

ACCEPT HELP

Additional phrases and Bible verses for your prayers are on the next pages
Replace “ _____ ” with the name of the one(s) for whom you are praying

Father, in the name of Jesus I come to you with thanksgiving for _____, who needs to let others do their Christian duty to help. Send the Holy Spirit to counsel _____ and assist _____ in being able to accept help. I plead the blood of Jesus over this situation.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12 Loving others requires us to let them help us when we need it, as we would also help them when they need it.

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: many women do noble things, but you surpass them all ... Give her the reward she has earned, and her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:28-29, 31 Part of the reward _____ has earned is accepting help when it is needed. One who has done noble things for others must let others do noble things for one.

"Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:15-17 We must each do good deeds for others at the time appointed by Him, as well as allow others to do good deeds for us at the time appointed by Him.

"When pride comes, _____, then comes disgrace; but with humility comes wisdom."
Proverbs 11:2 False pride can cause us to refuse needed help. A humble heart is prized by God.

"...Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care... not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be...eager to serve...being examples...." 1 Peter 5:2-3 If Christians are to be shepherds, other Christians are to be sheep being cared for in a time of need. None of us are always shepherds or always sheep all our lives. Sometimes we are in one role, sometimes in the other.

Father, I ask all these things in the holy name of Jesus, my Lord and Savior, that Your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Amen.

(The prayer above is complete, however, if you wish further suggestions, they are provided on the following pages for your convenience.)

"The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction." Proverbs 16:21 I pray that _____ will have the discernment to recognize the need for help, and have the humble spirit that allows gracious acceptance of the help at this season of the life cycle. I pray also that I may be tactful and empathetic in offering this needed help.

"Jesus said: 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' " Matthew 25:35-40 We must allow other Christians to obey the commands of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and let them serve us so they may serve Him.

"For all that is in the world ... and the pride of life, comes not from the Father, but from the world."
1 John 2:16 False pride is not of the Father; it is not a fruit of the Spirit.

"Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice." Proverbs 13:10 I pray for discernment for _____, that _____ may take caring advice.

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18

"Do not be stiff-necked." 2 Chronicles 30:8 I pray that you not be stiff-necked, _____.

"Cast all your cares upon Him, _____, for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

"Jesus told the story of the good Samaritan, then He asked: 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?' The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him: 'Go and do likewise.' " Luke 10:36-37 Christians are commanded by Jesus to do good deeds, and we must do them *for* somebody. Part of our Christian duty is to let others do for us in our time of need, that they obey Christ. I pray that _____ let others help _____ in this time of need.

"...love your neighbor as yourself..." Mark 12:33 If we truly love our neighbor as ourselves, we must let our neighbor help us as we would help our neighbor in a season of need.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 I pray that _____ will let others help the LORD carry out plans to give _____ hope and a future.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 Worry about nothing, and pray about everything with thanksgiving. What a recipe for peace, _____. Seek His will, and do His will in all things. Where once you helped others, I pray that you consider that now it is time to accept help from others.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 Lord, help _____ know in _____'s heart and mind that there is a time for everything. Now is the time for _____ to graciously accept help.

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.*
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

You have helped many in your time, _____, and now the time has come for you to soften your pride and let others help you. You are loved, respected and cared for. I pray that this be demonstrated to you in tactful, pleasing ways. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* Galatians 5:22-23

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