

Spiritual Authority Toolbox

Declarative Prayer/In the Name of Jesus

Declarative prayer is doing as the disciples did when they followed Jesus' example of praying with authority. It is simply aligning yourself with God's desires and declaring truth over a person, situation, or place instead of asking interceding and asking God to do something. Intercession is still a very valid and important form of prayer, but this is not intercession—it's a posture of aligning and declaring as opposed to asking.

Blessing

Blessing is a form of declarative prayer. It is a gift of encouragement or truth given to a person, place, or thing. When you use your authority as a child of the Most High God and a co-heir with Christ, your words have the power to shift the spiritual atmosphere. Blessings are spoken directly to the person, place, or thing rather than interceding to God. Two common types of blessing are Declaring Scripture and Blessing in the Opposite Spirit.

Declaring Scripture

Declaring scripture is using the Word of God to breath life into a person, situation, or place. For example, when someone is facing a stressful situation, one may bless this person with "the nearness of the Good Shepherd, who makes us lie down in green pastures, alongside quiet waters," or you might bless him or her with "the easy yoke of Christ, knowing that you are not alone, but that Jesus is carrying the burden as well."

Blessing in the Opposite Spirit

Blessing in the opposite spirit is the act of declaring the opposite of what is happening or believed. Many times it is declaring truth where there have been lies. For example, when one is feeling dejected, the Spirit may lead one to bless with hope. Or when one is feeling anxious, praying in the opposite spirit may look like blessing that person with peace that surpasses all understanding.

Listening Prayer

Listening prayer is the practice of asking and attending to what God speaks to you. He can speak using thoughts, impressions, words, or pictures. This communication is then tested to see if it's consistent with scripture and confirmed by the Holy Spirit, by others, and by the fruit of whatever we are prompted to do. Listening prayer can be used for your own intimacy with the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and it can be used when praying for others by asking Jesus how he wants us to pray.

Inner Healing Prayer

Inner healing prayer is a process that allows us to honestly face our emotional wounds for the sake of greater healing and intimacy with God. It acknowledges that Christ cares



about our “inner life” and wants to heal us holistically. It incorporates different forms of listening prayer and can utilize tangible prayer experiments that allow us to see, hear, feel, and encounter the healing only Jesus can offer. Each prayer session is a combination of conversation, prayer, listening, blessing, and being led by the Holy Spirit.

Physical Healing Prayer

In John 14:12 Jesus proclaimed that, “Anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing...” This promise of Jesus most certainly includes the miracle of physical healing. In dependency on the leading and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, every believer can learn to pray with expectation for the hurting to be healed by God through intercessory or declarative prayer.

Priestly Prayer

The Lord has made us all members of a royal priesthood. Priestly prayer helps us to enter into our role as priests by taking up the authority that God has given to us and asking God to show us how our circumstances and the world around us can be opportunities to pray as priests. The work of the priest involves dealing with sin, binding the enemy and bringing a blessing. Priestly prayer works in the spiritual realm to bring about change in the physical realm.

Prayer Walking

Prayer-walking involves taking our prayers to the very places where we desire to see God’s presence manifested and our prayers answered. It is an active type of prayer where you ask and listen for insight from God and then discover what he would like you to do about it. Think of prayer-walking like gardening in the land: we want to remove the things that prevent us from planting, then we want to plant good things to grow and flourish.

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