

Lydia Prayer Suggestions #3

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Read Philippians 4:4-8. Ask God to help you apply these verses to your life.

- Take a few minutes to make a list of ways you can rejoice in the Lord.
- Ask God to reveal to you ways He wants you to let your gentleness be evident to all.
- Give God your worries and cares. Name them out loud then release them to Him in prayer.
- Ask God to help you turn to Him in all your ways.

If you are married, pray for your mate. Ask God to renew your love and respect for each other. Pray that communication will be improved and kindness will prevail.

Pray for the marriages of the leaders of your church.

Pray for your pastor:

That every sermon will be covered with prayer both as it is prepared and delivered
That the Word of God will be preached boldly and with anointing
That he or she will live a life totally obedient to God's will
That he or she will have a passion for souls, and God's work will not become routine
That he or she will be totally dependent upon God
That he or she will not do anything that will bring dishonor to God's name

Continue your prayer time praying for your pastor's wife or some woman in ministry that God lays on your heart:

- Pray for her children.
- Pray for hurts inflicted by people who criticize or say unkind things about her.
- Pray that she will be strengthened physically.
- Pray that she will have an increased love and respect for her husband.
- Pray that she will not take on more assignments than she can handle.
- Pray that she will pray before accepting any position in the church or community to make sure this activity is God's direction.
- Pray that she will have the courage to say yes to any assignment God gives her that seems overwhelming.
- Pray that she will daily find time to read the Bible and get alone with God in prayer.
- Pray that her words will meet the Ephesians 4:29 criteria.
- Pray for yourself that you will show loving kindness to her in all the words you speak to others about her.
- Pray that you will lift her up daily in prayer.
- Extend at least one act of kindness to her this week. This could be a letter, a card, a gift, an act of service, a compliment, an invitation to lunch.

Pray a similar prayer for yourself and women in your family plus your friends.

If you have children, pray for them by name. Ask God to reveal specific ways for you to pray.

Pray for any children and teens in your church who have non-Christian parents. Make a special effort to bless one or more of those children in some way this week. Be there to give spiritual support and loving guidance. Pray for pastors' and missionaries' children. Pray for the children of the world.

Pray for the leaders of your community, state, nation, and the world. Allow God to direct your prayers. Pray that His glory will be revealed and that the Spirit of Jesus will touch the hearts of many.

Reread Philippians 4:4-8 aloud. Thank God in advance for His answers! Go in Peace!