

PRAYERS OF SERVANT-HEARTED LEADERS

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

People depend on leaders (of all kinds) for kindness, compassion, guidance, prayer, and emotional support – even while these same leaders may face challenges of their own. When leaders rely on God's strength, truth, wisdom, and the perfect example of servant-hearted leadership in Jesus, they gain not only peace but also deep blessing.

Being followers of Jesus, we are *all* called to listen, lead, and love. Prayer opens our hearts and eyes to those we can guide with a listening ear and a kind word. Begin with the prayers below, use them as they are, or create personal prayers of your own.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. (Psalm 143:8)

Lord, grow my love for You so I will trust You when I cannot see the path ahead. Keep me from saying *Yes* when *No* is the better answer. Help me to forgive quickly, harbor no bitterness or grudges, and extend the grace You've so abundantly shown me, for apart from You, Lord, I can do nothing. In Jesus' name, amen.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (Ephesians 6:10)

Lord, give me the courage of Gideon to face my fears, the humilityand patience of Nehemiah to listen to my critics, and the strength and boldness of Daniel to lead Your people as You have purposed. Amen.

Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:3)

Lord, guard my heart and my tongue. Keep me from reckless words, and instead, make me an encourager. Surround me with wise voices, people who follow You and who will speak truth into my life. Help me to overcome temptation and keep my eyes focused on You. Amen.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak ... (James 1:19)

Gracious Father, help us listen deeply to the words spoken – and those left unsaid. May we be quick to listen and slow to speak; when we speak, may our words be laced with your compassion and kindness. Amen.

So he shepherded them with a sincere heart, and with skillful hands he led them. (Psalm 78:72 EHV)

Heavenly Father, You call each of us to servant-hearted leadership. Keep Your call fresh in our hearts, strengthening us for the work as we seek Your wisdom and guidance. Teach us patience, Lord, and fill us with peace and joy so that when the work is hard, we will remember that You are with us, in us, and working through us. Great is Your faithfulness!" In Jesus' name, amen.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (James 1:5)

Gracious and loving God, grow in me a sensitivity to Your voice as You invite me into Your presence. Help me communicate with clarity and compassion. Guard my tongue and teach me to encourage, inspire, and build others up with my words. As I learn to be a servant-hearted leader, give me the courage to love Your people well. Amen.

...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ... (Matthew 20:26)

Heavenly Father, give me patience with people, progress, and things I do not understand. Assure me that Your plan is always worth waiting for and will be better than anything I could do on my own. In Your Son's name, amen.

First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Dear Lord, I come humbly before You, lifting my fears, doubts, and anxieties to You. Fill my heart and mind with faith enough to do what You have called me to do, nothing more and nothing less. When feelings of doubt or inferiority arise, fill me with Your peace, reminding me that I am seen, known, and loved completely. Calm my anxious heart, Lord. Collect my scattered thoughts, and grow a deep well of compassion in me so that I can pour out love and compassion as You lead and guide me. Feed me with Your Word, lead me by Your Spirit, and let all I do bring You glory. In Jesus' name, amen.