

A Disciple-Maker's Prayer

Jesus, We praise You for winning the authority to save the world by Your death and resurrection. In that authority, You commissioned us to "Make disciples of all the nations."

This is a huge task that we can be very busy about, but You also showed us that while the harvest is truly great and ready, we should first focus on earnestly pleading for more laborers. You prayed all night before choosing Yours (Luke 6:12-13). You promised that the Lord of the harvest will throw out workers and we claim this now (Matthew 9:35-38, Luke 10:2).

We praise You for every beautiful quality You showed as You lovingly "made disciples." We are inspired by Your patience and dedication. We desire to make disciples like You did and so we focus on Your example and ask You to make us "fishers of men" like You.

Mark tells us Jesus appointed the disciples to "be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons" (Mark 3:13-15). Call us again to spend all our time in Your presence and to let You equip us to work greater miracles in Your name.

Take the priorities that You stated and transform us so we can truly be Your disciples and multiply disciples who:

- Abide in Your word and bear much fruit (John 8:31; 15:8).
- Love You more than their family and own lives
- Bear their cross and come after You
- Forsake all they have (Luke 14:26, 27, and 33).
- Who love one another; as You loved us (John 13:34-35)
- Who tell Your gospel stories like a house owner who brings from his storeroom new treasures and old (Matthew 13:52)
- Who rightly trained will be like their teacher (Luke 6:40)

Help us to make disciples as You instructed in Your Great Commission as we actively GO into new places, TEACH until they can live it, and BAPTIZE, seeking their deep conversion. Help us disciple them until they can disciple others, so we can multiply this unto Your coming (2 Timothy 2:2).

The Church Planter's Prayers

Let's pray like Paul for the gospel to advance in new areas. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved" (Romans 10:1). Continue earnestly in prayer, ...praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ" (Colossians 4:2-4). "Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified...and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men for not all have faith" (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2).

Let's pray like Paul for members to effectively extend this witness, "making mention of you always in my prayers...that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus" (Philemon 4-6).

Let's pray like Paul for the true discipleship of each convert as evidenced in many of his epistles like here: "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy" (Colossians 1:9-11).

Let's pray continually like Paul. "Without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day" (2 Timothy 1:3). "Always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy" (Phil. 1:4). "Night and day praying exceedingly" (1 Thessalonians 3:10).

Let's pray like Paul in complete surrender to God's will despite Satan's attacks, knowing God's grace is sufficient for His strength is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).



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