### <u>Prayer Topic #9</u>: A Prayer for Holy Lifestyles

# Scripture Reading:

Psalm 100, Romans 1:18-32

#### Reflections of the Heart:

To be holy means to be cleansed of faults and set apart by God, who is Himself faultless and pure. The Hebrew word translated "holy," *qadash* and its derivatives, carry the meaning of "set apart"—sanctified, consecrated, and hallowed. The Greek word translated "holy," *hagios* and its derivatives, imply an absence of fault or impurity. *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*.

## Scriptural Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank You for our lives. Thank You for knowing each of us intimately. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be our Helper and Teacher. Thank You for blessing us socially, relationally and emotionally. Father, we sing praises to You, our God and strength. We will sing, beat the tambourine and play the sweet lyre and harp. Your dwelling place is lovely. We faint with longing to enter Your courts with our whole beings, bodies and souls. We will shout joyfully to You, the living God.

Sovereign King, we confess that we will truly understand that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. We will give our bodies to You and will be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind You will find acceptable, for this is truly the way to worship You. We will not copy the illicit behavior and customs of this world, but we will let You, Father, transform us into new people by changing the way we think. As we continue to learn and grow in Your Word, we will know Your will for us, which is good and pleasing and perfect. We will know You and all of Your fulness. We will worship You and be thankful. We will not do vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. We will not trade the truth about You for a lie. We will not worship the things You have created, instead of You, the Creator, and we will not be abandoned to shameful desires. In Jesus' Name, we cancel every generational curse of perversion. We decree that we will not partake in pornography, fornication, homosexuality, bestiality, or any other sexual perversion.

#### I commit to removing the following areas of sin from my life:

Holy Spirit, our Deliverer, some of our members are ensnared by the sexual perversions of this world. Please remove the scales from their eyes and circumcise their hearts so that they can see them selves reflected in God's Word. Remind them that they are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, Your very own possession. Deliver us all from the shame and anger that perversion and sin creates in our hearts and minds. Remind us all that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus and that nothing can ever separate us from the Father's love that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Help us to make Godly choices. Convict us when we watch, read, listen to and visit internet sites that are ungodly. Surround us with strong Christian friends who will support us and hold us accountable when we are wrong. Lead us to people who love Christ more than culture.

Merciful Father, forgive us for any sexual sin we have participated in including pornography, fornication, oral sex, homosexuality, and taking inappropriate pictures of ourselves. Forgive those who do not value their bodies. Forgive those parents and guardians who have not created holy environments in their homes and lived as models of righteousness and integrity before their children and youth. Forgive those single parents who are not living celibate lives. Forgive those married parents who are engaged in extra-marital affairs. Forgive those parents who are not living regive us, as the Body of Christ, for turning a blind eye to sin. Forgive us for not openly discussing sexual purity with our youth. Lord, forgive me for <u>(list any sins that you have committed</u>). Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us 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 <u>name of person(s)</u>." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Holy Spirit, help us all to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Almighty God, You are the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to You who sits on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: John 14:26, Psalm 81:1-2, Psalm 84:1-2, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 1:21,24-27, I Corinthians 6:18, Acts 9:18, Deuteronomy 10:16, I Peter 2:9, Romans 8:1,39, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 22:13, Revelation 5:13

# Today I will trust God to: