

How to develop a prayer ministry plan

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Setting a ministry/business plan for a prayer ministry can be very helpful. God is the “master planner” for your prayer ministry and as you ask Him, he will direct you. Each church prayer ministry will develop differently. Some prayer leaders and churches will be lead one way. Other prayer leaders and churches another way.

Hopefully the thoughts below will help you as you develop your own plan.

1. Where to start? Begin with prayer. Pray for God to lead you (and your team if you have one in place), as you set an outline for your prayer ministry.

2. Pray for other like-minded pray-ers to come along side of you as you begin to pray through the plan.

3. You may want to include the following:

Your vision

Your mission statement

Your statement of faith

Your goals

Key values

Key scriptures

4. Involve your pastor and church leadership early in the process. Present your initial Prayer Team Ministry Plan to your pastor. Remember you are under his authority, and other leadership in your church. A document lets them see your vision on paper. It allows them to see where you want to go with the ministry.

To help you develop your own Prayer Team Ministry Plan, here is the initial Prayer Ministry Business Plan presented to our church leadership. (They quickly approved and offered our lay-led ministry great support).

Church Prayer Team Ministry Plan

1. Our vision: For God to establish our Church as “a House of Prayer for all nations”. Isaiah 56:6. Matthew 21:13.

2. Our mission statement:

We submit to Jesus Christ as the Head of the church and will strive to obey His command that His church should be called a House of prayer. We will not seek our own will — through our own efforts — but we will humbly come before God with a repentant heart seeking His will.

We will seek Him first in all things. We will be still before Him. We will wait for Him. We will listen for His voice. We will obey Him. We will share with the church authorities what we hear and submit to their authority.

3. Statement of faith: Prayer is the foundation God has given us to build His church upon Jesus Christ its head. Matthew 16:13-18 ¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

Isaiah 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and **make them joyful in my house of prayer:** their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, **My house shall be called the house of prayer;** but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Mark 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, **My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer?** but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Luke 19:46 Saying unto them, It is written, **My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.**

4. Goals:

Immediate goals

- To pray for all items below:
- To make our church "A House of prayer for the nations"
- To pray for and organize a prayer leadership team
- To promote prayer church wide in all church ministries and people groups:
Nursery through Victors. New members through staff and church officers.
- To identify and recruit prayer leaders in the following areas:
 - Childcare
 - Young people
 - Junior High
 - Senior High
 - Missions
 - Woman's ministries
 - Men's ministries
 - Stewardship Committee
 - Ministerial staff
 - Elders
 - Deacons
 - Church School
 - Neighborhood Congregation
- Monthly prayer meetings for elders
- 1/2 Day of Prayer with church elders for healing (every six weeks)
- Tuesday Evening Weekly Prayer Gatherings with prayer team
- First Friday, Prayer and Worship Gatherings
- Have a daytime prayer meeting with childcare
- Prayer for Church service on Sunday . Involve discipleship teams to pray for Sunday service during the early service
- Have a church wide call to fasting and prayer.
- To provide the church with a full-equipped prayer room
- To have a yearly Prayer Team Appreciation Banquet.

- To provide ongoing teaching opportunities for our members on prayer
- To help facilitate Lighthouses of Prayer
- To help encourage and facilitate Prayer Walks. Neighborhoods. Schools.
- To bring in a guest speaker to speak to entire congregation on prayer
- To provide monthly prayer support for Worship Teams
- To provide prayer for Cancer Support team.

Long-term goals (one to two years from now)

- All night prayer and worship meetings (Quarterly, Semi-annually, Annually?)
- 24 hour prayer for the church (sign up and pray in prayer room)
- Organize crisis prayer chain.
- Host a major prayer conference to train other prayer leaders. LOCAL churches/others.
- Advertise prayer hot line

We will always make sure we pray for these three things at our corporate gatherings for prayer.

1. For our church to become “a house of prayer”. Matthew 21:13 “It is written,” he said to them, “ ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a ‘den of robbers.’ ”

2. Praying blessings and protection for our senior pastor. For his daily time alone with God to be rich and meaningful. For God to continue to anoint him and give him understanding. For God to bless him and keep him close to Him. For our pastor to be a humble man. That he would not fall into temptation or any moral failure. For protection for him, his wife and children from the evil one. For God to surround him with his angels to protect him.

3. For the Lord of the harvest to send out the workers. Jesus commands us to ask God for workers for the harvest. Matthew 9:37,38 ³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Values

- Repentance
- Humility
- Christ lifted up
- All things in prayer
- Worship
- Faith
- Fasting
- Faithful
- Patience - waiting
- Standing. (Standing still in the Lord)
- Persistence
- Devoted
- Watchful
- Intercession
- Passionate

- Encouragement
- Holiness
- Righteous
- Obedience
- Submission
- Servanthood
- Individual prayer (closet time)
- Group prayer (two or more)
- Corporate prayer (sacred assembly)
- Unity — (in one accord)
- Without ceasing

Model of the early church

The church is “conceived” in the prayer room.

Acts 1:12-15 ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ **They all joined together constantly in prayer,** along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)

The church is “birthed” in the streets.

Acts 2:38-42 ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, **and about three thousand were added to their number that day.** ⁴² **They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

Early church members gathered often to pray corporately.

Acts 12:5-18 ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. ⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. ⁹ Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating.” ¹² When this had dawned on him, **he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.** ¹³ Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, “Peter is at the door!” ¹⁵ “You’re out of your mind,” they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, “It must be his angel.” ¹⁶ But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. ¹⁷ Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. “Tell James and the brothers about this,” he said, and then he left for another place. ¹⁸ In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter.

The elders declared they were to give their attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:1-4 ¹ In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them” ⁴ **and will give our attention to prayer and the**

ministry of the word.”

Key verses:

House of prayer

Isaiah 56:6-7 ⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant — ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Matthew 21:13 “It is written,” he said to them, “ ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a ‘den of robbers.’ ”

Christ lifted up

John 12:32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

Revelation 5:12 In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

All things in prayer

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Worship

Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Faith

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 10:38 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.”

Intercession

1 Timothy 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, **intercession** and thanksgiving be made for everyone —

Passion

Hebrews 5:7 During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Joyful, Patient, Faithful

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Philippians 1:4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

Devoted, watchful, thankful

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God.

Ephesians 1:16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

Encouragement

Hebrews 10:24,25 ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together,

as some are in the habit of doing, but **let us encourage one another** —and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1Thessalonians 5:11 **Therefore encourage one another and build each other up**, just as in fact you are doing.

Righteousness

1 Peter 3:12 **For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer**, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Psalms 64:10 **The righteous shall be glad in the LORD**, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Hebrews 10:38 **But my righteous one will live by faith**. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.”

Holiness

James 5:16 **Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**

Repentance

Mark 1:15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. **Repent and believe the good news!**”

Mark 6:12 They went out and **preached that people should repent**.

Acts 3:19 **Repent, then, and turn to God**, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Acts 8:22 **Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord**. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

Individual Prayer (closet time)

Matthew 6:6 **But when you pray, go into your room (closet), close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen**. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Corporate Prayer

Matthew 18:19,20 ¹⁹“Again, I tell you that **if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you** by my Father in heaven.” ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Acts 1:14 **They all joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and **to prayer**.

Hebrews 10:25 **Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another** —and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sacred Assembly

Acts 6:4 and (the elders) will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

Joel 1:14 Declare a holy fast; **call a sacred assembly**. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.

Humility

James 4:6-10 ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: **“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”** ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.**

God’s will. God’s way.

Matthew 6:8-10 ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, **your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Psalms 25:4 **Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;**

Psalms 77:13 **Your ways, O God, are holy.** What god is so great as our God?

Psalms 81:13 “If my people would but listen to me, if Israel would follow my ways,

Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways,

Isaiah 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, **neither are your ways my ways,**” declares the LORD.

Isaiah 58:2 **For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways,** as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

Jeremiah 7:23 but I gave them this command: **Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in all the ways I command you, that it may go well with you.**

Seek Him

Deuteronomy 4:29 But if from there you **seek the LORD your God, you will find him** if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

1 Chronicles 16:10 Glory in his holy name; **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

1 Chronicles 16:11 Look to the LORD and his strength; **seek his face always.**

1 Chronicles 28:9 “And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. **If you seek him, he will be found by you;** but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and **seek my face** and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 15:2 He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. **If you seek him, he will be found by you,** but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

2 Chronicles 15:12 They entered into a covenant **to seek the LORD,** the God of their fathers, with all their heart and soul.

2 Chronicles 18:4 But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, “**First seek the counsel of the LORD.**”

2 Chronicles 20:4 The people of Judah **came together to seek help from the LORD;** indeed, they came from every town in Judah **to seek him.**

Psalms 9:10 Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, **have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Psalms 10:4 In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Psalms 14:2 **The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.**

Psalms 27:4 One thing I ask of the LORD, **this is what I seek:** that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and **to seek him in his temple.**

Psalms 63:1 O God, you are my God, **earnestly I seek you;** my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Proverbs 8:17 **I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.**

Isaiah 31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or **seek help from the LORD.**

Jeremiah 29:13 **You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

Matthew 6:33 **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 12:31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

John 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Acts 17:27 God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Humility

2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, **will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways**, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Psalms 18:27 **You save the humble** but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

Psalms 25:9 **He guides the humble** in what is right and teaches them his way.

Isaiah 66:2 Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. **"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.**

Daniel 10:12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and **to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard**, and I have come in response to them.

James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: **"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."**

James 4:10 **Humble yourselves before the Lord**, and he will lift you up.

1 Peter 5:6 **Humble yourselves**, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Be still.

Psalms 37:7 **Be still before the LORD** and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalms 46:10 **"Be still, and know that I am God;** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Wait

Numbers 9:8 Moses answered them, **"Wait until I find out what the LORD commands concerning you."**

Psalms 5:3 In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and **wait in expectation.**

Psalms 27:14 **Wait for the LORD;** be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalms 33:20 **We wait in hope for the LORD;** he is our help and our shield.

