

HOW TO PRAY AS A BUSINESSMAN / EMPLOYER

What to pray

☞ Take responsibility before God for the employees He has entrusted to you. Pray and ask the Lord to help you pray diligently for them, and also show you whom to pray for.

☞ Ask the Lord to make you a fisher of men in your workplace and in the marketplace, a fearless witness of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; someone who is not ashamed of the gospel.

*“Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’”
(Matt. 4:19).*

*“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes – the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, ‘It is through faith that a righteous person has life’”
(Rom. 1:16-17).*

“So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don’t be ashamed of me, either, even though I’m in prison for Him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News” (2 Tim. 1:8).

☞ Pray for the salvation of your employees and clients.

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent” (2 Pet. 3:9).

“I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent” (Luke 5:32).

☞ Ask the Lord to reveal to you through the Holy Spirit the felt needs of people; their daily practical needs and necessities. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you when to physically pray with people for their needs. Pray God’s blessing on your employees and their families every day; pray for their health, for insight to make the right decisions and for their physical and spiritual protection.

“May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace” (Num. 6:24-26).

“He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, ‘Oh, that You would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!’ And God granted him his request” (1 Chron. 4:10).

- 🔊 Ask the Lord for strength to be disciplined in making time to spend with Him.
- 🔊 Pray for self-control and gentleness when you are treated unfairly, when things go wrong at work, and when you experience frustrations.

“The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” (Gal. 5:22-23).

“And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins” (Matt. 6:13-15).
- 🔊 Pray that the Lord will protect you from sexual temptation, dishonesty, unethical behavior, lovelessness, a critical spirit, lying, bossiness, manipulation and domineering people.

“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure” (1 Cor. 10:13).

“God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor” (1 Thess. 4:3-4).
- 🔊 Pray that the Lord will help you not to make work your god and that you will not be a slave to your work. Ask Him to teach you the meaning of Psalm 127:1-2 in your daily life,

“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones.”
- 🔊 Ask the Lord to set you free from greed and to be content with what He gives you.

“Then Peter began to speak up. ‘We’ve given up everything to follow You,’ he said. ‘Yes,’ Jesus replied, ‘and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for My sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property – along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life. But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then’” (Mark 10:28-31).

“So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows” (1 Tim. 6:8, 10).

- 🔊 Ask God to help you to be just and fair. Pay fair and reasonable wages.
“For the Scripture says, ‘You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain.’ And in another place, ‘Those who work deserve their pay!’” (1 Tim 5:18).
- 🔊 Give a tithe from your income, even more than a tenth, where God leads you, for the work of the kingdom of God. Ask the Lord’s guidance to invest your money wisely in His kingdom.
“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,’ says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, ‘I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test!’” (Mal. 3:10).
“God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, ‘They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever’” (2 Cor. 9:8-9).
- 🔊 Ask the Lord to give you the heart of a servant.
“The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted” (Matt. 23:11-12).
“Among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave” (Matt. 20:26-27).
- 🔊 Ask the Lord to help you function well in a team and to enable you to put others above yourself.
“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves” (Phil. 2:3).
- 🔊 Ask the Lord to help you, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be a practical disciple and to be a practical follower of Jesus in the workplace.
- 🔊 Pray that the Lord will help you to treat others, as you would like them to treat you.
“Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything” (Prov. 11:24).
- 🔊 Provide good service and a good product to people.
- 🔊 Pray that God, through the Holy Spirit, will pour out His love into your heart to love unconditionally, to be strong, and to even understand the fullness of God’s love for you.
“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who

believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead” (Eph. 1:19-20).

“I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God” (Eph. 3:16-19).

“This hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love” (Rom. 5:5).

- 📖 Pray daily for the working of the sevenfold Spirit of God in your heart.

“The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord” (Isa. 1 1:2).

- 📖 Pray that God will help you to handle conflict between people – to know what to do and how to help people who are hurting.

- 📖 Pray for signs and miracles and the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in your workplace.
“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

“Now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, Your servants, great boldness in preaching Your Word. Stretch out Your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.’ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the Word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:29-31).

“God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever He chose” (Heb. 2:4). “My message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God” (1 Cor. 2:4-5).

- 📖 Pray daily for the establishment of the kingdom of God in the work place. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you what it means and what to pray for.

Pray like this: “Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven” (Matt. 6:9-10).