

His House! Prayer Focus

May this prayer focus be powerful and encouraging to all of us. The insights connect scriptural truths, personal faith, and a call to action.

The scriptures referenced remind us of the immense privilege we have in approaching God through prayer. Isaiah 56:7 and Mark 11:17 underline God's desire for **His house**—and by extension, our lives—to be places of worship, connection, and intercession for all people.

Isaiah 56:7 (AMP)

... for My house will be called a **house of prayer** for all peoples.

Mark 11:17 (AMP)

And He taught and said to them, Is it not written, My house shall be called a **house of prayer** for all the nations? But you have turned it into a den of robbers.

The connection!

The connection between our physical bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20) and a "**house of prayer**" emphasizes the deeply personal and active nature of our relationship with God.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV)

Do you not know that **you are the temple** of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

19 Or do you not know that **your body is the temple** of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Valuable insight into faith and emotions.

Jesus' weeping in John 11:35 "Jesus wept.", is such a profound moment—it shows us that **emotions** are not only natural but also a vital part of our faith journey. His tears were a response to the sorrow and pain of others, demonstrating His deep empathy and compassion. This reassures us that our feelings are not a hindrance to faith but can harmonize beautifully with it. **However**, bear in mind 2 Corinthians 5:7, "**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**"

This example encourages us to **see our emotions** as an opportunity to draw closer to God, trusting that He understands and values every aspect of our being. In doing so, we honor Him with our vulnerability and devotion, walking in faith as we express our hearts in prayer.

As believers, when we approach God with **sincere**, heartfelt prayers, we reflect the genuineness of our relationship with Him. **Our emotions**, whether joy, sorrow, gratitude, or longing, are a testament to our humanity and a way to connect deeply with God. He delights in our openness and trusts us to bring everything to Him—our triumphs, struggles, and **even our tears**.

Prayer suggestions:

The following prayer suggestions are practical, and spirit filled. They help frame our purpose in Christ and challenge us to grow in prayer:

1. **See things from God's perspective** – This reminds us to align our hearts with His will and view the world with divine understanding and compassion.
2. **Recognize our bodies as God's house** – Such awareness inspires holiness and reverence in how we live and serve.
3. **Be a house of prayer for all peoples** – This is a call for intercession for the nations, reflecting God's heart.
4. **Sense God's pleasure when we pray** – A beautiful encouragement to approach prayer with joy and expectancy.
5. **Pray for God's glory and honor Him** – This pinpoints our prayers on exalting God rather than just fulfilling personal desires.

May this call to prayer inspire many to deepen their relationship with God and become vessels of His love and power. Let's continue to believe for His pleasure and glory to be evident in our lives.

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