

PRAYER FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS

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SCRIPTURES:

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

PRAYER WARFARE:

1. Father God, the body of Christ in Tanzania for which I'm part, has prostituted itself with wilful sin, inequities and transgression. God, I come before you now to repent my own sins, inequities and transgressions and those of the body of Christ. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion in Jesus name (Psalm 51:1-4).

2. God, strengthen the body of Christ in Tanzania from the inside out. Clean them up and rid them of any secret sin. Destroy what's not like you. God, deal with the issues of their past as you prepare them to handle the future. Let your light expose all the darkness in their lives. Wash them in the blood of the lamb. No more shackles, no more chains, no more bondage! Free them God! In the name of Jesus!
3. Father, I pray that the body of Christ in Tanzania follow Christ as their head and that it is indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:22-23, Romans 8:9).
Father, I pray that the body of Christ in Tanzania demonstrates unity with all other Christians regardless of gender, denominations, race or nationality in Jesus name (1 Corinthians 12:25)
5. Father, I pray that my people in Tanzania will grow in the desire and commitment to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participate in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death in Jesus name (Philippians 3:10).
Lord, bless the body of Christ in Tanzania in their work, and give them the energy to reach all of Your children, even the most isolated. May their love “increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.” And grant them also regular opportunities to recharge their own sense of Your love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
7. Lord, grant the body of Christ in Tanzania the grace to carry out their tasks with joy. Let them be “strengthened with all power” according to Your glorious might, “bearing fruit in every good work.” May Your love shine out through the love of the Church in action. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
8. Lord, strengthen the body of Christ in Tanzania with power through Your Spirit, and let them be “rooted and established in love.” And so let them not fall away under the stresses of the outside world, but may they instead show forth the glow of a healthy body in Jesus name.
9. Father God, grant the body of Christ in Tanzania the “Spirit of wisdom and revelation,” and enlighten their hearts. Let them have a true vision of what is happening around them, and grant that the Church may respond to the problems that they detect before it is too late, in Jesus name, Amen.
10. Father God, for the body of Christ in Tanzania, may their love “abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.” Grant that they may know the truth accurately, without introducing distortions of their own making, and that the truth may be applied wisely to what is going on around them. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
11. Lord, for the body of Christ in Tanzania, let them never lose Your Spirit, but let them stay constantly in touch with Your Love and Your Light and Your Life, without which no part of the body can survive, and let Your Life and Light and Love shine out from them to the world outside. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

12. I pray for the body of Christ in Tanzania that the love you showed them through Jesus would be manifested daily in their lives as individuals and as a church. I pray that they will truly be filled with your Spirit so that this love would be evident. They are weak but Lord you are strong and they are able to do all things through Christ that gives them strength. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

13. Father I pray for the unity of the body of Christ in Tanzania. Just as the body of Christ is not divided, Lord I pray that they will see and accept other Christians in other denominations as your children. Open their eyes Lord to see what you see in others. Help them to know that you are neither man nor woman, catholic nor protestant or any of what we make your creation (humans) to be. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

14. I ask our Heavenly Father to move His churches in Tanzania to boldly proclaim the gospel to the unsaved. Father, help them trust You and Your sovereign control over the world. Fill them with compassion for those who are suffering. I ask my Lord to strengthen the hearts of God's people, giving courage and persistence. I ask Him to help His children experience His peace that passes all understanding, that it would guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

15. Break off every root of bitterness for the body of Christ in Tanzania with Your tenderness. Heal them of any and all roots of idolatry, intimidation, deception, immorality, false pride, and presumption. Grant them new roots of holiness, and abundant fruit of the Spirit that they may walk together in unity of relationship. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

16. Lord, I pray that the body of Christ in Tanzania will grow in the likeness of Christ daily. That they will encourage, support, nurture, chastise or criticise in love those who are in need; as your word says 'iron sharpens iron'. I pray for the church to be teachable and also able to teach. I pray that the church will be ready when the bridegroom comes. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

17. Father, help my brethren in Tanzania to be doers of the word and not hears only. Help them to live a life that is pleasing to you in what they say, what they do, what they wear, what they think, where they go, and how they live. Help them to be mindful that we represent you. Let the spirit of boldness fall on them today! In the name of Jesus!

18. God, help my brethren in Tanzania to live by and lift up the standard that has already been set by your son. Father, bring them into alignment with your word and your will for their lives. Help them to be better stewards over their time, over their finances, over their resources, over their destinies, over their families, and over all that you have given them. Help them to be like the man in psalm 1 that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. Let their delight be in the word of God. Help them to meditate on your word day and night. In the name of Jesus!

