



REVIVAL PRAYER PODCAST

"Prayers for Direction"

"Your kingdom come, your will be done." Matthew 6:10

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In the College of Prayer, we encourage everyone to start their time by praying three prayers (Protection, Direction, and Revelation). Each of these prayers is significant. Today, I would like us to focus on why it is important to pray prayers of direction.

Prayers of direction are essential for prayer to have any effect or eternal significance. Without God's direction in prayer, prayer is nothing more than human, natural wishes. Without God's direction, prayer will only yield natural results. If you want supernatural results in prayer, you must learn to seek God for His direction in prayer.

"All prayers that are answered in heaven started in heaven." Armin Gesswein

Unfortunately, the majority of people who pray go to God with their desires, agenda, wishes, and will and ask God to bless it; rather than going to God first, asking God for His desires, agenda, wishes, and direction, and then knowing that if it is God's way, it will be blessed. We want to learn to seek God for His direction in prayer and then pray that which He desires.

Throughout the Bible, leaders followed God's direction.

Moses *"And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.'" Ex. 33:15*

Israel - *"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night." Ex. 13:21*

Joshua - *"And the Lord said to Joshua, 'See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days...On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, ... all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat.'" Joshua 6:2-5*

David - *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." Psalm 32:8*

Isaiah - *"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left." Isaiah 30:21*

Jesus - *"So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.'" John 5:19*

Peter - *"Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' This is a desert place." Acts 8:26*

Church in Antioch - *"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off."* Acts 13:2–3

Verses seeking God's Direction

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5–6

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." Luke 22:42

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." Romans 8:14

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:26–27

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." John 16:13

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. " Galatians 5:25

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5

Name of God for Direction

Shepherd (Psalm 23; John 10)

Master (Genesis 15:2)

Guide (Psalm 48:14)

The Way (John 14:6)

Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)

Lord (Proverbs 16:9; Luke 6:46)

Guidelines for Praying Prayers of Direction

- 1) **Ask** for direction at all times and in every situation. Certainly for big decisions, but also in everyday life. (Matt. 6:10; Luke 22:42; James 1:5)
- 2) **Repent** of selfish desires. Seeking your own will. Repent of any disobedience. Repent of any times where God has spoken clearly, and you have not obeyed. Repent of seeking other people's will first rather than seeking God's will.
- 3) **Receive** the Holy Spirit. Ask for the Holy Spirit to direct your prayers, preaching, disciple-making, etc. (Romans 8:14; Gal. 5:25)
- 4) **Listen** to God. It is easy to speak to God and share our desires. However, we want to learn how to listen for God and His instructions. (John 16:13; Acts 13:2)
- 5) **Obey** the voice of God. When God speaks, we must be ready to obey. If God wants us to preach, teach, give, serve, love, and pray, we must carry out His will in obedience, no matter how difficult the word might be. The more we obey, the more God will speak. (Isaiah 1; Proverbs 16:9; Luke 6:46)

Ways to discern God's direction.

- 1) Does this align with the character of God? Is this Biblical? Does this glorify God?
- 2) Has God given clear passion, vision, and faith?
- 3) Will this help others, build the church, and advance God's kingdom?
- 4) Do others whom I trust affirm and sense God's hand on this?
- 5) When I obeyed, did it yield fruit?

May God strengthen you to pray prayers of direction. May lead others to pray prayers of direction. May every prayer meeting you have be led by God's will. May God speak to you and may you have the courage to follow His voice wherever, whenever, and however He may lead you.