



HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR BUSINESS

A Manual

"Whatever you do in your business, make prayer a priority and expect to transform your world. For God promises to do more than you could ask or even imagine."

- Luis Bush

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Yes, you can pray for your business. God invites our prayer for everything (Phil 4:6), and since He ultimately is Lord of All (Colossians 1:13-17), it makes good sense to pray for your business. Your work is certainly an important part of your life and important to many others, and it is important to God. Ask the Lord to help you in your business, and as He answers, you'll have more reasons to pray and bless Him.

The guidelines that follow are organized by themes of prayer which represent the spectrum of needs and issues that relate to our businesses. It's much more than just "oh God, bless my business!" And you may have other concerns not included in this manual. The head of a Kingdom-oriented company is responsible for bringing a Kingdom influence over the employees, customers, suppliers, related government officials, and the physical space the company occupies. The following ideas will help you to do that. They are organized into 6 daily disciplines, but, of course, can be used in any order.

Space is provided in this manual to record some of your prayers and the answers you receive. In time you will probably want to obtain more notebooks or diaries to record them. This is an essential discipline. We have short memories and often miss the correlation between good things (or corrective things) that happen and our prior prayer. In my experience with the Lord, God always answers our prayers, but usually later than we expected and bigger than we asked. Keeping a record of our prayers will help you recognize His answers and rejoice in them.

Neither are these prayers excuses for doing business poorly. His answers may not come until you do your business well, and they may help you do it well.

So, "Let us pray..."

- John Warton
Facilitator, Business Sphere

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Sunday: Pray for the week ahead

- Thank God for your job and your business – regardless of how profitable or healthy it is. Thank Him for the role you get to play in it and the economy you operate in.
- Thank Him for the business skills you’ve acquired and your ability to work and lead in it.
- Ask Him to guide you through your week at work – to help you fulfill your responsibilities, to move forward on your vision for the business (department), to be sensitive to His Spirit and His Word all week.

“An incredible, largely untapped resource of all of Heaven’s resources is available through prayer.”

**- Bill Job
President, Xiamex
China**

“In the morning, Oh Lord, will I order my prayer to Thee, and eagerly watch”

- Psalm 5:3

Monday: Pray for the success of your business

- Thank God for the entire operation you have – the sustainable business that provides jobs for people who make your product available to people who want to use it. Thank Him for your role in the business.
- Ask the Lord to help you and your company to deliver what you have promised at the quality and time you have promised.
- Ask Him to let your customers be very pleased with what you do.
- Ask Him to show you what is keeping customers from buying more from you or makes them dissatisfied with what you do.

“Oh God, if this (next activity) will not be good for me (spiritually), I don’t want it”

**- Rasha Chalhoub
Owner, Al Fahal Group
Beirut, Lebanon**

*“Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven;
Give us this day our Daily Bread,
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, forever. AMEN*

- Matthew 6:9-13

Tuesday: Pray for the people of your business

- Ask God to bless your staff – to help them do their work well and enjoy it.
- Ask God how you can love your people – showing compassion where that is what is needed, showing concern where indifference would be cruel, rejoicing with them where appropriate, helping them in their work, holding them accountable where appropriate, building up their capacity as you can.
- Ask God which employees should be terminated – and who the new-hires should be.
- Ask Him to reveal any relational problems among your employees you may not yet be aware of and how, if possible, you can help those situations. Ask for new wisdom in existing relational problems.
- Pray by name for people significantly involved in your business: your board of directors, key investors, legal counsel, consultants, coaches and mentors, accountants. Ask the Lord to help them do an excellent job for you. Ask Him to help you rightly discern their counsel.

"[My daily prayer regimen] has helped me in my journey to understand who God is, who I am, and what I need in order to be mindful of His divine plan and power in my life every day. And I have seen Him answer this prayer in my life over and over and over again!"

**- Daniel Harkavy
Founder, Building Champions Int'l
Lake Oswego, OR, USA**

"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him to knocks it shall be opened."

