

Scripture praying is a powerful weapon that the intercessor uses in praying for others. It is praying back to God His very words on behalf of the one for whom we are interceding.

- ♥ *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*
Ephesians 6:17

Satan's attacks can be destroyed by the power of the living Word of God.

- ♥ *And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are God's Son, command these stones to be made [loaves of] bread. But He replied, It has been written, Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:3-4 (AMP)*
- ♥ *For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature] exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (AMP)*
- ♥ *... Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you. James 4:7 (AMP)*

God's words teach us how to pray. When we pray back His words, we are actually praying both the mind and perfect will of God for another. To pray according to God's will brings peace and tremendous hope, because God's Word will not return void.

- ♥ *For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*
Isaiah 55:10-11 (AMP)

One way to pray scripturally is by putting the name of the person you are praying for right in the Scripture. Here are some examples:

Will heed instruction

Lord, instruct _____ and teach him/her the way he/she should go; counsel _____ and watch over him/her. (From Psalm 32:8 NIV)

Will be obedient

Give _____ the wholehearted desire to obey all your commands, laws and decrees. (From I Chronicles 29:19 NLT)

Will love the Word of God

May _____ obey Your commands and live! May he/she guard Your instructions as he/she guards his/her own eyes. May _____ tie them on his/her fingers as a reminder. Write them deep within his/her heart. (From Proverbs 7:2-3 NLT)

Will desire to be with those who love the Lord

May _____ enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. (From II Timothy 2:22b NLT)

Will not lust after evil things

Don't let _____ drift toward evil or take part in acts of wickedness. Don't let _____ share in the delicacies of those who do wrong. (From Psalm 141:4 NLT)

Will be morally pure

May _____ run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against one's own body.

(From I Corinthians 6:18 NLT)

God's will is for _____ to be holy, so help him/her stay away from all sexual sin. Help _____ control his/her own body and live in holiness and honor—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know You and Your ways.

(From I Thessalonians 4:3-5 NLT)

Will be "light" in darkness

That _____ will live a clean, innocent life as a child of God, shining like a bright light in a world full of crooked and perverse people. May _____ hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, _____ will be proud that he/she did not run the race in vain. (From Philippians 2:15b-16 NLT)

Will know Jesus' voice and follow only Him

That _____ will follow You because he/she knows Your voice. He/she will never [on any account] follow a stranger, but will run away from him because _____ does not know the voice of strangers or recognize their call. (From John 10:4-5 AMP)

Will trust in times of trouble

That _____ will call on You in his/her times of trouble, and You will rescue him/her, and he/she can give You glory. (From Psalm 50:15 NLT)

Will be quick to confess sin

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts." May _____ have such a repentant heart. (From Isaiah 57:15 NLT)

Will clearly see the difference between right and wrong

For I want _____ to understand what really matters, so that he/she may live a pure and blameless life until the day of Christ's return.

(From Philippians 1:10 NLT)

Will be safe from "bullies"

Hide _____ in the shelter of Your presence, safe from those who conspire against him/her. Shelter _____ in Your presence, far from accusing tongues.

(From Psalm 31:20 NLT)

Will know God better

I ask that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to _____ the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You.

(From Ephesians 1:17 NASB)

Will be saved

And give _____ one heart [a new heart] and put a new spirit within him/her; and take the stony [unnaturally hardened] heart out of his/her flesh, and give him/her a heart of flesh [sensitive and responsive to the touch of his/her God]. (From Ezekiel 11:19 AMP)

Will be proud to be a Christian

When _____ discovered your words, he/she devoured them. They are his/her joy and his/her heart's delight, for _____ bear(s) Your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies.

(From Jeremiah 15:16 NLT)

Will have wise thinking

That _____ may hear and be wise, and direct his/her mind in Your way [of the Lord].
(From Proverbs 23:19 AMP)

Will have courage in difficult tasks

That _____ will be strong and courageous, and do the work. That he/she won't be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with _____. Lord, You will not fail _____ or forsake him/her. You will see to it that all the work ... of the Lord is finished correctly. (From I Chronicles 28:20 NLT)

Will walk in faithfulness and devotion

Remember, O LORD, how _____ has walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and has done what is good in your eyes.
(From Isaiah 38:3 NIV)

Will not give up

Let _____ not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time he/she will reap a harvest if he/she does not give up.
(From Galatians 6:9 NIV)

Will have a gentle spirit

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, may _____ clothe himself/herself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (From Colossians 3:12 NIV)

Will stand firm

... that _____ may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. (From Colossians 4:12b NIV)

Will be a peacemaker

May _____ be a peacemaker who plants seeds of peace and reaps a harvest of righteousness.
(From James 3:18 NLT)

Will submit to God and resist the devil

May _____ submit himself/herself, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee ... (From James 4:7 NIV)

Will experience a hedge of protection

Have you not put a hedge around _____ and his/her household and everything he/she has? ...
(From Job 1:10a)

Will want God as their audience

That whatever _____ does, he/she will work at it with all his/her heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since _____ knows that he/she will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ he/she is serving. (From Colossians 3:23-24 NIV)

Will not be fearful

So _____, be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you. (From Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT)

Will accept discipline

Help _____ to understand that our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but You discipline us for our good, that we may share in Your holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (From Hebrews 12:10-11 NIV)

Will know the All-Sufficiency of God

That _____ will know the Lord (who) said, "I am God Almighty, walk before me and be blameless." (From Genesis 17:1 NIV)

Will know deliverance

May _____ be able to declare, I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears ... This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them. (From Psalm 34:4, 6-7 NIV)

Will not walk with sinners but delight in God's Word

That _____ will be a man/woman who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his/her delight is in the law of the LORD, and on Your law he/she meditates day and night. (From Psalm 1:1-2 NIV)

Will listen to parents

My child, _____, listen when his/her father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. What _____ learns from them will crown _____ with grace and be a chain of honor around his/her neck. May my son/daughter obey his/her father's commands, and not neglect his/her mother's instruction. May _____ keep our words always in his/her heart. Tie them around his/her neck. (From Proverbs 1:8-9, 6:20-23 NLT)

Will trust completely in the Lord

Then _____ will find favor with both God and people, and he/she will earn a good reputation. May he/she trust in the LORD with all his/her heart; not depend on his/her own understanding. (From Proverbs 3:4-5 NLT)

Will put God first

May _____ seek Your will in all he/she does and You will show him/her which path to take. (From Proverbs 3:6 NLT)

Will not lie

May _____ speak the truth and detest every kind of deception. Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards. (From Proverbs 8:7, 12:14a NLT)

Will accept criticism

May _____ listen to constructive criticism, so he/she will be at home among the wise. If _____ rejects discipline, he/she only harms himself/herself; but if _____ listens to correction, he/she will grow in understanding. (From Proverbs 15:31-32 NLT)

Will not be selfish

Unfriendly people care only about themselves; they lash out at common sense. May _____ not be selfish. (From Proverbs 18:1 NLT)

Will be a listener

That _____ will be a good listener because ... a fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions. (From Proverbs 18:2 NIV)

That this will be our child's prayer

Teach _____ Your decrees, O Lord; to keep them to the end. Give him/her understanding so _____ will obey Your instructions; May _____ put them into practice with all his/her heart. Make him/her walk along the path of Your commands, for that is where happiness is found. Give _____ an eagerness for Your laws rather than a love for money! Turn _____'s eyes from worthless things, and give him/her life through Your word. Reassure _____ of Your promise, made to those who fear You. (From Psalm 119:33-38 NLT)