

A Prayer of Submission and Obedience

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 19:1-11, Isaiah 1:10-20, James 4:7-10

Reflections of the Heart:

As believers, at times our lives become tainted by the influences of the world. During this week of fasting and prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to examine your heart concerning your personal sins. Confess your sins and renew Your surrender to God. Then say to God like King David said, "Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me!" *Psalm 51:10*

Scriptural Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank You for Your mercy. 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, physically, mentally and emotionally. Father, as a Church Family, 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. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how we praise You! We will praise You as long as we live; we will lift up our hands to You in prayer. You satisfy us more than the richest feast. We will praise You with songs of joy.

Sovereign King, as a Church Family, we declare spiritual cleansing and renewal in our lives. We understand that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we give our bodies to You a living and holy sacrifice—the kind You will find acceptable, for this is truly the way to worship You. We renew our commitment to 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. We declare that we will continue to learn and grow in Your Word. We will know Your will for us, which is good and pleasing and perfect. 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 in our lives. Lord, we renew our commitment to allow the Holy Spirit to produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives.

Holy Spirit, show me the specific sins that are in my heart. List them and confess them with the additional sins in the following "forgiveness" paragraph below:

Holy Spirit, please remove the scales from our eyes concerning the sins in our lives and circumcise our hearts so that we can see ourselves reflected in God's Word. Remind us that there is no condemnation to those of us 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 all to make Godly choices. Convict us when we read, listen to, watch television and visit internet sites that are ungodly. Give us a hunger and thirst for righteousness and 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. As parents and guardians, help us to create holy, positive home environments for our children and youth.

Merciful Father, forgive us for the sins of gluttony, pride, gossip, self-righteousness, pornography, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and all other acts of sinfulness. Forgive us, as a Church Family, for turning a blind eye to what our children and youth are doing. 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 "I forgive name of person(s)." 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, Psalm 63:3-5, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 1:21, 24-25, 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:
