

LIFTING HER UP



52 Prayers to Pray as a
Replant Wife

Replant Wife Team

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Introduction

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to
the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:4

Being the wife of a Replanting or Revitalizing pastor can be a challenge. There are so many things that fill our time, and so many people to pray for that we can often forget to pray for ourselves. In light of this, we have created this prayer guide designed to remind you to focus on specific ways you can pray for yourself. Use it, along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to pray for yourself on a weekly basis. There are even bonus prayers for holidays. You can start from the beginning and work your way through each page, or skip around to the specific topics of your current need. You will notice the verbiage Replant and Revitalization. We use these terms interchangeably, recognizing that some of you are in Replanting situations and some in Revitalization situations. We want you both to feel seen. You are an integral part of this ministry, and as such, will benefit from consistent prayer. As you pray for yourself, we are praying for you too.

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Confession

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

Dear God,

Please help me take steps in humility to confess my sin to others in the church. Confession is hard as a Replant pastor wife as I feel held to a higher standard. It has been brought to my attention that I have offended someone. In reflection, I did sin against her. Help me to confess biblically. It would be much easier to compare myself to others and brush off this offense. I don't want to do that. I want to lead by example. Help me speak to each person involved face to face, admit specific sins, help me to have compassion for the hurt I caused, and deal with the consequences graciously. Let me demonstrate true repentance with changed behavior. Lord, my goal is to be more like You. Go before me as I take these restoration steps.

Amen



Confrontation

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired
by God and is profitable
for teaching, for
rebuking, for correcting, for training in
righteousness, so that the man of God may be
complete, equipped for every good work.

Dear God,

As a pastor's wife of a Revitalization church, I recognize the value of biblical confrontation. I know You designed this part of accountability to be uplifting and restorative. The burden of leading is heavy, and the gift of discernment comes with conviction. Help me not to ignore Your prompting to confront other followers of Jesus because it is uncomfortable. But give me the courage to step into the lives of other women and walk side by side with them on this journey of sanctification. I am thankful for all the women who have biblically confronted me. Help me to be an encourager of the word for the end goal of sanctification, theirs and mine.

Amen



Comparison

Galatians 6:4-5

Let each person examine his own work, and then he can take pride in himself alone, and not compare himself with someone else. For each person will have to carry his own load.

Dear God,

Help me as a Replant pastor wife not to compare myself to other pastor wives, women in the church, or moms at the playground. I know You do not compare me to them, but You have gifted me uniquely with gifts and abilities in seasons and circumstances to refine me. My head knows all the right ways I should feel. However, my heart is having trouble today because I feel inadequate. Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to wrap me in Your comfort. I need Your assurance that I am right where I should be and doing what You want me to do. Lord, help my heart catch up to the knowledge I have of who You are!

Amen



Focus

Proverbs 4:25

Let your eyes look
forward; fix your gaze
straight ahead.

Dear God,

You have given me a particular task as a Replant pastor wife. Sometimes, I can get in the weeds on the mission and want things to happen in a specific order or a certain way. Help me see the beauty in how Your people work together to accomplish a goal. Help me keep my eyes fixed on the bigger picture of helping this body see the potential to bring You glory as new people come to know You through this building and body of believers. Help me not to be distracted by the little offenses or the curves in the road, but to delight in the journey and celebrate the small wins. Help me to help others see You working in the midst of us through restoration, building projects, or new faces in the pews. Lord, Help me to keep my eyes on You!

Amen



Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they
will be called sons of
God.

Dear God,

Help me to be a peacemaker. As a Replant pastor's wife, I have seen and heard so many stories. It is hard to be silent, not step up for others, or get involved in areas I was not called to be involved in. Lord, remind me that I do not have all of the story. I do not have all the answers. I will not heal every hurt. This is Your job, and You have perfect timing. Help me to have faith in You to deal righteously on behalf of others. Guide my words to be of peace and not to stir up dissension. I give it to You, Lord!

Amen



Tame my Tongue

Proverbs 18:2

A fool does not delight
in understanding but only wants to show off his
opinions.

Dear God,

I confess I have many opinions. I have my own hopes and dreams for this revitalization process. Lord, I can take it very personally when I do not get my way. I recognize that my ways are foolish and that You have strategically given us these people to shepherd. They also have a heart for the church. Help me to understand them and their desires to please You. We have different backgrounds. Help me to see where they prioritize church matters. Lord, I need your guidance in taming my tongue so that I do not offend the body of the church. I pray for understanding so that I can build Your team.

Amen



Expectations

Ephesians 4:16

From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the

growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

Dear God,

Expectation. I have put expectations on myself, others in the church have put them on me, and past role models have set a standard. I recognize that these are all unbiblical obligations if they did not come from You. It is a sinful assumption to think that You have required any of this from me. I do not hold up the church, the programs, or the people. If I were not at church Sunday, people would still gather, and You would still be worshiped. This church existed before I arrived and will long after I am gone. Help me to realize it takes the whole body of believers to accomplish Your will. I am just a piece of the puzzle. Help me not to feel the entire weight of the congregation when that is not what you expect of me.

Amen



Be Authentic

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another.

Dear God,

As a Replant pastor's wife, sometimes I find it so easy to put on a fake face. Let everyone think I have it all together because I feel like I am supposed to have it all figured out. Lord, help me not to try to fake it anymore. I need that altar to repent on. I need the hug that lets me know I'm seen. Lord, help me be real and relatable. Let me be humbled and ask for prayer when I am struggling. Allow me to ask for help where I need it. Lord, Help me to speak the truth in all things to build up the church. Help me not pretend that I am above the church but part of the body of believers in which You have placed me.

Amen



Thankfulness

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray
constantly, give thanks
in everything; for this is
God's will for you in

Christ Jesus.

Dear God,

I pray with a thankful heart today. Lord, You know my heart and how I struggle, yet You still love me. You have led me through the darkest days of Replanting, and I rejoice in Your name for the growth it has brought me. I know that you have me in this place at this time, and I thank you for all you will do. I do not see what You are doing or will do, but I believe You are about marvelous things. Until I see the completed work, I will rejoice, pray, and give thanks!

Amen



Time Management

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the
kingdom of God and
His righteousness, and all these things will be
provided for you.

Heavenly Father,

Order my steps this week. I am feeling weary as I stare at my to-do list today because so many tasks are screaming for my attention. Looking over this list there is not nearly enough time to accomplish what I have set out to do. Speak into my heart, Lord, and tell me what You think is most important for me to accomplish as a Replant pastor wife. Help me manage my time in a way that would be most beneficial for building Your kingdom and not my own. Do not let me succumb to the sin of pleasing others rather than pleasing You. Let me be anxious for nothing but in all things give glory and honor to You in everything I do. Thank You for blessing me with the gift of time, Lord. Let me use the days You have given me wisely.

Amen



Burdened

Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

Heavenly Father,

I feel very burdened today. The situation we are facing this week feels so unbelievably heavy and impossible to carry. It is as if someone piled a wagon full of rocks and asked me to transport it uphill. On my own, I am afraid these rocks will spill out or I will not be able to carry this load. As a Replant wife, life can so often feel this way. Thank You for the reminder that I never have to carry these heavy burdens alone. Your scripture promises that You are walking beside me and eager for me to give You every one of these burdens. Thank You for the promise that You will sustain me and that if I am walking with You in Your righteousness and strength, You will not allow me to be shaken. Remind me that I can always depend on You.

Amen



Fear

Psalm 112:7

He will not fear bad news; his heart is confident, trusting in

the Lord.

Heavenly Father,

Remind me this week that there is no reason to fear. My mind can invent so many different frightening scenarios and reasons to be afraid. Remind me of Your steadfast truth. Help me to be confident that You have ordered my steps and that whatever may happen this week, You are always in control. You have walked alongside me through the many ups and downs of being a Replant pastor's wife. This week You are still walking alongside me and holding my heart in Your loving hands. Perfect my faith during this trial and allow me to use whatever may come as a testament to Your loving kindness. I pray that my heart is confidently trusting You so that I might point others to You even when I cannot see exactly how You are faithfully working out this situation for Your glory and our good.

Amen



Self Control

James 1:19-20

My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to

speak, and slow to anger, for human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.

Heavenly Father,

I am coming to you today to ask that You help me control my words. Help me be quick to listen to those You have surrounded me with as a Replant pastor wife. Help me listen to understand and not easily jump to conclusions. Help me to believe the best and not quickly turn to anger or frustration. If I do need to speak words of correction, please let these words be seasoned with Your salt and truth. Do not let me utter any words out of sinful anger or hurt. Lead me to Your righteousness so that I can lead others there as well. Thank You, Lord, for giving me Your example of patience, gentleness, and loving kindness. Let me be a reflection of You this week. Help me discern what is true and forget what is false.

Amen



Betrayal

Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

Heavenly Father,

In Psalm 55, David speaks about being troubled because a friend who is now an enemy has attacked him. Lord, I am coming to You today because my heart is very grieved. I am feeling attacked not only by the enemy but also by those who I once thought of as friends. I am bringing this heavy burden to You because it is too heavy for me to bear alone. I am crying out and asking You to sustain me as I process this grief. Please do not allow me to sin during this hard season. Fill me with Your Spirit of forgiveness so that I can love these people as You do. Do not allow me to be shaken but let me always walk in your righteousness and truth.