19. I rebuke all the feelings of guilt and self condemnation that have held back the body of Christ in Tanzania. I rebuke the pain of those who have hurt them in the past. I rebuke the feelings of being inadequate. I rebuke fear and doubt. I rebuke low self-esteem and the spirit of depression. I rebuke every cycle of bondage that has kept them from moving forward. I rebuke every hindrance and every distraction. In the name of Jesus! I rebuke the people in their lives that mean them no good. Father, expose every trap that has been set by the enemy. Give them the spirit of discernment so that your will for them might be made clear. Help them God! They need you! They are the children of the light! Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

20. God, help my brethren in Tanzania to live in the spirit. And if they live in the spirit, let them also walk in the spirit. Let them not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Help them to speak in ways that will edify and encourage those around them. God, increase our hunger and thirst for righteousness. Help them to never become complacent or stagnant in their faith. Let them never settle for a life of sin and death when you have so much more for them. Father, forgive them their sins, seen and unseen, aware or unaware. Forgive them for everything that was said, done, or thought that was contrary or opposing to your will and to your way. God, snap them back into alignment. Keep them focused on you as they transition into this new year. God we need you to ensure that the issues of their past stay in the past. I decree and declare that provision, promotion, and prosperity are in their future. Let your word be the standard that they live by. Allow your word to illuminate their paths and expose that which is hidden. Help them to be more like you everyday that they live. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

21. Thank you God that the blood still works! Release your angels to guard over the body of Christ in Tanzania. Continue to make them better spiritually, mentally, physically, socially, emotionally, and financially. In the name of Jesus!

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL LEADERS

SCRIPTURES:

Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Proverbs 4:23

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Exodus 18:21

But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain —and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Matthew 20:26

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.

PRAYER WARFARE:

1. Father God, I pray for boldness of spiritual leaders in Tanzania as they preach and teach the Word of God. I pray that for pastors to be more interested in pleasing the Heavenly Father than men. I pray that they may experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their preaching in Jesus name (Ephesians 6:19).

2. Lord, I pray for pastors and church leaders in Tanzania that they will spend much time in the Word, gaining wisdom and approval from God. I pray for their discernment to grow as they diligently apply themselves to accurately handle the Word of God, that they might share the whole counsel of God. Lord, I pray for them to be good Bible teachers (as well as preachers) and that church members will also be encouraged to study the Word. I pray for the pastors and teachers as they prepare their sermons that only the inerrant and infallible Word of God may be revealed, that self does not enter in, but they would be led of the Spirit. Through Christ our Lord, Amen (2 Timothy 2:15).

3. Father God, I pray for spiritual leaders in Tanzania to lead the people with godly direction and sensitivity that only the Holy Spirit can give. I pray that they will offer guidance to church leadership that may bring unity and shared vision and passion. Lord, I pray for wisdom to be given to our leaders in building a strong ministry team, in Jesus name (1 King 3:9).

4. Lord, I pray for spiritual leaders in Tanzania to be a soul winners, that as they lead souls to Christ, they will also teach others to lead souls to the Savior. I pray for the church to have evangelistic zeal. I pray for the pastors to have vision, to have expectation, and to look for open doors. I pray for church in Tanzania to be a church that focuses on bringing the lost to saving grace. I pray for the pastors to lead the church to sacrificially support a worldwide missionary endeavors in the mighty name of Jesus (Romans 10:15).

5. Lord, I pray for spiritual leaders in Tanzania to have the grace to know how to respond to complaints from church members. That they may be open, loving, and gracious in their dealings with others. I pray for them to be found blameless and innocent and to have favor with those they serve. I pray for them to be peacemakers and ones who brings reconciliation, in the mighty name of Jesus (Colossians 4:6).

Father God, I pray for bishops, pastors and other spiritual leaders of congregations in Tanzania, that they would pray and seek wise counsel before making decisions. And that they will lead with unity. Lord, I pray for clear guidance from pastors through biblical insight for church growth plans and policy. I pray for them to be trusted and followed as the

6. shepherds of the congregations. Through Christ our Lord, Amen (Proverbs 11:14).

Lord Jesus, I pray for spiritual leaders in Tanzania to have a spirit of humility and to willingly ask God for wisdom in leading the church body. I pray for leaders to regularly teach by example with total dependency upon

7. God. That they might know the will of God and lead the flock in God's will and plan. Father God, I pray that most of all, that leaders, and their people, will seek God's glory first. Through Christ our Lord, Amen (James 1:5, Ephesians 1:12; Matthew 6:33)

God, I pray for pastors in Tanzania, that above everything else, they will be a men and women of prayer who also teaches others to pray. That they will know what it means to be importunate in prayer. I pray for a steadfast

8. spirit within our pastors that they will not lose heart. I pray that our pastors will lead the congregations to be known as a praying church. That they will be prayer warriors for missionaries and prompt the people toward intercession in the mighty name of Jesus (Luke 18:1).

I pray for spiritual leaders in Tanzania to be obedient servants of Jesus and ones who lead the church to obey. I pray for leaders to enjoy sweet

9. fellowship with the Lord, loved by the Father. I pray that a spirit of obedience to Christ (to the Word) may permeate the leaders and the people. Through Christ our Lord, Amen (John 14:21, John 14:21-23).

Father, I pray that spiritual leaders in Tanzania exemplify a life of servanthood to imitate Jesus who came to serve and Father, may they

10. know that the true measure of a leader is his willingness to first serve others in Jesus name (Matthew 20:25-28, John 13:12-17).

