Prayers Regarding Church Leaders Inner Spiritual Development

Prayer notes Prayer Time 30 min.

NOTE: Pray in groups of three.

* One person reads the verse, holds the Bible open and upward to God, then prays that verse in his own words back to the Father.
* Next each person takes one line (sub-point) and prays for it.

### Luke 14:33. “Therefore whichever of you that renounces not all that he has, he can not be my disciple.”

- His life was a life of giving — giving what the Father had given him, John 15:15.

- What giving are you calling me to do Heavenly Father?

- What giving are you expecting from each of our churches?

### John 15:13. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his province! (friends)

- Lord Jesus I see how the things which the 12 cherished — physical satisfaction, popular acclaim, prestige — you refused;

While the things which the 12 sought to escape — poverty, humiliation, sorrow, and even death — you accepted willingly for their sake.

- Where do I fit in Jesus? What changes should I be making tonight?

- Show me Lord Jesus how far or how close I am to what you want me to be Lord.

### John 17:18. As you sent me into the world, so have I sent them into the world.

- Dear lord Jesus God the Father sent you and you sent the 12, and now you are sending us. What does it mean to be sent?

- To whom are you sending us Lord? Who are the seekers you have already prepared?

- Open our eyes Lord to the multitudes. There are multitudes around us. John 3:16 tells us that you love them and you do don’t want them in hell but in heaven with you Lord Jesus. Give us burning hearts to gather in a harvest.

### John 17:19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself. (Note that he sanctified himself not because it was necessary, but he did this for them.)

- His sanctification was not for his own benefit; but it was for the disciples, that they might be sanctified.

- That is to say, in giving himself to God, he gave himself to the 12 men, so that they would make a similar commitment to their mission of evangelism.

- Lord your example makes it obvious that I need to sanctify myself.

- Lord I need to sanctify myself both to you and to the 12 men you are going to give me.

- Lord we have prayed about sanctification — what does it mean? What does it mean for me Lord?

### Matt 10:8.They were to give as freely as they had received.

- Holy Spirit you are our divine manager show us all the benefits we have in the Gospel.

- Holy Spirit give us excitement to share these benefits with others.

- Holy Spirit we pray for a passion to just start giving to people your eternal treasures.

### John 15:9,10. They were to love one another as he loved them.

- We realize Lord that love is the only way to win the free response of sinners.

- Lord we confess that basically, and most of the time we do not have such love.

- Jesus we must confess that in many cases we do not even comprehend what kind of love you are talking about.

- Such love is only possible by the presence of Christ in our hearts. Are you in me Lord? Do I have such love?

### John 6:63. It is the Spirit that quickens

- By the power of the Spirit the disciples were promised the ability to do the same things Jesus had done. John 14:12. Do you expect me also to do the same things you did Lord?

- All we need to do is to let the Spirit have complete charge of our lives. Lord, I confess that many days this is not a reality in my life yet. But I want this. Would you change me?

- It is easy to see then why Jesus expected them to wait until the Spirit became a reality to them. I want that reality Lord. I am waiting tonight.

### John 20:22, Receive the Holy Spirit; Acts 2:4. On the Day of Pentecost — all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit…..

- Evangelism had to become in them a burning compulsion within them purifying their desires and guiding their thoughts.

- Nothing less than a personal baptism of the Spirit would suffice. I guess Holy Spirit that we need the same thing. It doesn’t have to be in the same way but come upon us we pray.

- The supernatural work to which they were called required supernatural help. — That is precisely where we are at now. We need your supernatural help Holy Spirit.

### Eph. 5:18 and others. Be filled with the Spirit.

- Because we are inadequate the New Testament repeatedly emphasizes the filling of the Spirit after initial salvation.

- This meant that the disciples through confession of their deep seated pride and enmity in utter surrender of themselves to Christ had to come by faith into a new and refining experience of the Spirit’s filling.

- I need that — we all need it. Everyone that wants to be effective needs it.

- Effectiveness does not rest with us — it rests with the Holy Spirit in us.

### Psalm 51. This Psalm shows that not perfection but transparency is God’s great desire.

- Those of you who are seeking to train people must be prepared to have the 12 men follow you, just as you follow Christ.

- We are not perfect as our master. These 12 men will see shortcomings in your life. But let them also see your readiness to confess your faults. Let them hear you apologize to those who were wronged.

### Mark 6:7. He began by giving them his own authority and power to do his work.

### Matt 10:40. He closed by assuring them that what they were doing was as if he himself was doing it.

### John 20:21. As the Father has sent me, so send I you.