

Weekly Prayer Strategy

27 Jan – 2 Feb

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Stewart Bishop entitled:

Struck Down But Not Destroyed.

Prayer Point 1

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 Amplified Bible

³Blessed [gratefully praised and adored] be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts and encourages us in every trouble so that we will be able to comfort and encourage those who are in any kind of trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For just as Christ's sufferings are ours in abundance [as they overflow to His followers], so also our comfort [our reassurance, our encouragement, our consolation] is abundant through Christ [it is truly more than enough to endure what we must].

- Pray that you would embrace the mercies and comfort of God in all circumstances.
- Pray that you would be one who in turn comforts and encourages those in trouble with the comfort received from God.

Prayer Point 2

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

⁸ For we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about our trouble in [the west coast province of] Asia [Minor], how we were utterly weighed down, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life [itself]. ⁹ Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death [and were convinced that we would die, but this happened] so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He rescued us from so great a threat of death and will continue to rescue us. On Him we have set our hope. And He will again rescue us [from danger and draw us near],

- Pray that we would be a Church and people whose trust is completely in God and that we would never trust in man.

Prayer Point 3

2 Corinthians 1:20 Amplified Bible

²⁰ For as many as are the promises of God, in Christ they are [all answered] "Yes." So through Him we say our "Amen" to the glory of God.

- Pray that God will shift your faith to the place of knowing that He is determined to fulfill His word in our life at all times.

Prayer Point 4

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 Amplified Bible

⁸We are pressured in every way [hedged in], but not crushed; perplexed [unsure of finding a way out], but not driven to despair; ⁹ hunted down and persecuted, but not deserted [to stand alone]; struck down, but never destroyed.

- Pray that you would be one who walks in unwavering hope, always resilient in the face of persecution.

Prayer Point 5

Psalms 3:5-6 NIV

⁵ I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. ⁶ I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.

1 Samuel 13:5-6 Amplified Bible

⁵ Now the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel, 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen, and troops in multitude, like sand on the seashore. They came up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth-aven. ⁶ When the men of Israel saw that they were in a tight situation (for their troops were hard-pressed), they hid in caves, in thickets, in cellars, and in [dry] cisterns (pits).

- Pray that even when under the pressures of life, you would not live in fear but would know that God sustains you all the way.

Prayer Point 6

Romans 8:26 Amplified Bible

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs and groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:11 New International Version

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of [a] his Spirit who lives in you.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in prayer during seasons of hardships so that you can pray aright and not based on your feelings.

Prayer Point 7

1 Corinthians 16:8-9 New International Version

⁸But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

- Pray that you would never be oblivious to the enemy's works and strategies over your life but that you would always seek God on how to fight the enemy when he shows up.

Prayer Point 8

Matthew 28:18-20 Amplified Bible

¹⁸ Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."

- Pray that you would walk in the confidence that Jesus has given believers the authority to rule and reign in all manner on the earth.

Prayer Point 9

Proverbs 24:16 NIV

¹⁶ For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.

- Pray that you would carry the tenacity of a bulldog, never losing focus but fighting until the battle is won.

Prayer Point 10

2 Corinthians 4:15-18 Amplified Bible

¹⁵ For all [these] things are for your sake, so that as [God's remarkable, undeserved] grace reaches to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of [our great] God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not become discouraged [spiritless, disappointed, or afraid]. Though our outer self is [progressively] wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our momentary, light distress [this passing trouble] is producing for us an eternal weight of glory [a fullness] beyond all measure [surpassing all comparisons, a

transcendent splendour and an endless blessedness]! ¹⁸ So we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen; for the things which are visible are temporal [just brief and fleeting], but the things which are invisible are everlasting and imperishable.

- Pray that as you journey with Christ, you would also never lose focus of the hope, joy and everlasting life awaiting you in heaven.