

## Prayer for People Struggling with Addiction

Opening	
<p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thank the Father for who He is.</i></li> <li>• <i>Thank the Father for another opportunity to meet with Him in prayer</i></li> <li>• <i>Address him as Father, not as God.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Dear Heavenly Father,</p> <p>I come before you now, thanking you and praising you for another day to sing your praises.</p>
<p><b>Praise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Praise the Father for what he has done</i></li> <li>• <i>Sing a song of praise</i></li> </ul>	<p>You are Jehovah Shalom, our peace in difficult times.</p>
<p><b>Forgiveness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ask the Father for forgiveness of your sin.</i></li> <li>• <i>Explain what you assume your most recent sins have been.</i></li> <li>• <i>Thank God that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ has blotted out your transgressions</i></li> <li>• <i>Promise to repent (not commit the same sin over and over again)</i></li> <li>• <i>If you have wronged someone else, schedule time to ask for their forgiveness</i></li> <li>• <i>If you are married, but you are involved in an argument with your spouse, stop and ask your spouse to forgive you so that your prayer won't be hindered</i></li> <li>• <i>If someone else has hurt you or said something about you falsely, state that you will forgive them</i></li> </ul>	<p>I ask that you forgive me of my sins. Wash me with your Word and make me a worthy vessel of your anointing.</p> <p>If I have wronged or offended anyone in anyway, I ask that you forgive me. I repent of my ways that are not like you.</p> <p>If someone else has wronged me in anyway, I chose to forgive them and will continue to show them the love of Christ in my heart.</p>

<b>Your Case</b>	
<p><b>Statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Explain the problem or issue.</i></li> <li>• <i>State the steps that you've taken to resolve the issue in accordance with the Word of God.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Dear Father, Our world is suffering with people that are dealing with various addictions. There is a rise in people addicted to meth. There is a rise in young people addicted to smoking weed. Some are just addicted to the narcissism that forces them to make idols of themselves in social media...praising their own images...glorifying what they own, who they know, or how they look.</p> <p>Dear Father, Some of our men are addicted to pornography. And it seems like an entire generation is addicted to fornication. Even in the church, people are struggling with sexual addiction.</p> <p>Dear Father, Some of us have become addicted to harmful foods that just make us feel even worse than we already are. Some of us are also addicted to watching too much TV. We fill our time with meaningless stories instead of working on the work you called us to do.</p> <p>Dear Father, Some of us are also addicted to drinking alcohol and we don't even know it. We call it social drinking.</p>
<p><b>Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provide proof that the problem or issue is occurring.</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide up to three pieces of evidence</i></li> </ul>	<p>Father, I see this in the profiles of our young people. I see this in the news media, on TV, and in our movies. I see the problem when I examine my own life. I am guilty of wasting precious time that you have given me...playing too many online games or watching TV.</p>
<p><b>Confession</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Say what the Word of God says about your situation</i></li> <li>• <i>Say two to three scriptures that include promises God made to you as a believer</i></li> <li>• <i>Say two to three scriptures that include covenant rights you have as a child of God and citizen of the heavenly kingdom of God</i></li> </ul>	<p>Lord, your Word declares that we are free. We are not slaves to our sinful desires. We are free in our minds. We are free to worship you instead of our own selves.</p> <p>Your Word calls us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, Holy and acceptable unto you.</p> <p>We are free to not look to drugs and sex in hopes of appeasing the emptiness we feel inside. You alone can fill the void in our existence.</p> <p>Your Word calls us to bear the fruits of the Spirit and forsake the lusts of our flesh. You ask us to flee fornication and other fleshly sins.</p>

	<p>Your Word declares that there is no temptation that has overtaken us except what is common to mankind. And You are faithful; You will not let us be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when we are tempted, you will also provide a way out so that we can endure it. Lord, help us to recognize the way of escape.</p> <p>Your Word asks us to not be conformed to the way this world tells us to spend our time, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.</p>
<p><b>Request</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ask the Father to move on the behalf of someone else, but don't tell him how to do it.</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide two or three examples of how God moved on the behalf of people in the Bible that experienced a similar problem</i></li> </ul>	<p>I ask Father, that you free the minds of the young people of this generation. Free them to seek you diligently instead of seeking approval from others.</p> <p>I ask that you free those bound by addiction to anything that is not like you. I bind the attack of the enemy on our minds and hearts.</p> <p>I ask that you go into the rehab centers and bring a spirit of happiness where there was once sorrow or despair. I ask that you strengthen and equip the ministry workers that help people struggling with addiction. I ask that you strengthen and equip the rehabilitation nurses, directors, and counselors with the wisdom they need to support their clients.</p> <p>I ask that you help those struggling with drug addiction to overcome the shame and embarrassment they feel when they face the family and friends they have wronged. I ask that you help those struggling with drug addiction to face the generational curses that have plagued their families.</p> <p>I ask that you help those struggling with alcohol addiction. For many of them it started when they were young or in college. Now it has become a crutch to lean on...The first thing they do when they get home...The first thing they do when the weekend comes...The first thing they do when they watch the game with their friends. I ask that you help those struggling to realize that it is not helping them, but slowly killing them and just numbing them.</p> <p>I ask that you help everyone struggling with food addictions. Help us to learn to fast and bring our bodies under the authority of your Word and your Holy Spirit. Help us to leave the old unhealthy ways of our upbringing behind.</p>

	<p>I ask that you send forth your angels to help those most in need. Dear Father, help that person right now that is planning on overdosing to end their pain and suffering.</p> <p>I ask that you open the eyes of our understanding. Help us to be honest with ourselves about what we've done to bring about the pain in our lives. Help us not to blame it all on the Devil. Change us Father. Make us more like you.</p> <p>Dear Father, I ask that you raise up a generation of young people that will post their testimonies of deliverance and hope.</p>
<p><b>Closing</b></p>	
<p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thank the Father in advance for his answer to your issue/problem</i></li> <li>• <i>Use a name of God that relates to your plea. (Example: Jehovah Jireh)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Father,</p> <p>I thank You in advance for your deliverance. The deliverance we seek is already available within us if we are brave enough to be honest with ourselves and do the hard work of living a disciplined and consistent life. With your help, we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ.</p> <p>I thank you in advance for our days in glory, where we'll gather together and tell the story of how we made it over. We will make it over every hurdle and obstacle that sin has placed in our way.</p>
<p><b>Wait</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Wait patiently and silently for a few moments.</i></li> <li>• <i>Meditate on the answer.</i></li> <li>• <i>Visualize your situation being resolved.</i></li> </ul>	

- *Remind yourself that the problem or issue is temporary and fleeting.*

### Scripture References

Provide 3 to 5 scripture references to support your confession (promises, covenants, rights as a citizen of kingdom of heaven)

Scripture Location	Text
1 Cor 10:13 (NIV)	No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
Romans 12:1 (Amplified)	Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship.
Romans 12:2 (KJV)	And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
John 8:31-36 (KJV)	31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Provide 3 to 5 scripture references of examples of how the Father moved on the behalf of other people in the Bible that experienced a similar problem/issue.

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