

# Business Professionals' Prayer of Love for God and Their Neighbor

## **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 138:2, 1 John 4:7-21

## **Reflections of the Heart:**

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." ~ Colossians 3:14

## **ONE Prayer:**

Almighty Father, thank You for loving business professionals. Thank You for Your compassion, mercy, slow anger and unfailing love for them. Thank You for showing business professionals what unconditional love looks like so that they will understand how to love themselves and others as You love them. Lord, we come before You clapping our hands and shouting joyful praise to You. You are awesome! You are the great King of all the earth. You subdue the nations before us, putting our enemies beneath our feet. We will praise You, Lord, for everyone to hear, and we will sing hymns to You in every nation. Your love reaches higher than the heavens; Your loyalty extends beyond the clouds.

Glorious Father, we decree that business professionals will obey Your greatest and most important commandment to love You with all their hearts, all of their souls and all of their minds. In the same spirit, they will obey Your second and equally important commandment to love their neighbors as themselves. They will not merely say that they love people, but will show the truth by their actions. While they are interacting with customers, employees, colleagues and the community, they will be patient and kind, not jealous or boastful or rude. They will let their good deeds shine out for all to see so that everyone will praise You. They will never give up, never lose faith, be always faithful and endure every circumstance. They will know that You cause everything to work together for the good of those who love You and are called according to Your purpose.

***As a business professional, how will you show your love for God and for your neighbor by your actions?***

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Holy Spirit, show business professionals how to love God and obey His commandments. Reveal to them business practices, habits, mindsets and attitudes that prevent them from glorifying You. Guard their minds and show them how to walk consistently in integrity, humility, fairness and forgiveness. Help them to not deceive themselves by thinking they are walking in love while using their tongues to curse those who have been made in the Father's image. In this world where they are frequently told to put themselves first, help them to truly put the Father first in their lives, and to esteem their neighbor better than themselves.

Exalted Father, forgive business professionals for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive those who put their business plans and bottom lines before their love and reverence for You. Forgive them for, at times, forgetting to thank You for the good success they achieve. Forgive those who take Your love for granted and do not show love to their neighbors and themselves. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind business professionals of 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.)***

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

Eternal Lord, You are God alone. You created the heavens and the earth; You put everything in its place. You made the world to be lived in, not a place of empty chaos. You are the Lord and there is no other. You only speak what is true and declare only what is right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** 1 John 4:19, Psalm 103:8, Psalm 147:1-3, Psalm 57:9-10, Matthew 22:37-39, 1 John 3:18, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Matthew 5:16, 1 Corinthians 13:7, Romans 8:28, Matthew 6:13, Isaiah 45:18-19

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