



A Prayer for New Believers in Churchplanting Movements

When a churchplanting movement begins,

so much depends on the growth, faith, and obedience of new believers. Praying for new believers in all stages of a movement, but especially in the beginning, is critically important, and profoundly strategic as well. Would you commit to spend between 10-30 minutes daily asking the following things from the Father on behalf of new believers in a specific movement, or generally in movements worldwide?

Father God, first of all, THANK YOU for pouring out Your mercy on these new believers who not long ago were bound in the kingdom of darkness but now have been transferred to the Kingdom of Light by Your glorious grace. Father, would You help us to pray earnestly for these are so young in their faith, that You would work through Your Body to supply all that is lacking in their faith?

Love for One Another:

1Th 3:9-13 *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

John 13:35 *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

Php 1:9-11 *And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

- Father, would You make these new believers to increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that You could establish their hearts blameless in holiness before Your throne.
- Train them in simple, humble, serving love, and make it obvious to those around them that their love is from You, and that they belong to You.
- Make their love abound more and more, grow them in knowledge, obedience, and discernment, so that they will know what is right and pure, that the fruit of righteousness would be evident in their lives, so that You would be glorified more and more as more lost people come to know You.

Growth in Maturity:

Psalm 46:10 - He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Eph 1:16-20 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Col 1:9-12 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

2Thess 1:11-12 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:15-17 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

- Heavenly Father, draw these new believers into the deep places of Your heart as they are still before You - train them to value time spent in Your presence. Teach them that abiding in You is the starting point for Your glory being revealed to all nations.
- Father, would You pour out on these new believers a spirit of wisdom and revelation; would you enlighten the eyes of their hearts, that they would know the hope to which they have been called and their glorious inheritance in the saints. Lord, open their hearts to understand the immeasurable greatness of Your resurrection power toward us who believe.
- Remind them, Lord, to remain humble before You, knowing at all times that is not by their own works that they are saved, but only by Your grace. Open their eyes to see the good works for which You have prepared them.
- Lord God, strengthen them with power through Your Spirit in their inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. Father, root them deep and keep them grounded in love, that they may have strength to supernaturally comprehend, along with other believers, the breadth and length and height and depth of Your perfect love which surpasses natural human comprehension, that they could then be filled with all the fullness of God. Lord, You can do far more than all we could ever ask or imagine - please multiply our prayers and stir us to keep praying for these new believers throughout the day today, and even as we wake in the night, that You would continue to receive glory from more and more people as Your Kingdom spreads.
- Loving Father, would you fill these precious ones with the sure knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that they can walk in a manner worthy of You, pleasing You as they bear fruit in every good work and as they increase in the knowledge of God. May they be

strengthened with all power, according to Your glorious might, to keep growing in patience and endurance with joy, continually giving thanks to You, because regardless of what else may come, You have invited them into the inheritance of the saints, the children of the King. Lord God, train them in keeping an eternal perspective and a clear understanding of what You value and why.

- Lord, make them worthy of Your calling, and fulfill every desire in them to do good and complete every work of faith in them by Your power, so that the name of Jesus may be glorified in them, and them in You, according to Your grace at work within them!
- Abba Father, Daddy, would you open the eyes of their hearts to understand that You are a perfect father, the likes of which they may have never seen in this life. Show them that You have not called them slaves, but rather friends - because You want to draw them into what You are doing. Reveal to them that the Spirit which now resides within them is a Spirit of sonship, the seal proving their adoption into Your family. Show them that they are Yours, never to be abandoned or forgotten.
- Lord, remind them that at all times they can cry out to You as their loving Father - remind them that You are never far, and always attentive to a humble heart. Lord, teach them that they are now heirs, co-heirs with Christ, in Your glorious Kingdom - no matter what trouble or suffering or loss may come in this life, they have a permanent, unchanging, irrevocable inheritance from Your hand, that none can steal from them, even in death. Show them, Lord, that temporary suffering for Your name is just a further assurance of our eternal reward with You in the life to come, and also a downpayment on the glory that we will share with You.

Growth in Prayer:

Romans 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

Colossians 4:2-4 *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison-- that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

Ephesians 6:18-20 *...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

- Holy Spirit, as they grow in their understanding of prayer, walk alongside them, teaching them what is on Your heart. Teach them to be led by You, even as they pray.
- Lord, help them to continue steadfastly in prayer, even when they may not see immediate results, and teach them how to worship You by giving thanks moment by moment.
- Train them, Lord, to pray for their leaders, the shepherds and teachers that You have placed in authority over them, and train them to pray for the evangelists and apostles that will be sent out from their groups to share the gospel and start new house churches - that those men and women would have open doors to share the good news in unreached places, and grace to declare the mystery and beauty of Christ.
- God, grow them in faith to ask for miracles that would advance Your Kingdom among the unreached!
- Father, help these new believers to persevere in prayer, to stay alert to the attacks of the enemy, and to be intentional about praying for each other.

Growth in Boldness, Vision to Reach Out, Love for the Lost:

Rom 10:1 *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.*

Matthew 9:37-38 *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

Act 4:29-31 *And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

Philemon 1:6 *...and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:11-16 *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

2Thess 3:1-2 *Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.*

- Lord God, would you give these new believers a burden for the lost all around them - deepen their compassion and their sense of urgency to share the good news with everyone they know as well as with complete strangers to whom you lead them.
- Lord, would you stir these, who have known You for only a short time, to pray for more workers to be sent out from their own house churches, and grow in them a desire to be some of the ones sent out! Teach them to pray for more workers to be sent to all the unreached peoples of the world, and give them a heart like Yours, that longs for all peoples to worship before Your throne.
- Lord, grant these men and women boldness and wisdom when they are faced with threats and persecution for their faith in You. Lord, work through them to perform signs and wonders that would cause many to repent and come to faith in You.
- Lord God, would You raise up apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers to equip these growing house churches and penetrate new places with the light of Your gospel? Use godly leaders to build up these house churches and networks of believers to maturity, such that they would be able to discern and refute false teaching and remain true to Your Word. Help them to work together, each part and gifting doing its work, so that they all may be built up in love.
- Father, train them to be continually in prayer, seeking to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit so that they could be bold witnesses to Your grace and mercy.
- Lord, teach them that only by sharing their faith can they begin to understand the fullness of Your goodness. Show them the lessons You have for them as they trust You and share the good news in faith.
- Lord God, train them to pray for their leaders and those sent out from their own house churches and networks to carry the good news to new places. Train them to prepare the places to which their "sent out ones" will go, that these places would be already prepared by Your Spirit to receive the good news, and train them to pray for their leaders that they may be delivered from the evil one.