

Prayers Regarding Addicted Prodigals

(There are two parts to this prayer time: a list of things about which to pray, and a prayer starter written out. Each contains different elements.)

Our Father, this time of prayer is going to be powerful, isn't it, Lord? Things are going to change. Things are going to turn around. Satan's plans will be annihilated. Strongholds will be annihilated. Walls will come down. Victory will be won. Your perfect will WILL be done on earth.

Desires and Dreams

Pray for their desires and dreams to line up with God's plan for their lives. These prayers will set up the addicted prodigal to long for salvation and freedom.

1. Pray against the rebellion.
2. Pray against pleasurable responses to the chemicals to which they are addicted.
3. Pray against confusion.
4. Pray for the "desire to feel and understand their feelings instead of numbing them."¹
5. Pray for the "desire to fill the void with a healthy coping mechanism and relationship with Christ."¹
6. Pray for the "desire to experience life on life's terms."¹
7. Pray for "the light of Jesus to shine on the right path and for the prodigal to recognize that light."¹
8. Pray for "a desire to reconnect to family members lost due to the addiction."¹

Hope for Salvation and Total Deliverance

Pray that God will give them hope for their salvation, total freedom from addiction, and hope for life abundant. These prayers will set up the addicted prodigal to seek salvation and freedom.

1. Pray against the lies Satan is telling the addict.
2. Pray against isolation, that their hearts will be softened "toward those prayer warriors who are covering them in prayer, especially disconnected family members."¹
3. Pray that God will send people to them to tell them about Jesus in a way they will understand, and that God will prepare their hearts to receive, understand, and act on the salvation and freedom message.¹
4. For Christ-like responses by parents or other loved ones.

Complete Surrender to God

Pray for their surrender to God and His will for their lives. These prayers will help them surrender completely to God.

1. They will find the way of escape from the sin, the way of escape promised by Jesus.
2. They will repent.
3. They will come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil (2 Timothy 2:26).

Total and Eternal Victory

Pray for total victory. These prayers will cause them to understand that they never have to go back to the life of addiction again, no matter what statistics say.

1. Pray for "freedom from shame and guilt of the addiction."

2. Pray they will “break off relationships with people and places that trigger the addiction.”¹
3. Plead “the blood of Christ over generational addictions.”¹
4. Pray they will know that because the Son of God, Jesus Christ, has made them free, they are truly free indeed (John 8:36).

Our Father, _____ has been taken captive by Satan and is bound by addiction. I pray _____ will come to his/her senses and escape the snare of the devil, who has taken him/her captive to do his will (2 Timothy 2:26). I ask You to protect him/her during this time of intense prayer. Do not let the plans for Satan against _____ harm him/her. Stop Satan’s plans to steal, kill, and destroy him/her (John 10:10). Protect _____ while he/she is doing the things of the world,¹ until he/she is saved and delivered.

Give _____ the desire to walk in relationship with You, to walk in freedom, to walk in Your calling on his/her life and to live the abundant life You’ve provided. Let these desires override every desire for his/her addiction.

Give _____ dreams of salvation, true and complete freedom, complete deliverance, life and peace—help him/her be spiritually minded so he/she can have life and peace—, and of spending eternity with You.

Satan has lied to _____ to get him/her to where he/she is, and he/she temporarily believes him, but I come against those lies and pray truth and hope into his/her mind, life, and heart. God of hope, fill _____ with all joy and peace in believing, that he/she may have an abundance of hope by the Holy Spirit’s power (Romans 15:13).

Help _____ to seek You with all his/her heart, mind, soul, and strength.

I pray in Jesus’s name that every evil spirit hindering _____’s salvation and return to You be stopped, that every distraction and stronghold be removed, that every evil plan against him/her be destroyed, that he/she will surrender to You and be set free indeed. Let nothing or no one stand in the way of his/her salvation and deliverance.

I ask that _____ will not doubt Your ability to turn his/her life into abundant life, that his/her faith will let him/her see life free of addiction, life free from sin. I ask that You help any unbelief in him/her. Help him/her to not fear a future without the crutch of the addiction.

When _____ is saved and delivered, help him/her to not walk in the counsel of the ungodly but of the godly, to not stand in the way of sinners but of the righteous, and to not sit in the seat of the scornful but of the joyful (Psalm 1:1). Help him/her know You will help him/her to be established in this new way of living; he/she does not have to ever return to his/her addiction. You are that powerful!

Help _____ to “not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21). Cause him/her to seek good and not evil, so he/she may live and You will be with him/her (Amos 5:14).

Father, help _____ to put on the whole armor You provide so he/she can stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:10-13). I pray he/she will not “give place to the devil”

(Ephesians 4:27) *but will present his/her body "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to" You* (Romans 12:1).

Help _____ to be an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of his/her testimony (Revelation 12:11) and to overcome generational addictions.¹ Help him/her to know he/she can live without sin, keep the course, and keep the faith.

Bring him/her out of darkness and the shadow of death, and break his/her chains in pieces. Break "the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder" (Psalm 107:14, 16 KJV). Proclaim liberty to him/her and open his/her prison doors. Make him/her no longer be a slave but a son/daughter and Your heir (Galatians 4:7). Bring him/her up out the horrible pit and miry clay that he/she is in; set his/her feet on a rock, and establish his/her steps; put a new song in his/her mouth (Psalm 40:2–3). Cause him/her to firmly stay in the freedom You will give (Galatians 5:1).

In Jesus's name I pray.

¹ Prayer suggestions from Kimmie and Gerry Guthrie, leaders of Celebrate Recovery at Life Church Huntsville.