that our *worship leaders* will stand in awe of the splendor of Your holiness. Use their praise to defeat the enemy. May they be true worshippers who worship You in spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You (2 Chron. 20:21-22; John 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3).
4. Father, may *every teacher in our church* correctly handle the Word of God, admonishing and teaching wisely. Let them speak with the faith that flows from their daily walks with You (2 Tim. 2:15; Col. 1:28; 2 Cor. 4:13).
5. Holy God, we pray for our *students*, and *those who work with children and students* in our church and community that they will set examples in speech, life, love, faith, and purity. Let them be strong and alive-in-the-Word “overcomers,” as they share Your life-giving principles. Give them discernment to deal with the temptations, troubles and hardships of those they teach by entering into their struggles and teaching them to trust and follow You at all times (1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 Tim. 4:12; 1 John 2:14; Prov. 7:2, 7).
6. Thank You, Lord, for every *behind-the-scenes-worker* who is devoted to service. Bless them for their obedience and generosity—may You receive praise as a result! Reward them for serving You humbly and whole-heartedly rather than seeking to be noticed by others (1 Cor. 16:15-16; 2 Cor. 9:12-13; Eph. 6:7).
7. Lord, send out *workers* into your harvest field and increase Your kingdom through new converts. Let the gospel be presented to *the lost* around and among us with power and conviction. Let us make the most of every opportunity as we spread everywhere the fragrance of Christ (Matt. 9:37-38; Acts 1:8; 2:47; 1 Thess. 1:5; Col. 4:5; 2 Cor. 2:15).
8. Let *the hurting* come to know You as El Roi, the God who sees them. Bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted. Set the captives free. Replace mourning with Your oil of gladness. Comfort them so they will have a ministry of comfort to others (Gen. 16:13; Isa. 61:1-3; 2 Cor. 1:3-4).

9. Father, we eagerly desire the *spiritual gifts* You give for the common good. Help us to use these various gifts to build up the body of Christ, administering Your grace with renewed passion (1 Cor. 12:4-7, 14:1; Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Tim. 1:6).
10. Holy Spirit, we desire to live pure and obedient lives so our love for one another will be sincere and from the heart. Give us a spirit of *unity* so we glorify You with one heart and voice. Help us to accept one another in love (John 17:11, 20-21; 1 Pet. 1:22; Rom. 15:5-7; Col. 3:14).
11. Jesus, fill us daily with Your Spirit and find us faithful in making disciples of Christ who will make other disciples, sharing the life and love of Jesus with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as with our neighbors and the nations (John 14:21; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Tim. 2:2).
12. God, our Provider, may we sow generously without reluctance or compulsion. Make grace abound so we have the *finances* we need to do every good work You have assigned to us and so that You are known and made famous through our generosity (Mal. 3:10; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-11).
13. Father, your house is to be a *house of prayer*! Led us to pray first and continually with thankful hearts. Transform us into righteous men and women whose prayers are powerful and effective (Mark 11:17; 1 Thess. 5:17-18; Ps. 32:6; Rom. 12:1-2; James 5:16).
14. *Revive us*, Jesus, so we burn hot for You. Give us singleness of heart and action that we may always fear You and follow Your precepts. Open our minds to Your Word and set our hearts ablaze (Rev. 3:14-16; Jer. 32:39; Ps. 111:10; Luke 24:32, 45).