

12.12. POINTS OF PRAYER WITH SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

SECTION ONE- Compass for Compassion



Pray for God's Workers to serve the poor.

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with **compassion** for them...Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" **Matthew 9:35-38**

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Heavenly Father, we ask you in Jesus' name to mobilize Your people around the world to serve the poor and suffering in desperate need of Your tangible and eternal compassion."

Pray for God's Power to serve the poor.

"But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us...Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose...So He said to them, 'This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.'" **Mark 9:22-29**

"By Your Spirit, clothe us with your power for service to those in poverty. Empower us with Your strength to overcome all obstacles as we bring Your hope to those who are living in despair. In Jesus' name."

Pray for God's Love to serve the poor.

"And when he saw him, he had **compassion**...So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine...Then Jesus said to him, go and **do likewise**." **Luke 10:33-37**

"Equip us with Your heart of love as we reach out to those who are wounded and suffering. We ask Your compassion to flow through us to the hurting people of our world. In Jesus' name."

SECTION TWO - Petitions for the Poor

Pray for the Salvation of the poor.

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Good News to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." **Luke 4:18**

Our Father, anoint us to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the poor. We pray that they will receive Your gift of salvation that heals the brokenhearted and brings eternal life to those who receive it. In Jesus' name."

Pray for Justice for the poor.

“I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the poor.” **Psalm 140:12**

“We know O God that you are faithful to maintain the cause of the oppressed. Grant justice for the poor and suffering. Set them free from the forces that abuse and exploit them. In Jesus’ name.”



Pray for Safety for the poor.

“For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now I will arise, says the LORD; I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.” **Psalm 12:5**

“Heavenly Father, You hear the cries of the oppressed whose lives are in constant danger. According to your Holy Word, we pray that You will arise and set the poor in a place of safety where Your peace, rest and joy abide. In Jesus’ name.”

Pray for Water for the poor.

“The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, their tongues fail for thirst. I, the LORD, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.” **Isaiah 41:7**

“Your ear is inclined to the cries of those who are thirsty and lack clean water to drink. We know You will not forsake them. We ask You dear Lord to provide an abundant source water for the poor and needy around the world. In Jesus’ name.”

Pray for Food for the poor.

“He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.” **Proverbs 22:9**

“Give us this day our daily bread. Your generous provisions bless us. We have never seen your children begging for bread. Grant us grace to share the bread you have given us with those who are hungry and have no food. In Jesus’ name.”

Pray for Shelter for the poor.

For You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat.” **Isaiah 25:4**

“O God, you are a refuge and shelter for the poor ... deliver the needy as they face the storms of life, shade them from the heat of adversity and cover them with your protection. In Jesus’ name.”



Pray for Healthcare for the poor.

“So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.” **Luke 10:34-35**

“Heavenly Father, You see the millions of people living in poverty without anyone to minister to them as they battle illness and disease. O Lord provide needed healthcare that will bring physical healing and well-being to those who suffer without hope. In Jesus’ name.”

Pray for Education for the poor.

“But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” **2 Timothy 3:14-16**

“Thank you God for the gift of learning. We ask that You provide education for the poor to learn Your Holy Word and about Your amazing universe. Bless them with the primary skills to read, write, and do arithmetic. Grant them the privilege to be educated and improve their overall status in life. In Jesus’ name.”



Pray for Employment for the poor.

“that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing” **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**

“Heavenly Father, Your Word teaches us to work with our own hands, to live a quiet life, and live properly so that we may lack nothing. We pray that you create opportunities for those in poverty to develop skills and find solid vocation that pays a fair wage. We ask that they will give You glory as they receive the gift of employment. In Jesus’ name.”