

## Prayer for **Spiritual Needs**

Lord Jesus, as we pray over the spiritual needs in this room, we come before you **humbly**, recognizing that **You are our everything** and **every spiritual need is met in you**. We can't even answer the call to salvation without being drawn by the Father. We can't live the life You have called us to without Your help. We need You in every imaginable way. You reign over life and death. You are the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. We come acknowledging our great need and bring our spiritual needs to you.

We acknowledge that the **enemy of our souls** who would like to draw us away from the Father by encouraging us to put ourselves first instead of God. We stand united against the enemy, declaring in this moment that he is not welcome here. Might this place be a holy refuge and a safe haven.

Lord, hear our prayer. When we are **lost**, would You please lead the way. When we feel **defeated**, in so deep we wonder how to dig our way out, we **claim victory** in your name. When we are **depleted**, O God, please fill our cup. When we are **grieving**, would you please be our comfort. When are **hurting**, please, Lord, hold us close. When we are **sad**, would you be our joy. When we are **confused**, please bring clarity. When we are **broken**, please put us back together again. When we feel **hopeless**, please be our hope, reminding us that as long as we have You, that is all we need. When we struggle to find our way out of the **darkness**, remind us that You are the light. When we are **alone**, You are our closest friend. When we are **wounded**, You provide healing. We acknowledge that **you are the way, the truth, the light** and no one comes to the Father but through You. In a world full of **lies**, You are our Truth. **We choose truth**, to be illuminated by the light, and to commit ourselves fully to You. In you we find **meaning and purpose**. In you we find **connection and belonging**. In you we find **love and forgiveness**. **You meet every spiritual need** - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

We recognize that our **greatest spiritual need** is to **surrender to your love**. Help us to do that here and now. We confess that we find it all too easy to **assume the leadership** of our lives when what we really need to do is surrender to your love. When we fully understand your love for us, surrendering to it becomes effortless. We pray for **grace and mercy**, for the ability to receive the forgiveness of the Father and readily forgive others. To be ready to reach out to and love those around us as an ambassador of the gospel and bearer of the good news. We commit ourselves to know you better and love you more. We pray you would reveal more and more of yourself to us.

Thank you Holy Spirit for inhabiting us and working in our hearts, helping us to become more like Jesus. Thank you for this lovely day and this opportunity to entrust our spiritual needs to You. Might we take time every day **to be, to rest in your loving arms**, and to commit anew our lives to You.

In the name of our Savior Jesus, Amen

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