- Matthew 7:7-8

Wednesday: Pray for the extended impact of your business

- Ask Him to show you how you can make an impact in your community with the business.
- Ask Him to work through your employees so they build a very favorable reputation for, not only your company, but work itself and the professions.
- Ask the Lord to widen a favorable reputation for your company throughout your industry, so that when your company's name comes up, people will say, 'there's something different about that company – they're great people to work with.'

"Rather than try hard to pray, I like to first ask God what does He want me to pray about and how does He want me to pray."

**- Bill Job
Xiamex, China**

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works with us, to Him be the glory..."

- Ephesians 3:20-21a

Thursday: Pray for the future of your business

- Ask the Lord what new products or services you should develop; what adjustments to your business will help position you for the future.
- Ask the Lord what purposes He has for your company – ones you may not yet fully realize, ones that other companies may not even know exist, ones that you have never even contemplated. (Some owners tell of visions from the Lord long in advance of their being achieved – others see broad effects of their business only in hindsight.)
- Inquire of Him what should become of the company? Pass on to family? Sell outright? Merge? Close? Expand? Morph?

"I founded my business consultancy practice without any visible means of financial reward. I witnessed a miracle of which that many years later I am still in awe. A miraculous connection was made, by God, between two completely as then unrelated spheres of activity which resulted in regular and hugely worthwhile consultancy fees. A miracle happened and then the work started! I did not make it happen, I had and have no idea even now how to come up with making such a connection happen but under God's sovereign will and purpose it happened – all over Europe and all over many unrelated tech silos. God did it. Pray and pray with faith and miracles will happen."

**- Jim Penberthy
Principal, Penberthy Consulting
London**

"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?"

- Romans 8:32

Friday: Pray against the evil of our world

- Jesus taught us to ask God our Father: "Deliver us from evil" Pray you would be delivered from any evil schemes (Matt 6:13) that would harm the business, confusion brought on by disgruntled employees, fraud perpetrated by vendors or governments, slander against the company by anyone, random evil acts.
- Ask God to protect you and your business – to put a "hedge" around you (Job 1:10).
- Pray for divinely orchestrated events of God's sovereign grace and purpose which will bring blessing to you, your employees, your customers.
- Rejoice in Him - He has overcome the world! (John 16:33).

"I began to write down what God was saying to me about the business I was working in and I began to "hear" God about the business. It was not too long before I began to pray for the business, pro-actively and in growing faith that my prayers about filthy cash needs, inadequate sales, inadequate staff, inadequate me would be answered by my loving Heavenly Father. And over time they were, miraculously and incredibly."

**- Jim Penberthy
Principal, Penberthy Consulting
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"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

- Philippians 4:6

Praying with others for your business

- Form Prayer Teams within your Company (best done before or after work hours)
 - Invite onto your Team men and women known to have a strong personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to pray for the business.
 - Let them walk through your premises before or after work hours – praying for the people who work there by name.
 - Share your corporate goals with them and ask them to pray about them.
 - Meet with them to hear any words they may have heard from the Lord or impressions they've gained.
 - Schedule prayer retreats, perhaps on-site over weekends or at a retreat venue.

- Gather your Leadership Team for Prayer
 - Pray for one another – for God's grace, for progress in personal growth goals.
 - Express your own submission to the Lord and need for His blessing in your work.
 - Ask Him to speak to you – not only to solve the problems you are facing but to show you things you're not even aware of.
 - Ask the Lord's blessings on your people – staff, vendors, customers, community.

- Gather with Friends and Colleagues outside your business to pray for each other.
 - This grouping may allow you to be more candid in your requests and prayers.
 - Allow the Spirit of God to speak through your companions to you and to God.

"We start every Monday morning with a full team meeting to discuss our vision, hot topics for the week and to pray for one another, our families, friends and clients. This has been the norm for the past few decades".

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