



# WAYFINDER

PRAYER AS OUR GUIDE





# LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

I KEEP MY EYES ALWAYS ON THE LORD. WITH HIM AT MY  
RIGHT HAND, I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

– PSALM 16:8

SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING. INCLINE MY  
HEART TO YOUR WORDS, AND LET YOUR SPEECH COME UPON  
ME AS DEW UPON THE GRASS. IN DAYS GONE BY THE  
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAID TO MOSES, "SPEAK TO US AND WE  
SHALL LISTEN; DO NOT LET THE LORD SPEAK TO US, LEST WE  
DIE." THIS IS NOT HOW I PRAY, LORD. NO. WITH THE GREAT  
PROPHET SAMUEL, I HUMBLY AND EARNESTLY BEG: "SPEAK  
LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING." SO, DO NOT LET  
MOSES SPEAK TO ME, BUT YOU, O LORD, MY GOD, ETERNAL  
TRUTH, YOU SPEAK TO ME. IF I HEAR YOUR VOICE, MAY I NOT  
BE CONDEMNED FOR HEARING THE WORD AND NOT  
FOLLOWING IT, FOR KNOWING IT AND NOT LOVING IT. SPEAK  
THEN, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT LISTENS, FOR YOU HAVE THE  
WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. SPEAK TO ME TO COMFORT MY  
SOUL AND TO CHANGE MY WHOLE LIFE; IN TURN, MAY IT GIVE  
YOU PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR, FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN."

– THOMAS À KEMPIS



# PRAYER OF AUTHORITY

THIS KIND CAN COME OUT ONLY BY PRAYER.

- MARK 9:29

FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. 11 PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, SO THAT YOU CAN TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES.

- EPHESIANS 6:10

IN THE STRONG NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I STAND AGAINST THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL. I RESIST EVERY FORCE THAT WOULD SEEK TO DISTRACT ME FROM MY CENTER IN GOD. I REJECT THE DISTORTED CONCEPTS AND IDEAS THAT MAKE SIN PLAUSIBLE AND DESIRABLE. I OPPOSE EVERY ATTEMPT TO KEEP ME FROM KNOWING FULL FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT I SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE THOUGHTS, EMOTIONS, AND DESIRES OF MY HEART AND COMMAND YOU TO FIND YOUR SATISFACTION IN THE INFINITE VARIETY OF GOD'S LOVE RATHER THAN THE BLAND DIET OF SIN. I CALL UPON THE GOOD, THE TRUE, AND BEAUTIFUL TO RISE UP WITHIN ME AND THE EVIL TO SUBSIDE. I ASK FOR AN INCREASE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. . . .



# PRAYER OF AUTHORITY

BY THE AUTHORITY OF ALMIGHTY GOD I TEAR DOWN SATAN'S STRONGHOLDS IN MY LIFE, IN THE LIVES OF THOSE I LOVE, AND IN THE SOCIETY IN WHICH I LIVE. I TAKE INTO MYSELF THE WEAPONS OF TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, SALVATION, THE WORD OF GOD, AND PRAYER. I COMMAND EVERY EVIL INFLUENCE TO LEAVE; YOU HAVE NO RIGHT HERE AND I ALLOW YOU NO POINT OF ENTRY. I ASK FOR AN INCREASE OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE SO THAT, BY THE POWER OF GOD. I CAN BE A LIGHT SET ON A HILL, CAUSING TRUTH AND JUSTICE TO FLOURISH. THESE THINGS I PRAY FOR THE SAKE OF HIM WHO LOVE ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, AMEN

- "PRAYER OF AUTHORITY", RICHARD J. FOSTER. *PRAYER*



# PRAYER OF PETITION

**AN INTIMATE INVITATION TO DISCOVER AND SURRENDER  
TO THE WILL OF GOD**

DURING THE DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE ON EARTH, HE OFFERED UP PRAYERS AND PETITIONS WITH FERVENT CRIES AND TEARS TO THE ONE WHO COULD SAVE HIM FROM DEATH, AND HE WAS HEARD BECAUSE OF HIS REVERENT SUBMISSION

[TO GOD'S WILL].