Amen



Praise

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able
to do above and beyond
all that we ask or think

according to the power that works in us - to him
be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all
generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Father God,

What more can be said? Your Word is perfect and it describes You with words that my frail, finite heart and mind could never compose. Because of You and all that You have done, are doing and will do, in Your Replant church, I know that even my grandest request will pale in comparison of what You alone are capable of. Praise You for choosing to use us and for allowing us the privilege of being in Your ministry. Father, may we never be bashful about telling this and the next generation about all You have accomplished. I bow my head in awe, my heart in surrender and my knees in submission to You, my Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

Amen



Conflict

Psalm 37:5-6

Commit your way to
the Lord; trust in Him,
and He will act, making
your righteousness shine like the dawn, your
justice like the noonday.

Dear Lord,

There are so many times I do not understand Your people. I try to be helpful and kind and yet, sometimes there are those that insist on being angry with me or my husband in this Revitalization. We are trusting in You to act and to show that we are doing our best to love like You do, and to act as You would have us act. Please forgive my frustration and help me to believe Your Word that says You will make our justice shine like the noonday. You will bring vindication and I can rest in that. Please help me to move out of Your way as You move in their hearts. I want nothing more than for You to be glorified in Your church and in my heart. I love You.

I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen



Fear

Psalm 56:3-4

When I am afraid, I will
trust in You. In God,
whose Word I praise, in God I trust; I will not
be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Father God,

You know the fears I face when it comes to Replanting this church, Your church. There are so many things I simply can't control and I so often feel frazzled and I fear that I am going to do it wrong. I ask You to please instill in me a holy confidence that comes from trusting You. There is no need for me to be afraid when I look to You, believe You and stand on Your Word. I have so many reasons to praise You. Please open my lips to sing and shout Your praises, for You alone are worthy of them. Please help me to take my eyes off of the world and people around me and focus on You. I am not afraid. I trust You. I love You.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Blessings

James 1:17

Every good and perfect
gift is from above,
coming down from the

Father of lights, who does not change like
shifting shadows.

Heavenly Father,

There is a hymn that says “Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? ... Count your blessings, name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.” Lord, at the moment I think I have forgotten to count my blessings. I have been so focused on the trials and circumstances that are currently weighing me down as a Replant pastor wife and have forgotten to thank You for all You have done and continue to do. You have been faithful throughout the years. Thank You for all You have done for me, my husband, my family and for our church. Forgive me for the times that I have dwelled in doubts and negative feelings. Help me live in Your peace and contentment remembering all the blessings that You continually give.

In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen



Be Disciplined

Proverbs 3:11-12

Do not despise the Lord's instruction, my son, and do not loathe his discipline; for the Lord disciplines the one he loves, just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights.

Dear Lord,

I confess my sins before You. I agree with You that I am in need of Your forgiveness, grace and mercy. I know Your discipline is good for me even when it hurts. I know that You love me or You would allow me to stay the way You found me. You and I both know that I don't like Your discipline but I trust that it is for my good. I pray You will find delight in me as I accept Your discipline and heed Your instruction. Please make Your mighty hand obvious in my life that I may lean on You and not my own understanding. Thank You for Your unending love for me.

In Jesus' name I pray and ask these things, Amen



Be Steadfast

Jonah 2:8-9

Those who cherish
worthless idols abandon
their faithful love, but

as for me, I will sacrifice to You with a voice of
thanksgiving. I will fulfill what I have vowed.
Salvation belongs to the Lord.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I want to please You and work hard for You. Please help me to be steadfast and faithful to the work You have called us to. Please help me to have an unrelenting dependence on You to fulfill the vow I have made to Your service. Please keep me from chasing worthless idols this world seeks. It is such a privilege to be called into the ministry of Revitalization. Please revitalize me day by day as we strive to be Your hands and feet to revitalize this church. It is Your church and Your people and I am so thankful to be a part of what You are doing. Deliverance belongs to You along with all glory and honor. Praise Your holy name.

Amen



Do Good

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not get tired of
doing good, for we will
reap at the proper time

if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have
opportunity, let us work for the good of all,
especially for those who belong to the
household of faith.

Father God,

Thank You for allowing me to be in ministry. I do not
feel qualified to do this job most of the time. I believe
You want to do a great work here. Thank You for
allowing me to be a part of it. Please forgive me for
wanting to give up sometimes. Replanting a church is
hard, but that is why You never asked us to do it
without You. Please help me to remember this charge to
keep on and never give up. Please give me an
unquenchable love for Your people and help me to take
advantage of every opportunity You offer to work for
their good. May You receive all the glory in the
process.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen



Friendships in Ministry

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the friends You have given me throughout our ministry journey. You know that friendships in Replanting and Revitalizing a church can be complicated and difficult sometimes. Honestly, I don't always know who to trust and how to be genuine. Please help me to trust You enough to be sincere and authentic. Please grant me discernment and understanding regarding how to build up other ladies in our church, especially other pastor wives that I know, as well as ones You will bring into my life. Thank You for the privilege of ministry. I know that even when it feels lonely, I am never alone because You are always with me. Please open my eyes to the friends You have placed around me, and may I be the friend You have called me to be. Thank You, Lord.

Amen



Children Are a Blessing

Psalms 127:3

Sons are indeed a
heritage from the Lord,
offspring, a reward.

Father God,

I praise You for my children. Thank You for allowing me to be their mom. You know that I don't feel like I know what I am doing most of the time but You offer grace and forgiveness. Please help me to do the same for them. I pray You will continue to protect them so that they might grow in their love for You and seek You with all their heart. Lord, as we lead this Replant, please help us to lead our children first. Please grant us wisdom and understanding beyond our abilities when giving advice, discipline and friendship to our kids. Please help us to set the proper boundaries for them that will bring blessings to them, even if they don't understand them now. I pray our children will grow up to love You most and serve You all the days of their lives.

I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen



Be Content

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your life free
from the love of money.

Be satisfied with what

you have, for he himself has said, I will never
leave you or abandon you.

Dear God,

I have so much to thank You for. You have always provided everything we have ever needed and if I'm honest, most of what we have wanted. Thank You for all of it. I confess that when I look around and see churches that seem to be 'doing better' than we are in our Replant, I feel discontent. I am so sorry. I know that Your plan is perfect. What You have given us is what we need and what You have in store for us is so much better than I can even imagine. Please help me to keep my eyes on You and know that because You are forever with me, I have all I will ever need. Praise Your holy name!

Amen



Watch My Tongue

Philippians 2:14

Do everything without
grumbling and

arguing...

Oh Father God,

You know how hard this is for me. I am so quick to get frustrated at the smallest of things. I allow others to impact my feelings to the point of acting like I've never even met You sometimes. Please forgive me. Please help me to learn how to let You hold my tongue. When I find myself in an annoying situation, or with people that tend to rub me the wrong way, please help me to remember this command for all of Your children. Please help me to look differently than the world around me and to respond in such a way that reflects You. Please help me to remember this imperative and that even my closest of Replant wife friends do not need to hear me grumbling or arguing, complaining or disputing. Thank You for the grace You lavish on me. May I do the same for others.

I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen



Being a Helpmate

Genesis 2:18

Then the Lord God said,
“It is not good for the
man to be alone. I will make a helper
corresponding to him.”

Most Gracious and Loving God,

Thank you for creating me to be my husband's helper. Open my heart to show me ways to be loving and supportive to him. I am aware that You chose him to lead our household and I am satisfied with that. Convict my heart when I have the urge to want his position. As He follows You Lord, I will follow him. I pray for wisdom to encourage my husband as a Replant pastor, knowing it is challenging at times. Provide me with the words to say to him to feel loved and respected. Create in me a willing heart to remove selfish acts focusing on me. Instead show me how I can be of help to him. Let me be the helper my husband needs for the betterment of the Kingdom.

In Your name I pray, Amen



Health

Psalm 107:20

He sent his word and
healed them; he rescued
them from their traps.

Father God,

Do not give power to my flesh. Some health issues are caused by what I put in, and do to, my body. Give me the spirit of self-control. Deliver me from my own traps. Help me to make better choices in my eating habits and exercise routine. I want to be healthy to do Your Will. Therefore I ask You Father to remove the things from my daily life that will hinder me from being physically fit. I am not concerned about being thin nor do I want to compare myself with other women on social media. I want to be healthy, active, and physically fit to serve You. Let me be obedient to health professionals as they are led by You. Let no sickness or disease overtake me. My desire is that Your Spirit live delightfully in this temple so I am able to serve and honor You.

In Your name I pray, Amen



Friendships

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up.

Lord,

When I have no one to confide in, I know You are here. At times when I feel alone because I do not have friends, send a sister-friend I can converse with. When I fall, I want to have someone there to lift me up. Although I do not always have the time to fellowship with friends, I feel blessed to have those moments. Being a Replant wife often requires me to meet new people. Let me maintain a constant love for others. If that means opening my home or having coffee with a potential friend, so be it. Remove the negative stigma of not being liked, comparing myself or being envious of others. But let us lift one another up. Help me to cherish existing friendships. Give me what I need in a friend so I can maintain healthy relationships with like minded women.

Amen



Confidence

Philippians 4:13

I am able to do all things
through him who
strengthens me.

Heavenly Father,

I thank You for this day. Thank You for seeing fit that I take a moment to sit at Your feet. Some days I do not feel confident in who You created me to be. Forgive me for not trusting that You make no mistakes. Errors are not in You Lord; therefore, I will trust that You have strategically placed me in Replant/Revitalization ministry for a purpose. Anoint me with confidence to do Your Will in supporting my husband and serving Your people. I pray that You continue to give me the boldness to stand on Your Word. When I am lacking confidence, remind me that I can do all things by Your strength. I am more than a conqueror through You. The good work that You have begun in me will be complete as long as I stay focused on You.

In Your name I pray, Amen



Faithfulness

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not
by sight.

Dear Lord,

I trust You in all things, When I placed my faith in You, I placed my life in Your hands. Forgive me when I am lacking in faith. Not some but all situations I will place in Your hands. Give me the faith to accept that Your Will is best. I am learning that walking by faith deepens my trust in You. Increase my faith that I may constantly stand on Your Word by reading and meditating on it daily. When trials arise let me find comfort in the scriptures. Allow me to hold fast to You. Let me recall how You delivered me in the past. I know what is presented before me is not always the result. I only need to have faith the size of a mustard seed to move mountains. My desire is to have victory through faith to glorify Your Holy name.

Amen



Spiritual Growth

1 Timothy 4:15

Practice these things; be committed to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Before I am a pastor's wife, I am a follower of You. My desire is to love, obey, serve, and worship You. I can only do that by spending quality time with You. Putting You first in my life takes precedence over everything. Allow me to give You the first fruits of my time daily to read and meditate on Your Word. Give me a hunger to eagerly seek You first. Let me not focus solely on what is happening around me but give me peace in the middle of what seems to be chaos. Let others see You in me so they can also deepen their relationship with You. I don't always get everything right, but I am thankful for growth. Permeate my heart to flourish in Your Word and in Your Ways so that the progress in my life can be evident to all.

In Your mighty name I pray, Amen



Family

Acts 16:31

They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your

household.”

Lord,

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. As I follow You, use me to be a light to my family. As my husband and I lead in our Replant /Revitalization ministry let us be reminded that our family is a ministry. Let my husband see in me what a godly wife looks like. Let my children see in me how a godly mother cares for them unconditionally. I pray that they can see a reflection of You in me. Come into their heart that they too will accept you as their Lord and Savior. Give my entire household a heart of obedience to serve you. Let no outside influence doubt the love that You have for them. May our faith in You produce a trickle effect so our extended family will have the urge to call on Your name to pardon their sins and be saved.

In Your matchless name I pray, Amen



Finances

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply
all your needs according
to his riches in glory in
Christ Jesus.

Lord,

I hold on to every promise in Your Word and believe that it is true. I know without a doubt You can supply my every need. Today, I place my finances in Your hands. Your timing is always perfect. You are never late but always right on time. I am waiting patiently on a breakthrough. It seems like whenever we finally get a hold on things something happens. Therefore, I will not worry about anything, but I will be grateful for what I do have. I will not let the enemy steal my joy. You have never failed because that's impossible for You. I will continue to serve You and worship You while trusting that You will grant me a blessing in everything I do. Keep me focused on You God. I will purposely give You all the honor, glory and praise.

In Jesus name I pray, Amen



Working Outside the Home

Proverbs 31:25-27

Strength and honor are her clothing, and she can laugh at the time to come. Her mouth speaks wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle.

Jesus,

It is not always easy balancing the role of a wife, mother and employee. Show me how to be fully committed to both my family and business endeavors. I understand that my family is my priority, therefore I do not want to do anything that will interfere with me caring for them. My desire is to provide a loving home for us to create wonderful memories. Lord please do not allow me to be so busy at work that they feel neglected. I realize that I am blessed to have a beautiful family and being employed affords us additional income while allowing me to use my gift. Provide me with strength, knowledge and wisdom knowing I can do all things through You.

In Your name I pray, Amen



Forgiveness

Mark 11:25

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your wrongdoing.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come asking that You forgive me of all my sins. Remove anything from my life that will hinder me from fully surrendering to You. Lord, I want to be more like You. Give me a heart of forgiveness, so when others hurt me, betray me, or speak evil against me or my family, I too can be forgiving. Please be patient with me because it may take some time as I have been hurt in the past. Being in Replant/Revitalization ministry can have its ups and downs. When I feel the need to hold a grudge, remind me that at my worst, You still loved me enough to call me Your daughter. Allow me to forgive others as You have forgiven me. You are a God of second chances. Give me the freedom to do so as well.

Amen



Tuning my Heart

Psalm 143:8-10

Let me experience Your faithful love in the morning, for I trust in You. Reveal to me the way I should go because I appeal to You. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord; I come to You for protection. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. May Your gracious Spirit lead me on level ground.

Lord,

In my earliest morning thoughts, remind me of Your love and help me to tune my heart to You as my primary source. Even as my feet are hitting the floor remind me who You are and that You love me beyond my human capacity to understand. You hold solutions that I cannot fathom. Fill my heart with gratitude and then draw me close to You to meet my daily needs. Your grace is sufficient for me, in all areas, in all times, in all circumstances. In that knowing, may my heart grow tender, my mind grow wise, and my feet grow strong to follow Your ways.

Amen



Discernment

John 9:1-3

As he was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” Jesus answered. “This came about so that God’s works might be displayed in him.”

Lord,

Sometimes I am caught in the tension between ideas that appear to be true or conversations that claim to be factual but don’t add up to the truth. Remind me that I don’t have all of the information, only You do. Remind me that like Pharisees, some are not seeking truth but power. Remind me that ultimately all interactions are opportunities for redemption. You didn’t discuss the challenges of the family. But You redeemed the situation to bring glory to Your Father. Help me not to be caught in answering false dilemmas but to seek to bring every situation to You. Redeem conflict for Your own good purposes to the result of bringing glory to Your name.

Amen



I Love You!

1 John 4:19

We love because He first loved us.

Dear Lord,

Sometimes I sense this love all the way into my deepest thoughts and marrow of my bones. It bubbles from a place or rather a person (You Lord) who is beyond my human capacity to understand or describe. But other times Lord, I am like Peter hearing the rooster crow for the third time. My own priorities have taken over the throne of my heart, mind, soul, and strength. I forget. I reject. I grow numb. But You call me out, point to my heart-drift and my soul is pierced because I miss You. Even then You are the reason that I turn back to You. You are the seeker of my soul. Pour out Your Holy Spirit. Create in me a clean heart. Renew a right spirit within me. Make my heart tender, especially towards my husband. Give me pause to be still and know that You are God.

Amen



How Do the Fish Get into the Boat?

Luke 5:5-7

“Master,” Simon replied, “we’ve worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I’ll let down the nets.” When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

Jesus,

Peter exited his office-boat! He was done! Exhausted! But You asked him to push out into the sea to teach. Then You told him to fish in the wrong way, at the wrong time, and wrong place. When his obedience met Your miracle, Peter went from being unable to bring in a catch because there was none, to being unable to bring in a catch because it was beyond his capacity. Guide me to know Your voice and to obey fully. Send partners to help bring in the catch so they too can experience Your blessing.

In Jesus’ name, Amen



Live for an Audience of One

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people,

Lord,

Remind me today that You don't expect me to work myself into perfection. That is an impossible goal. In my own strength, wisdom, and human limitations I will always fall short. When I do manage something positive, that blinding trait of pride will entice me towards more effort and less dependence upon You. Remind me that I serve an audience of one. You know who You made me to be. You know what the future holds and can direct me towards what will serve eternal purposes. While I want to please those in my inner circle, and be a good partner in the ministry of our church Replant, that outcome is the fruit of walking with You and not just getting close to You. Help me let go of expectations; mine, my family's, my church's. Thank You for loving me towards a deeper relationship with You.

Amen



As the Sheep Loves the Shepherd

Deuteronomy 6:4b-5

The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Lord,

Remind me that I am Yours. Help me find my joy in loving You. Then let my prayers, my thoughts and my actions flow out of loving You. Scriptures reveal over and over that those who pray and connect with Your instruction walk a path towards peace, while those who follow their own wisdom fall prey to unforeseen problems. As I learn to love You more, help me to identify myself as one of Your precious sheep and to always seek Your voice, Your presence and Your provision. Remind me that You want my heart focused on Your character, Your kindness and Your glory. Knowing You is the best way to enhance my own character and life. Keep me from striving in wasteful ways. May I bring glory to You in all that I do.

Amen



To Know You and Make You Known

Ezekiel 29:21

“In that day I will cause a horn to sprout for the house of Israel, and I will enable you to speak out among them. Then they will know that I am the Lord.”

Lord,

Show me Your provision even in the area of information. The communication world is growing exponentially and often radically diverging from truth. Grant me wisdom to understand truth and to deny credence to falsehood as it could mar Your reputation along with mine. Ezekiel's message is hard to read but at least 65 times with minor variations, “Then they will know that I am the Lord” repeats. It is as if You are shouting, THIS is what is critical; knowing me, Jehovah, the Existing One. This is what YOU need most. Knowing me is what the WORLD needs most. The world is shouting so many false messages. In times of trouble and in times of calm use my voice and my life to reveal to others who You are.

Amen



Make Me a Godsend

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons,
God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying, “*Abba*, Father!”

Abba Father,

It is hard for me to comprehend that You sent the Spirit of Your Son into my heart so I could cry along with Him, “Abba Father!” How do I reflect to the world that the Spirit of Jesus has literally set up household in my life? It seems that my daily life should be something other-worldly. But You didn’t rush about or draw attention to Yourself. In all of my “doing” I can become so undone. Instead of focusing on the point of discomfort, help me see Your plan and purpose for my life. Craft my spirit to be tailored to Your plan so that I find great delight in obeying You and becoming who You knew I should be even as You formed me. This is the only way I can become a Godsend to those people that You know need Your touch through me.

Amen



Seeking You First in the Morning

Psalm 5:3

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch expectantly.

Creator,

Thank You for a new day, a new chance to live this precious life You have given me and for a new chance to love the precious people You have given me. Before my feet hit the floor, remind me of Your love and care so I can begin my day rightly aligned to the truth of Your presence and power in my life. Draw me close and keep me close throughout the day. Guide me through this revitalization journey as a valuable part of Your plan. When I am in distress, remind me that trials are temporary. When people speak wrongly against my family, be our defender. Your truth always has the final word. Guide me towards healing and hope under the shadow of Your wings. May You be the light of my life and fill my heart with thanks for Your loving kindness.

Amen



Past My Capacity

Matthew 14:16-17

“They don’t need to go away,” Jesus told them. “You give them something to eat.” “But we only have five loaves and two fish here,” they said to him.

Lord,

I see You in scripture pointing to Your habit of pushing people past their own capacity. The widow of Zarephath was starving but gave her last hope in obedience. An exhausted Peter hauled in too many fish, five loaves and two fish feeding 5,000 hungry people, the widow’s mite, the parable of the master who harvests where he did not sow. What seemed like harshness was really You trying to help us see that we should not lean on our own understanding, or our own capacity. Father, Your plan for this church Replant will require more than we can muster. It will require Your provision. In our planning to turn this church around, help us to hear Your voice and Your clear instruction. Then Lord, help us to be obedient even when we can’t see the means yet. I pray for Your peace to reign in our hearts and minds as a sign of our on-track obedience.

Amen



Strengthened Faithful Appointed

1 Timothy 1:12

I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry.

Heavenly Father,

Any capacity I have and any faithfulness I exhibit are gifts from You designed for the special appointment that You have placed upon me. Open my mind and heart to the heavenly source of strength. You have no limit to Your power. Remind me that anything worthy that I accomplish is done in You. In my weakness You are glorified. Lord, any faithfulness I exhibit is also a picture of Your strong arm keeping me steady, keeping me upright and keeping me moving forward. I ask that Your grip grows greater. I want to feel the fingerprints of Your grace wrapping around my life and heart. In feeling that may I glorify You before others for the gift of Your presence. This holy appointment is an opportunity to reveal You to the world around me. Make me a testimony of Your grace.

Amen



Trust in the Lord

Psalm 37:3

Trust in the LORD and
do what is good; dwell in the land and live
securely.

Dear Lord,

Thank you that I am not alone in this ministry of being a Replant wife. It is easy to feel that way but I know that is just the devil trying to pull me off track. Thank You for the women I have been able to connect with in our church Replant. Thank You also for the fellow Replant wives who I have met during this season. They have been a source of friendship and encouragement to me. I pray that I would be the same kind of friend and encouragement to them as well. Help me to trust You in this time and to be faithful to Your calling on my life. I know effective ministry is often a team effort. I pray that I would remember to focus on Your Will for my life and not on how I can do things in my own strength.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.

Dear Lord,

At times in our Replant I find myself frustrated, impatient and even pushy. I want the necessary changes to happen more quickly. I want the church members to get on board right away. Help me Father to be patient as they come along. Help me to be gentle and compassionate as we seek to turn this boat around, so to speak. My faithfulness to Your plan and kindness towards our church body will go so much farther in reaching our goals of furthering Your Kingdom. May Your Will be done.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Perseverance

1 Thessalonians 1:3-4

We recall, in the presence of our God and Father, your work produced by faith, your labor motivated by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the ways You have created me to serve in this role as a Replant pastor wife. Sometimes I don't feel capable but I know when I rely on You, You will help me persevere. Thank You for the opportunities of growth through challenges, struggles, and unexpected situations that arise. I pray that, as Your Word says, I would be motivated by love and inspired by hope in Jesus, so that I can represent You well to those in our Replant church body. Help me to serve them in a way that honors You. Thank You for choosing me for this important work.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Patience

Colossians 1:10b-12

...growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to his

glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.

Dear Lord,

I can't believe I'm asking for this but I need patience! At times my fuse is short when it comes to situations regarding our Replant church. I know as the pastor's wife I have a certain amount of leadership responsibility. As such, You have given me the opportunity to be filled with knowledge, wisdom and spiritual understanding. Open my eyes and heart to this so that I may walk worthy in You and be pleasing to You. I know that in doing this You will increase my patience. My obedience in these areas can have a direct impact on people in our church. Thank you Father for working in and through me.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Seek the Lord

Jeremiah 29:7, 11, 13

Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the LORD on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive...For I know the plans I have for you - plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope... You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.

Dear Lord,

Thank You for bringing us to our church Replant. This is new territory for us, and we want to thrive in this work, so I ask for guidance as we seek to do Your Will. I pray that You would help me to consistently pray for those in our church body. Thank You for the ladies I have already connected with. May our time together spur them on to make connections in the community. I know I can find hope in what You have for us here, even in the hard times. Your word says You have given us a future and a hope. What a joy to know that and see it come to fruition through our Replant. I praise You that You are right there, waiting for me to call on Your name. I can't wait to see how You work in my life and in the lives of those in our Replant.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Be Light

Isaiah 42:6

I am the LORD. I have called you for a righteous purpose, and I will hold you by your hand. I will watch over you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people and a light to the nations...