Lord Jesus, I pray for bishops, pastors, church and ministry leaders in Tanzania to understand their vital role of equipping the saints for the work

11. of ministry and for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13).

12. God, for spiritual leaders in Tanzania, I pray for their families, their children and spouses to be godly, vessels unto honor. Lord, I pray for their wives to be the helpmate God intended them to be, with obedient children. I pray for pastors and their families to take time to nurture their relationship with each other and to take time off when needed, to know the joy of ministry together, for God's glory in Jesus name (2 Timothy 2:21).
13. Father God, I repent for spiritual leaders in Tanzania who prostitute themselves with false doctrines and enslave their people by such teachings for personal gain. Oh God, dismantle the false doctrines and teachings in Jesus name.
14. Father God, I pray against the infusion of witchcraft in your church that is openly practiced by your servants, the pastors/bishops, the shepherds of your people. May they seek you and you alone in all things in Jesus name.
15. Father God, I pray against the corrupt spirit that has smitten a good number of spiritual leaders in Tanzania who dare do harambees and collect money in churches for personal enrichment at the expense of their own people with no accountability. Father God, I also pray for spiritual leaders who live a corrupt life and tarnish your church that they will repent and turn back to you. Through Christ our Lord, Amen
16. Father God, I pray for religious leaders who resist the work of the Holy Spirit and resist to transform their churches into houses of prayer, thus rendering the church powerless. May you intervene Lord, in Jesus name.
17. I thank You, Father that Your eyes are upon the shepherds, church leaders and the church in Tanzania. Your ears are attentive to their prayers, and Your face is against those who plot evil against them (1 Peter 3:12).
18. Lord, I pray for the favor of the Lord, the authority of the Lord, and the harvest of the Lord to belong to pastors, church leaders and the church in Tanzania. Lord, protect their members as they wage warfare in all levels of worship, prayer and service on behalf of Your servants who lead them. I bind the evil forces of rebellion, seduction, and presumption from attacking pastors, leaders and the church in Jesus name. I cast them down and never to arise again in Jesus name.
19. Father, I thank You that no weapon formed against pastors, leaders and the church in Tanzania will prosper. Every tongue raised against them will be cast down. Rumors and gossip will be turned aside. I pray that Your presence and peace will keep them, that they will dwell in the shadow of the Most High God, and will be delivered from terror, darts of doubt, and diseases. Set Your angels about them. No power of the enemy shall harm them. I take authority over evil powers of deception, intimidation, and destruction. I bind them in Jesus name, and cast them far from pastor, leaders and the church. Father, we pray that Your abundant life would flood and fill their lives (Psalm 91:5-6, Psalm 91:11, (Luke 10:19, John 10:10). Thank God forevermore!

20. Lord, as I pray against forces of distraction, let spiritual leaders in Tanzania have discerning minds to prioritize the precious minutes of their days as well as the agenda of the church. Let them discern what is most important, and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent. Make Your will abundantly clear to all the leaders and their people, in Jesus name (2 Corinthians 11:14; 1 John 4:1).
21. Father, allow pastors and leaders in Tanzania to glory only in the cross. Keep them from pride and pity. Let the glory of the cross be their collective reason for ministry (Galatians 6:14).
22. Renew pastors and leaders in Tanzania in brokenness and the Holy Spirit. Let them wait upon You and mount up with wings as an eagle. Quicken shepherds' body with the Holy Spirit. Renew Pastor's vision, and confidence on personal and corporate levels. Revive their boldness to stand in strong personal conviction (Isaiah 40:27-31, Romans 8:11, 1 John 5:13-14, Acts 4:32). Amen.
23. Jesus, keep pastors and leaders in Tanzania holy in every way. Protect the shepherds from seducing spirits, especially when they are tired and hard-pressed. Give Pastors comrades to help protect them, and to share with in personal holiness. As they draws near to You, draw near to them. Cancel the power of out-of-the-will-of-God prayers and curses against our shepherds. Nullify sin's effect exerted against them in the mighty name of Jesus (1 Peter 1:16, James 4:7-8, Ephesians 1:22). Amen.
24. I pray that the eyes of pastors and leaders in Tanzania may be enlightened to know the hope to which they are called, and to know the riches of their glorious inheritance in the saints. Let them know the incomparable power which is in them who believe. Grant pastors fresh revelations of Jesus Christ, and the power of His resurrection message, that they may flow in the river of God. Through Christ our Lord, Amen (Ephesians 1:22).
25. Lord, grant pastors and leaders in Tanzania boldness to confront sin and have converts. "He who winneth souls is wise." Honor pastor's stand for You. Come to their rescue. I claim a harvest for their fellowship. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
26. Jesus, bless Tanzania pastors's preaching. Bring apostolic results with signs and wonders following. Let Your presence produce great conviction. Bring the sinner to repentance. Bring the saint to holiness. Never let them be intimidated by the 'status quo.' Through Christ our Lord, Amen.