

# An Economic Development Prayer for Arts and Entertainment Professionals

## **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 104:24-34, Genesis 41:47-57

## **Reflections of the Heart:**

“Business is a critical enabler of inclusive economic growth and job creation which is key to unlocking human potential and poverty reduction.” ~ Paul Polman, Chairman, World Business Council for Sustainable Development and CEO of Unilever

## **ONE Prayer:**

Gracious Father, we thank You for providing a way for Arts and Entertainment professionals to survive and thrive through economic development. Thank You for taking care of them and supplying all of their needs from Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Thank You for having plans for Arts and Entertainment professionals, plans for good and not for disaster, to give them a future and a hope. You are a great God and a great King above all gods. You hold in Your hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to You, for You made it. Your hands also formed the dry land. We worship and bow down. We kneel before You, our maker, for You are our God. We are the people You watch over, the flock under Your care. We listen to Your voice today!

Almighty Father, we decree economic development and success among Arts and Entertainment professionals. We confess that the leaders will be wise and understand Your ways. They will prove it by living honorable lives, doing good works that come from wisdom. By faith, we declare that they do not have a spirit of fear and timidity, but power, love and self-discipline. They will work to ensure that there is a mighty flood of justice and an endless river of righteous living within their economic development system. When they do, we expect the well-being and quality of life for their communities around the world to improve through their efforts, which include adequate distribution of wealth, diversification of industries, equal pay for equal work, access to quality education and jobs. We declare that they will not get tired of doing what is good, for at the right time, if they don't give up, they will reap a harvest of blessing. They will never be lazy, but work hard and serve enthusiastically.

Holy Spirit, help professionals in Arts and Entertainment to see that the decisions they make and the interests they pursue individually and collectively contribute to the economic health of their communities and the global marketplace. Touch their hearts to be on one accord, merciful and loving in their efforts to build and sustain ethical and successful businesses. Remind them that the needs of each person they serve, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, social standing or financial capability, should be considered as they advance economically. In turn, show them ways in which they can support stronger economies and improve the quality of living for their communities and the world at large.

## ***Holy Spirit, reveal how I can pray for and support economic development in Arts and Entertainment:***

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Righteous Father, forgive Arts and Entertainment professionals for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive those who have not been diligent in seeking Your leadership for their business, organizational and social practices. Forgive those who do not trust in You nor Your wisdom but rely on their own limited human understanding. Forgive those who have compromised Your Word in order to make a profit. Forgive those who have not treated their employees and constituents fairly but have given priority to people with wealth and privilege. Forgive those who have not properly taken care of or shown respect for the communities they live in. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind Arts and Entertainment professionals of those they need to forgive and help them to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them to 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 Arts and Entertainment professionals not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Omnipotent God, how great are Your riches and wisdom and knowledge! You are the God who does great things too marvelous to understand. It is You who performs countless miracles. We praise You, Lord! Let everyone on earth bless Your Holy Name forever and ever! Everything comes from You and exists by Your power and is intended for Your glory. All glory to You forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Philippians 4:19, Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 95:3-7, Proverbs 4:7, James 3:13, II Timothy 1:7, Amos 5:24, Galatians 6:9-10, Romans 12:11, Matthew 6:13, Romans 11:33a, Job 5:9, Psalm 145:21, Romans 11:36

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