Psalms 37:7 Be still before the LORD and **wait patiently for him;** do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalms 37:34 **Wait for the LORD and keep his way.** He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

Psalms 38:15 **I wait for you, O LORD;** you will answer, O Lord my God.

Psalms 130:5 **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,** and in his word I put my hope.

Psalms 130:6 **My soul waits for the Lord** more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Lamentations 3:24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; **therefore I will wait for him.**"

Lamentations 3:26 **it is good to wait quietly** for the salvation of the LORD.

Hosea 12:6 But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and **wait for your God always**.

Micah 7:7 But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, **I wait for God my Savior**; my God will hear me.

Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about.

Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, **we wait for it patiently**.

1 Corinthians 1:7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as **you eagerly wait** for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; **wait till the Lord comes**. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

Watch

Matthew 26:41 "**Watch and pray** so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Ezekiel 3:17 "Son of man, **I have made you a watchman** for the house of Israel; **so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me**.

Listen

1 Kings 19:11,12 ¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. **And after the fire came a gentle whisper**.

Deuteronomy 5:27 **Go near and listen to all that the LORD our God says**. Then tell us whatever the LORD our God tells you. We will listen and obey."

Deuteronomy 30:20 and that you may love the LORD your God, **listen to his voice**, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 31:12 Assemble the people —men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns —so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.

1 Samuel 15:1 Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the LORD sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; **so listen now to the message from the LORD**.

2 Kings 17:14 **But they would not listen** and were as **stiff-necked** as their fathers, who **did not trust in the LORD their God**.

2 Kings 17:40 **They would not listen**, however, but persisted in their former practices.

Job 15:8 **Do you listen in on God's council?** Do you limit wisdom to yourself?

Job 33:31 "**Pay attention, Job, and listen to me**; be silent, and I will speak.

Job 36:10 **He makes them listen to correction and commands them to repent of their evil**.

Psalms 81:11 "**But my people would not listen to me**; Israel would not submit to me.

Psalms 81:13 "**If my people would but listen to me**, if Israel would follow my ways,

Proverbs 8:32 "Now then, my sons, **listen to me**; blessed are those who keep my ways.

Proverbs 8:33 **Listen to my instruction and be wise**; do not ignore it.

Ecclesiastes 5:1 Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. **Go near to listen** rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

Isaiah 28:23 **Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say**.

Isaiah 30:9 These are **rebellious** people, **deceitful** children, children **unwilling to listen** to the LORD's instruction.

Isaiah 48:12 "**Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called:** I am he; I am the first and I am the last.

Isaiah 51:1 "**Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD:** Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

Isaiah 51:4 "**Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation:** The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.

Jeremiah 6:17 I appointed watchmen over you and said, Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But you said, '**We will not listen.**'

Jeremiah 7:13 **While you were doing all these things, declares the LORD, I spoke to you again and again, but you did not listen;** I called you, but you did not answer.

Jeremiah 17:23 **Yet they did not listen or pay attention;** they were stiff-necked and **would not listen or respond to discipline.**

Jeremiah 25:7 "**But you did not listen to me,**" declares the LORD, "and you have provoked me with what your hands have made, and you have brought harm to yourselves."

Jeremiah 44:5 **But they did not listen or pay attention;** they did not turn from their wickedness or stop burning incense to other gods.

Ezekiel 3:7 But the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you because **they are not willing to listen to me,** for the whole house of Israel is hardened and obstinate.

Ezekiel 20:8 "**But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me;** they did not get rid of the vile images they had set their eyes on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. So I said I would pour out my wrath on them and spend my anger against them in Egypt.

Micah 6:9 **Listen!** The LORD is calling to the city — and to fear your name is wisdom — Heed the rod and the One who appointed it.

Zechariah. 7:13 "**'When I called, they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen,'** says the LORD Almighty.

Matthew 15:10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "**Listen and understand.**

Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. **Listen to him!**"

Mark 7:14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "**Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.**

Mark 9:7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. **Listen to him!**"

John 10:3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:8 All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but **the sheep did not listen** to them.

John 10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. **They too will listen to my voice,** and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10:27 **My sheep listen to my voice;** I know them, and they follow me.

Intercede for others.

1 Kings. 13:6 Then the king said to the man of God, "**Intercede** with the LORD your God and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of God interceded with the LORD, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.

Stand

Ezekiel 22:30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and **stand** before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on your guard; **stand** firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

2 Corinthians 1:21 Now it is God who makes both us and you **stand** firm in Christ. He anointed us,

2 Corinthians 1:24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you **stand** firm.

2 Corinthians 2:9 The reason I wrote you was to see if you would **stand** the test and be obedient in everything.

Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. **Stand** firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your **stand** against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to **stand**.

Ephesians 6:14 **Stand** firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,