

A Crafted Prayer To Start The Day^{1, 2}

Dearest God, holy and victorious Trinity, I come to you now to be renewed in you, to receive your life, your love, your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness, your righteousness, and your wisdom that I so desperately need today. Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for living in me and blessing this time of prayer.

Most Holy Three-In-One, you alone are worthy of all my worship, all my heart's devotion, all my praise, and all my trust. I love you. You have given me both physical and spiritual life. You are the author, hero, and director of my life and I belong to you. I renounce all other 'gods' and every substitute for you. Please show me where I have allowed anything to even begin to compete with or to take your place in my life. Search me, know me, and please reveal to me where you are working in my life. Please work in me to intentionally cooperate with you in your process of making me more like Jesus. I repent of trying to control *my* life without you. You are God and I am not. I give you total control over my life — my spirit, mind, will, emotions, and body – all that I call 'me'. Please give me a clear, focused, wise, and retentive mind so I can be mindful of, understand, feel, and respond to *true* reality as only you can see and reveal it.

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving and choosing me before you made the cosmos. You have known and loved me unconditionally from eternity past and will love me beyond eternity future. You are my true Father — my creator, redeemer, justifier, glorifier, and sustainer of all things, including my life. I love you. I trust you. I worship you. Thank you for showing your love for me by sending Jesus. When I received him as my Savior and Lord, you forgave my sins, granted me his righteousness, established me in his authority, and adopted me into your family and fellowship. You made me eternally alive in him, seated me in him at your right hand, and gave me your Spirit. I give myself to you, Abba, to be one with you as Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one with you. I receive all you have given me through Jesus with joy, awe, and deep gratitude. Oh, thank you. Thank you. Thank you, my Adonai.

My Jesus, thank you for coming as a human being to ransom me with your own life. I love you. I worship you. I trust you. You have cleansed me from all sin. I am healed by the terrible punishment, suffering, and sacrificial death you allowed us to put you through. Thank you for healing me today in each and every way that *you* know I need your healing touch. I have been ransomed, delivered from the kingdom of darkness, and transferred into your kingdom – the Kingdom of light. My sin nature is being subdued and someday will be removed. Every claim being made against me has been cancelled and nailed to your cross. I take my place now in you, dying with you to sin, to my sin nature, to this world, and to the evil one and his

¹ Based originally on a daily prayer published by John Eldredge.

² This prayer is part of a personal mission statement in the light of who God is and all that He has done for me. I pray that something like this prayer becomes part of your mission statement too. I invite you to use it, change it, and make it your own. A copy of this prayer is available to download at www.luke4-18ministries.org. Yours always in Him, Don Stewart

kingdom. I renounce my sin nature with all its pride, substitutes, fear, shame, selfishness, unbelief, impatience, attempts to control, and impure thought-life. Thank you for giving me a new spiritual heart. I take off my old sin nature and put on your gift of a new nature like yours that includes your unconditional love, hope, holiness, righteousness, faith, joy; your grace, peace, humility, patience, kindness, confidence, quiet strength, discipline, righteous anger, trustfulness; your mindfulness, gentleness, self-control, empathy, perseverance, goodness, truthfulness; your tenderness, faithfulness, forgiveness, intentionality, courage, compassion, openness; your integrity, generosity, humor, wisdom, power, passion, and purity. Thank you for giving me a free will. I am not being made into a robot with 'Jesus' software. You are renewing my soul and changing me from the inside out. Thank you for progressively developing in me and offering to others through me all the amazing wonder of who you are without losing who I am. I receive being more and more like you each day with joy, awe, and thankfulness.

Dear Jesus, thank you for the reality of your resurrection. You have conquered sin, death, and the evil one. You are life and victory. Death has no power over you, nor does any evil thing. I have been raised with you to a new life, to live life in you. I give my life to you to live your life in and through me today. I present myself to you as a living sacrifice; spirit, mind, will, emotions, and body. I am saved to live life with you and for you. You experience all that I do (both the good and the bad) because you live in me in the person of the Holy Spirit. You suffer with me when I suffer and laugh with me when I laugh. Everything is shared with you including even my thoughts and feelings. You use it all to make me more like you as I allow you to do it. Thank you for allowing me to share in your resurrection. I receive your resurrection life with joy, awe, and thankfulness.

Lord Jesus, through your ascension, you brought all who are yours into the love and fellowship you experience with your Abba and your Holy Spirit. You are both God and a new kind of human being, the kind that I will be someday in your time and in your way. You are above all. You are my authority, rule, and dominion, my everlasting victory over Satan and his kingdom, and my ability to live in and tell others about your Kingdom. All authority in the heavens and on this earth has been given to you, Jesus. You are worthy to receive all glory and honor, power and dominion, now and forever. You have given me authority over all the power of the enemy and everything I need to carry out your will in your name. I take my place now in your authority and in your dominion. I give myself to you to reign in and through me forever.

Dear Holy Spirit, you came at Pentecost to live in all who had received Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Thank you for coming to live in me. I love you. I worship you. I trust you. You have filled me with your power from on high and sealed me in Jesus. You are my assurance of salvation and the proof of my union with Abba and Jesus. You have promised never to leave me. You are the Spirit of truth in me, the life of God in me, my counselor, my comforter, my source of living water, my strength, and my guide. I honor you as my Lord. I gladly give you every part of my spirit, mind, will, emotions, and body to flood my life

with you, to be one with you in all things. Please continue to fill me, dear Holy Spirit, and make me consciously aware of your presence, your revelation, and your specific guidance moment by moment today and each day. Please lead me into all truth. Please bless and direct my life and ministry today. Thank you for raising up prayer and intercession for and through me. Please lead me deeper into Jesus' likeness today. Thank you for progressively making me whole and holy. I receive all you have done and are doing in and through me with joy, awe, and thankfulness.

I now bring your authority, life, and Kingdom, Jesus, over my life today; over my home, those in my household, the ministry you have given me, and over all that is within my control or influence. I will bring your authority and your power against every evil thing coming against me — against every toxic memory, every stronghold, every triggered reaction, every foothold, every demonic assignment, every word curse, every negative generational influence, every bondage, every evil power and device, every demonic influence, every impure thought, imagination, or distraction, every substitution for you, and every temptation as you give me the ability to recognize them. I will receive your understanding of my painful memories and triggered reactions; replace lies with truth; repent, renounce and break demonic influence, take thoughts captive, and break sinful habits in your name and in your power, my Adonai. I will disciple others to do the same. Please work in and through me so that I don't submit to, cooperate with, listen to, make any agreement with, or stay under any authority or influence that is not from you including other's and my own sin nature. May only your wisdom, unconditional love, and grace dear Holy Trinity rule in all my relationships and interactions with others.

Dear Heavenly Trinity, thank you for granting me every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus and for welcoming me into your love and fellowship. Thank you for all that this relationship with you means in my life today. I put on the full armor you have provided: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace with you and others, and the helmet of salvation. I take up the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, which is your Word. Thank you for, and please continue, giving me revelation from your written Word, your spoken Word, and your beautiful, wonderful, amazing "book" of creation. Please work in me to clearly hear, respond to, and apply the revelations and new understandings you are continually giving me. Thank you for blessing me, teaching me, correcting me, healing me, and guiding me moment by moment today and throughout my life. I choose by your grace to love others today as I love myself and to serve you by loving and serving them in your power and strength and wisdom. Please bring glory to your name today and every day in and through my life and ministry. Please work in me to stand strong in *your* strength my Lord, to use and develop the strengths and spiritual gifts you have given me, and to live mindfully in the present moment. I will pray at all times with my understanding and in your Spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.