

## **re:formation – Embracing Priorities That Make Us Whole**

Praying with Paul we embrace priorities that make us whole: healing, vision, knowledge of the Word, building relationship with God, building relationship with others, and more. The following prayers and challenges to pray from the letters of Paul guide us in establishing our priorities and reform us. In these pages you will find listed one priority from Paul's writings for each week of the year. May we be reformed by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God as we seek Jesus. All Scripture references are from the NIV Bible.

1. **Jesus Christ opens the path for me to God. Have a continual conversation with God.** Romans 1:8-10 *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you <sup>10</sup>in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.*
2. **Pray for Israel. Have a global vision.** Romans 10:1 *Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.*
3. **Be faithful in seeking God.** Romans 12:12 *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* 1 Thes 5:17 *Pray continually.*
4. **Walk in harmony glorifying God.** Romans 15:5-6 *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
5. **Be filled and overflowing with hope.** Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
6. **Pray for pastors and leaders of church ministries.** Romans 15:30-33 *I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favourably...*

7. **Be aware that Christ surrounds me with His grace.** 1 Corinthians 16:23 *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.*
8. **Give thanks to God for how He works in lives.** 1 Corinthians 1:4-6 *I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.*
9. **Praise Jesus Christ for who He is.** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*
10. **Bring the message of Christ to others.** 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 *But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?*
11. **Help those in need.** 2 Corinthians 9:12 *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, people will praise God for the obedience that accompanies....*
12. **Depend on God's grace in affliction.** 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*
13. **Walk in truth and integrity.** 2 Corinthians 13:7-9 *Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong. Not that people will see that we have stood the test but that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. We are glad whenever we...*
14. **Recognize His grace upon my life.** Galatians 6:18 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.*

**15. Recognize supernatural realities and give praise. List blessings in Christ.**

Ephesians 1:3

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—<sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...

**16. Give thanks for others.** Ephesians 1:15-16 <sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all his people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

**17. Ask for wisdom and revelation from the Spirit.** Ephesians 1:17 *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

**18. Have open eyes -- Jesus is all-powerful.** Ephesians 1:18-23 <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that can be invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**19. Humble self before God.** Ephesians 3:14-15 <sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family—in heaven and on earth derives its name.

20. **Be strengthened with the Holy Spirit.** Ephesians 3.16-17a <sup>16</sup>*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,* <sup>17</sup>*so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*
21. **Be rooted in love of Christ.** Ephesians 3.17b-21 *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*
22. **Believe for impossible.** Ephesians 3.20-21 <sup>20</sup>*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.*
23. **Ask for prayer. Be bold.** Ephesians 6.19-20 *Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*
24. **Be continuous in prayer.** Philippians 1.3-4a *I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you...*
25. **Be joyfully confident.** Philippians 1.4b-6 *I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you .. **And Rejoice.** 1 Thes 3.9 <sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?*
26. **Ask God for insight and live right.** Philippians 1.9-11 *And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through ...*
27. **Develop attitude of gratitude. Pray with thanksgiving.** Philippians 4.6-7 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
28. **Speak blessing. Bless others – that Christ will be with them.** Philippians 4.23 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.*

29. **Demonstrate faith with actions.** Colossians 1.3-14 <sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all his people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true word of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world— just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our\* behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.
30. **Seek God's will and bear fruit.** Colossians 1.9-11 <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...
31. **Walk in forgiveness.** Colossians 1.12-14 <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you\* to share in the inheritance of his people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
32. **Set prayer as a priority. What door needs to be opened?** Colossians 4.2-3 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
33. **Pray for spread of proclamation of Gospel. What do I need to proclaim?** Colossians 4.4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should...
34. **Remember ministry of others. What guides my work?** 1 Thes 1.2-3 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope ..
35. **Accept Bible as Word of God and be continuously transformed by it.** 1 Thes. 2.13-16 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators ...

36. **Pray in the Holy Spirit and with understanding.** 1 Corinthians 14:13-15 <sup>13</sup> *For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding;*
37. **Build up others and teach them.** 1 Thes.1.10-13 *Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.*
38. **Have eternal priorities.** 1 Thes 1.12-13 *May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.*
39. **Recognize God is faithful and walk in His peace.** 1 Thes. 5.23-24 *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*
40. **Daily need for Christ's grace.** 1 Thes 5.28 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*
41. **Grow in faith.** 2 Thes 1.3-10 <sup>3</sup> *We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. <sup>5</sup> All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. <sup>6</sup> God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup> and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup> He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup> on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.*
42. **Desire goodness.** 2 Thes 1.11 <sup>11</sup> *With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.*

43. **Glorify Christ in and with my life.** 2 Thes 1.12 <sup>12</sup>*We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
44. **Be encouraged and encourage others.** 2 Thes 2.16-17 <sup>16</sup>*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,* <sup>17</sup>*encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*
45. **Be protected by Christ.** 2 Thes 3.2-5 *And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things ...*
46. **Be continually surrounded by peace of Christ.** 2 Thes 3.16 *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.*
47. **Recognize Christ's purpose on my life and that He gives me strength to fulfill that purpose.** 1 Tim 1.12 *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.*
48. **Pray for those in governmental authority – at every level.** 1 Tim 2.1-7 *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—<sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and human beings, Christ Jesus, himself human <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.*
49. **Be connected with others and be filled with joy.** 2 Timothy 1.3-7 *I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, ..*
50. **Be ministry minded to others and ask for mercy.** 2 Timothy 1.16-18 <sup>16</sup>*May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains.* <sup>17</sup>*On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.* <sup>18</sup>*May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.*

51. **Jesus Christ is with me today and in every circumstance.** 2 Timothy 4.22 *The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.* Philemon 25 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.* Titus 3.15 <sup>15</sup>*Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.*

52. **Work together in partnership.** Philemon 4-7 *I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding ...*