Dear Lord,

Thank you for calling on those of us who claim Your name to be a light to the nations. As a Replant wife I have many opportunities to grumble and complain. I know that does not cast a good light on You, nor is it what you have called me to do. Forgive me when I give in to my selfish feelings instead of focusing on others and You. I pray Father that my actions would speak louder than my words and that they would be edifying to the body of Christ. Thank You for being with me and holding my hand along this journey. Help me be a shining light in the little world of our church Replant. When others see me I pray they notice that I am different from those in the world because I am holding tightly to Your Word in a posture of obedience.

In Jesus' name, Amen



New Year's Day

Romans 16:26b-27

...according to the
command of the eternal

God to advance the obedience of faith among
all the Gentiles - to the only wise God, through
Jesus Christ - to him be the glory forever!
Amen.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for calling us into this wild and wonderful
experience of partnering with You in growing Your
Church. I earnestly ask for Your blessing over the year
ahead. Sharpen our purpose to bring true faith to all
nations and to bring You glory in all we do. Place Your
hand over my family. I ask for Your protection,
provision, power and the grace to point us back onto
Your path when we are distracted. Provide space and
place to meet with You regularly to keep our connection
to You close and our hearts clear. Provide extra
extended times away so we can clear our minds of the
clutter that so easily distracts us and to refocus on You
with our whole mind, soul, body and strength. Bring me
into a deeper, richer walk with You this year.

Amen



Easter

Matthew 28:20b

And remember, I am
with you always, to the
end of the age.

Dear God,

During this resurrection time, I come before You
thanking You for including me in Your saving grace. As
we are revitalizing this church, it reminds me that You
can bring dead things back to life. I come to You with
the hopeful expectation that You will do mighty work
here. I find comfort in Your scriptures, especially where
You gave the commission to go out. But in Your
wisdom, You reminded us that You will be with us.
Thank You for being with me today and to the end of
the age. I thank You for Your presence.

Amen



Independence Day

Galatians 5:13

For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.

Father God,

I praise You for true freedom. The freedom that I have in You so far outweighs any semblance of freedom I have here on earth. Thank You for the undeniable sacrifice Jesus Christ made on the cross for me. Please protect my heart from giving in to the desires of this world but see this freedom as an opportunity to truly love others. Thank You for the freedom we have in this country because of the ultimate sacrifices made by so many. Because of their efforts and Your favor we are able to participate in this Replant and love others in our community well. Thank You for allowing us to live in a country where we can openly and publicly worship You without the fear of imprisonment or loss. Please forgive me for taking that fact for granted. I love You.

Amen



Thanksgiving

1 Chronicles 29:13

Now therefore, our God,
we give you thanks and
praise your glorious
name.

Most gracious and loving God,

I am so thankful to see another day. Today I give You thanks and praise as I prepare for this Thanksgiving holiday. I need Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Do not allow me to be preoccupied preparing for the meal and hosting that I bypass thanking and praising You. Let me not forget all that You have blessed me and my family with. I cannot begin to name them all, but I am so grateful for every blessing big and small. Thank You for my amazing husband. Bless our marriage and the ministry of Replant/Revitalization. Thank You for choosing us. Let me bless someone today with servitude, hospitality, or even prayer. Lead the way and I will follow You with a heart of gratitude.

In the precious name of Jesus I pray, Amen



Christmas

Luke 2:19

But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them.

Heavenly Father,

Christmas is such a special time of year filled with beautiful chaos. It is my prayer that I do not miss You in the middle of all of the Christmas to-do lists. As a Replant pastor wife, it is very easy to get caught up in all the hustle and bustle of the season. Do not let me become so distracted with a hectic holiday schedule that I lose sight of the most important thing, which is celebrating the birth of Your Son. Allow me to use this month to focus on the gift that You gave the world. I pray that by the end of this season, I am filled with a renewed sense of peace and inspiration that will carry our family and our ministry into the New Year.

Amen



Birthday

Psalm 139:13-14

For it was you who
created my inward parts;
you knit me together in
my mother's womb. I

will praise you because I have been remarkably
and wondrously made. Your works are
wondrous, and I know this very well.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of life. Thank You Lord that I
am fearfully and wonderfully made. You delight in me.
Help me to embrace all that it means to be Your
daughter - the daughter of the most high King! I take
such comfort in the fact that You mapped my life out
before I was even conceived. You knew me even then
and had a specific plan for my life. Help me to
remember how special I am to You because of who You
made me to be, not because of anything I have done.
May I always take time on my birthday to focus on
You, Your love for me, and Your plans for my life,
instead of focusing on myself.

In Jesus' name, Amen

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