- HEBREWS 5:7

WE WILL FAIL IN OUR PRAYER LIFE. WE WILL FAIL TO SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL. THAT'S WHY JESUS AGONIZED IN GETHSEMANE AND WHY CARRIED OUR FAILURES TO THE CROSS. HE OBEYED HIS FATHER BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T. HE SUFFERED [SEPARATION FROM THE FATHER] SO WE WOULDN'T. HE PAID FOR THE SINS WE COULDN'T. THAT'S THE GOSPEL. THAT'S THE ULTIMATE LESSON GOD WANTS US TO LEARN. IT'S THE LESSON THAT FUELS OUR PRAYER LIFE. IT'S THE LESSON THAT LEADS US TO OBEDIENTLY SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL. ...



# PRAYER OF PETITION

WHEN WE THINK OF IT THAT WAY, WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS WILLINGLY SUBMITTED TO THE GREATEST INJUSTICE IN HISTORY TO SAVE US FROM GOD'S JUSTICE — THEN THE MINOR INJUSTICES WE SUFFER IN LIFE DON'T SEEM QUITE SO OUTRAGEOUS, DO THEY? WHEN LIFE SEEMS UNFAIR AND UNJUST LEARN FROM JESUS TO SUBMIT IN PRAYER AND WITH OBEDIENCE; AND, ABOVE ALL, LOOK TO HIM AS THE SOURCE OF ETERNAL SALVATION, THE ONE WHO WILL COME AGAIN TO SAVE YOU FROM THIS UNJUST WORLD. AMEN.

— JOSHUA JANKE

RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MCFARLAND, WISCONSIN



# PRAYERS OF DISCERNMENT

## ACTIVE WAITING

LORD, GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO DO THE THINGS I NEED TO DO WHILE I AM WAITING FOR THE ANSWERS I NEED TO HEAR. MAY I NOT LET GO NOR HOLD ON BUT BE FAITHFUL TO MOVE IN STEP WITH YOU. GRANT ME EQUAL MEASURES OF PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE AS I TRUST YOUR TIMING.

AMEN



# PRAYERS OF DISCERNMENT

## GETTING INTO THE WORD

LORD, GUIDE ME THROUGH YOUR WORD THAT I MAY BE  
GROUNDED TO TRUTH. HOLY SPIRIT ILLUMINATE THE HOLY  
SCRIPTURES THAT THEY BE A LIGHT UPON THE PATH IN WHICH  
YOU ARE LEADING ME. AS I MEDITATE ON YOUR WORD MAY IT  
SPEAK TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES I AM IN.

AMEN



# PRAYERS OF DISCERNMENT

## SEEKING WISE COUNSEL

LORD; OPEN MY EARS, EYES, MIND AND HEART TO WISDOM.  
PLEASE LEAD ME TO TRUSTED PEOPLE WHO CAN OFFER  
GODLY COUNSEL THAT ECHOES YOUR WILL. PREPARE THEM IN  
ADVANCE FOR OUR CONVERSATION AND MAY IT BRING  
INSIGHT AND PEACE.

AMEN



# PRAYERS OF DISCERNMENT

## **SURRENDERING WILL**

LORD, GRANT ME THE STRENGTH TO DETACH FROM MY  
DESIRES THAT I MAY ACCEPT YOURS.

MAY I NEITHER BE APATHETIC NOR AMBITIOUS BUT FILLED  
WITH A HOLY FREEDOM TO FOLLOW YOUR DIRECTION.  
YOUR WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN MINE, NOT MY WILL BUT  
YOURS BE DONE.

AMEN



# PRAYERS OF DISCERNMENT

## WEARING WHAT FITS

LORD, MAY I NOT ALLOW THE EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS TO  
CLOUD MY VISION OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING.  
MAY I NOT MISTAKE THEIR FEAR FOR YOUR GUIDANCE. MAY I  
BE AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE SPEAKING THROUGH MY  
EMOTIONS AS I BRING THEM BEFORE YOU IN PRAYER. MAY I  
BE LIKE DAVID WHO KNEW TO REFUSE THE KING'S ARMOR  
BUT ACCEPTED THE PRINCES ROBE.

AMEN



# PRAYERS OF DISCERNMENT

## WALKING THROUGH OR AWAY

LORD, I KNOW YOU ARE THE ONE WHO OPENS AND CLOSES DOORS. MAY I HAVE THE COURAGE TO WALK THROUGH OPEN ONES AND AWAY FROM CLOSED ONES. MAY I NOT BE DECEIVED BY THE SCHEMES OF THE ENEMY OR THIS WORLD AS I WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT. MAY I TRUST MORE IN YOUR CHARACTER THAN IN CIRCUMSTANCES AND YOU WILL USE ALL THINGS FOR GOOD.

AMEN