

IMMORALITY

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

Father, I come into Your presence with reverence and with thanksgiving for the many blessings You have bestowed on me. I exalt You. Please forgive each of my sins. Help me have a pure heart and humble spirit. I freely forgive anyone who has wronged me. I know that not one of us is fit to inherit the Your kingdom except by Your amazing Grace. Lord, You know I love _____. I know that You *are* Love, and I know that You love _____ even more than I do. I have a heavy heart because of _____’s immorality. Help me to pray in the name of Jesus for _____. You know the needs even better than I know them. I pray earnestly that _____ take You into _____’s heart and be saved.

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10 Holy Father, I pray that _____ be of Your chosen people, a holy person, that _____ belong to You, so that _____ may declare the praises of You who called _____ out of darkness into Your wonderful light. I pray that _____’s very life may be changed by receiving Your mercy.

“In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.” Jude 1:7 Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that _____ not suffer the punishment of Sodom and Gomorrah. Breath of God, breathe purity into _____.

Thank You, Lord God; I give You all the praise and glory. I know that You are able. I ask these things in the spotless name of Jesus, Refiner and Purifier, Friend of tax collectors and sinners, and for His sake, that Your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. I wait in patient, believing expectance. Amen.

(Please see “Commentary” on the second following page. The prayer above is complete, however, if you wish further suggestions, they are provided on the following pages for your convenience.)

Father, Just as happened to some in the Bible verse below, help _____ be washed, be sanctified, and be justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God so that _____ might inherit the kingdom of God.

“ ...Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ...will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. I fervently pray again that _____ be washed, be sanctified, and be justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God, so that _____ might inherit the kingdom of God.

“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.” Romans 1:25-27 Lord, help _____ resume natural sexual relations. Help _____ avoid any penalty for perversion. Bind Satan from deceiving _____ into thinking _____ is not really sinning, that _____ can never change and that _____ will not be happy if _____ leaves this lifestyle. Give _____ hope.

“If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable.” Leviticus 20:13a This verse can be paraphrased: *“If a woman lies with a woman as one lies with a man, both of them have done what is detestable.”* Lord, give revelation to _____, whom You and I like and love, and want to save. Help _____ lie with one of the opposite sex.

I ask these things in the spotless name of Jesus, Refiner and Purifier, Friend of tax collectors and sinners, and for His sake, that Your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. I wait in thankful, patient, believing expectance. Amen.

(Please see “Commentary” on the next page.)

COMMENTARY

From “Friendships of Women” by Dee Brestin: God would not forbid homosexuality if there were not a way to stop practicing it. That would not be consistent with His loving, just nature. Most counselors who have been successful in helping homosexuals gain victory over their lifestyle agree that homosexuality is learned behavior. Author and psychiatrist John White writes, “Homosexuality is something you practice rather than something you are.”

Jay Adams, a Christian counselor who has had great success in breaking the bondage of homosexuals, says “One is not a homosexual constitutionally any more than one is an adulterer constitutionally. Homosexuality is not considered to be a condition, but an act... To call homosexuality a sickness, for example, does not raise the client’s hope. But to call homosexuality sin, as the Bible does, is to offer hope.”

John White, *Eros Defiled: The Christian and Sexual Sin* (Downers Grove, Ill, Intervarsity Press, 1977) p. 120.

Following is an account of an actual deliverance from homosexuality: “Rachel was able to overcome her homosexuality. Most Christian counselors would agree that she took the first two necessary steps for breaking her chains. She admitted that her homosexual lifestyle was sinful, and she sought counseling from mature Christians. The road to healing was not without pain. She was not instantly delivered from her desire for another. She stumbled and fell a few times, but there was no joy in the sin anymore. She is now happily married, serving the Lord, and good friends with her former lesbian lover Laura. It is my wish to give hope that change is possible with God.”

A highly recommended organization is Exodus International, a Christian ministry “dedicated to helping men and women overcome homosexual bondage through relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.” They are ready to guide and direct toward help in the form of reading material, retreats, and support in your area. Their address is Exodus International, P. O Box 77652, Seattle, WA 98177. One of their local Houston organizations is Sexual Wholeness Ministry, Grace Community Church, telephone 281.992.8800

A helpful booklet (available from Exodus International) is called “Emotional Dependency: A Threat to Close Friendships” by Lori Thorkelson.

Another recommended reference book: “The Long Road to Love” by Darleen Bogle.