Prayer **Connection**

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Theme: God hears our prayers.

1 John 5:14 NLT
And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

"What do you want me to ask you for?"

What gift did you long for as a child—a pony, a new bike, or a special pair of shoes? Did you ever receive something even better than what you expected?

God sees beyond our immediate request and understands the deeper need. We often limit our prayers to what we can see or to what we think will solve our problems. We may ask for relief, direction, provision, or a quick answer. Those requests matter to Him. Sometimes what we think we want is not nearly as good as what the giver already has in mind, and we may not recognize the value of the gift right away. Yet, God invites us to pray with open hands, trusting that He knows what is best even when His provision looks different from what we imagined.

God hears us and answers according to His wisdom, goodness, and will. His answers are often greater than anything we could ask for or imagine. When we remember His character, prayer becomes more than presenting a list of needs; it becomes a place of trust, surrender, and deeper relationship with Him.

Share:

- What is one prayer God answered in a way you did not expect?
- Why do we limit our prayers to what we can see or understand?
- How does 1 John 5:14 encourage you to pray with confidence?
- What does it mean to pray within God's will?
- What does it look like to expand our prayers to be specific yet not limited?
- How would you explain prayer to someone who has never prayed?
- Who do you know that you can encourage with this type of prayer?

Prayer: Good and gracious Father, thank you for hearing us whenever we pray according to your will. Forgive us when we limit our prayers to what we can see or understand. Teach us to ask with confidence and humility. Help us to trust that your wisdom is greater than ours and that your gifts are better than anything we could imagine. Guide our hearts to desire what pleases you. Amen.

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Suggested Prayer Topics

Pray for yourself. Empty cups do not bring refreshment. It is important to seek God in the scriptures, asking Him to fill us with joy and renew the desire to engage with others so that we can pour into those around us needing the love and hope of Jesus.

- Psalm 51: 10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels and they will return to you.
- Help me, Lord, to seek Your will and walk in Your ways. Forgive me for the ways that I have wronged you and renew my spirit to align closer to Yours. Give me a fresh desire to share Your love with those around me. Amen.

Pray for Stonecroft Ministries. Pray for the mission of the ministry, the Board of Directors, National Office staff and volunteers across the nation.

- 1 Peter 5:2-3 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.
- Heavenly Father, direct the steps of the Stonecroft board leadership, national staff and volunteers so that Your Kingdom can expand and by working together we can see every woman reconciled to You through Your son, Jesus. Amen.

Pray for the needs of your family and friends. Pray that God gives you opportunities to speak into their lives and with the hope and encouragement only found in Jesus.

- Philippians 4:19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.
- Lord, You know our family and friends. Provide for them and protect them in the way that only You can. Give us the words to encourage them and lead them to You. Amen.

Pray for local Stonecroft Outreach Groups and your community. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for hearts and minds that are ready to receive him.

- Matthew 28: 19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- Father, please open doors for Stonecroft volunteers to reach those in desperate need of Your salvation and lovingkindness. Prepare us to receive those who enter our spaces with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

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Pray for our nation. For wisdom and protection of our leaders on every level, our workplaces, and our families.

- 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
- God, please give our leaders wisdom beyond their own understanding. Would you please direct the steps of each national, state, and local leader to align with Your will. Amen.

Pray for global evangelism. Pray that women everywhere would be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

- Psalm 67:2 May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere.
- Lord, would you make yourself known to women in all parts of the globe in the way that only You can. Help them to understand who Jesus is and that He died and rose from the grave so that they could have eternal life with You. Amen.