

Prayer Topic #6:
A Prayer for Small Business Owners

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 117, Zechariah 8:9-13

Reflections of the Heart:
"Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do."

~ Johann von Goethe

Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are our Great Provider. Thank You for our small business owners. Thank You for giving them seed to sow and bread for food. By Your grace, they have been able to establish themselves within our communities. Thank You for the encouragement and support of family and friends who believe in the vision You have placed in their hearts. Lord, when we think of how good You've been to our small business owners, we cannot help but lift our hands in praise. How we rejoice in Your strength, O Lord! We shout with joy because You give us victory. With music and singing, we celebrate Your mighty acts.

Father God, we declare that our small business owners are blessed and highly favored. We confess that it is You who directs their steps, and You delight in every detail of their lives. As they work to build their businesses, we believe that they will have supernatural favor with lenders, contractors, vendors, land owners, customers, and clients. We proclaim that they will work in such excellence that they will earn a great name and attract profitable partnerships far and wide. We declare that they will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit before they hire or fire any employee, or sign any contract. Father, we confess that they will seek Your will in all that they do, and You will show them which path to take. They will not become impressed with their own wisdom, but they will fear You and turn away from evil. We, the Windsor Village Church Family, believe that our small business owners will raise the bar in the business community to a higher level, being living epistles to their partners, competitors and customers.

List the small business owners you know and pray for them specifically:

Holy Spirit, help those small business owners who may be struggling to get their businesses off the ground. Show them how to wait patiently on the Father. Help them to trust in His timing and in His power to keep them steadily moving forward. Keep them far from questionable business practices and get-rich-quick schemes. Give them a heart of compassion for their employees and teach them to deal with them fairly, knowing that they must answer to the Father. Help them to maintain balance in their lives by staying committed to prayer and meditation on God's Word, and getting proper rest and nourishment. Remind them to keep their marriages and children prioritized above their businesses so that they don't risk losing what's most important. Remind their family and friends to encourage and support them, especially when the going gets tough. Open up the minds of our small business owners to learn new and more efficient ways of doing business and to not shy away from learning and growth. Bless them in all they they apply themselves to do. Remind them to observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Righteous Father, forgive our small business owners for their sins. Forgive those who have neglected their spouses, children, and time with You in pursuit of prosperity. Forgive those who have cheated our small business owners. Forgive our small business owners for worrying about their businesses instead of trusting You. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that You have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our small business owners of all those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. **(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show You names or faces of people**

that You may need to forgive. As He shows You, say aloud, “I forgive name of person(s).” Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in Your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Divine Father, help our small business owners to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Sovereign Lord, we give You all honor and glory forever and ever! You are the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies. You alone are God. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship You. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: II Corinthians 9:10, Psalm 21:1, 13, Psalm 37:23, Proverbs 3:6-7, Psalm 27:14, Exodus 20:8, Matthew 6:13, I Timothy 1:17, Nehemiah 9:6

Today I will trust God to:
