

Prayer Topic #8:
A Prayer for Japan

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 91, Romans 8:18-25

Reflections of the Heart:

The beautiful nation of Japan has recently been ravaged with natural disasters and the people have suffered great pain and loss. The Father longs to show Himself faithful to them. Let's open our hearts to pray for the total deliverance of Japan today. Listen to the Holy Spirit and if He leads you to offer help in a tangible way, be quick to respond in love.

Scriptural Prayer:

Most Gracious Father, we thank You for the nation of Japan. Thank You for being the God of every nation, including theirs. Thank You for empowering our brothers and sisters, the Japanese believers, to be salt and light to their people. Father God, our hearts are confident in You. No wonder we can sing Your praises with all our hearts! We will wake the dawn with our song. We will thank You, Lord, among all the people. We will sing Your praises among the nations. Your unfailing love is higher than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, Father, above the highest heavens. May Your glory shine over all the earth. Now rescue Your beloved people in Japan. Answer them and save them by Your power.

Worthy Father, we declare that the godly of Japan will pray to You while there is still time. They will not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. We proclaim that You are their hiding place. You protect them from trouble and surround them with songs of victory. We decree that they shall come to fear Your Name from the west, and Your glory from the rising of the sun. Though the enemy has come in like a flood, Your Holy Spirit shall lift up a standard against him. We confess that all of Japan will come to realize that You so loved them that You gave Your one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life. We decree and declare that Japan's governmental leaders are using sound judgment and wisdom by finding safety among many advisers. We proclaim that they are open to receive wise counsel from other nations You have assigned to support and assist them during this time of trial. In the Name of Jesus, they will follow the virtuous path that leads them away from evil and into safety. They will not allow pride and arrogance to destroy them. We believe that the Holy Spirit is pleading for the believers in harmony with Your own will for Japan. You are causing everything to work together for the good of those who love You and are called according to Your purpose for them.

Holy Spirit, You are the great Advocate. We ask You to intervene on Japan's behalf today. Comfort the lonely and the hurting, the grieving and bereaved, the fearful and confused. Reveal to them the Father's lovingkindness through the many acts of service being shown to them. Give them favor with those who hold answers for their nation's greatest needs. Teach them to know that the Father has plans for their good, not for their disaster; that He has a future and a hope for them. Help them to believe that when they pray to Him, He will listen. Reassure them that they will find Him if they look for Him wholeheartedly. We pray that revival will arise within Japan and that the testimonies of the righteous will encourage the hearts of those who are struggling to believe God.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can personally support Japan's recovery. Write down His instructions:

Devoted Father, forgive the sins of Japan. Forgive them for not acknowledging Your sovereignty in their nation. Forgive them for practicing idolatry and wickedness. Forgive them for any acts of greed, selfish ambition, hatred, or rebellion that may have left them vulnerable to destruction. Forgive the Japanese government for hindering or denying the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Forgive them for any unfair treatment of the poor and needy. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that You have committed)**. 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 name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in Your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Faithful Father, help the nation of Japan not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Great and Awesome Father, You are great and most worthy of praise. You are to be feared above all gods. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but our Lord made the heavens! Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous deeds have been revealed. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Matthew 5:13, Psalm 108:1-6, Psalm 32:6-7, Isaiah 59:19, John 3:16, Proverbs 11:14, Proverbs 16:17-18, Romans 8:27-28, John 15:26, Jeremiah 29:11-13, Matthew 6:13, I Chronicles 16:25-26, Revelation 15:3-4

Today I will trust God to:
