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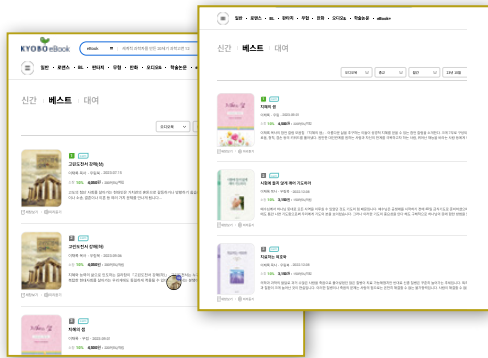
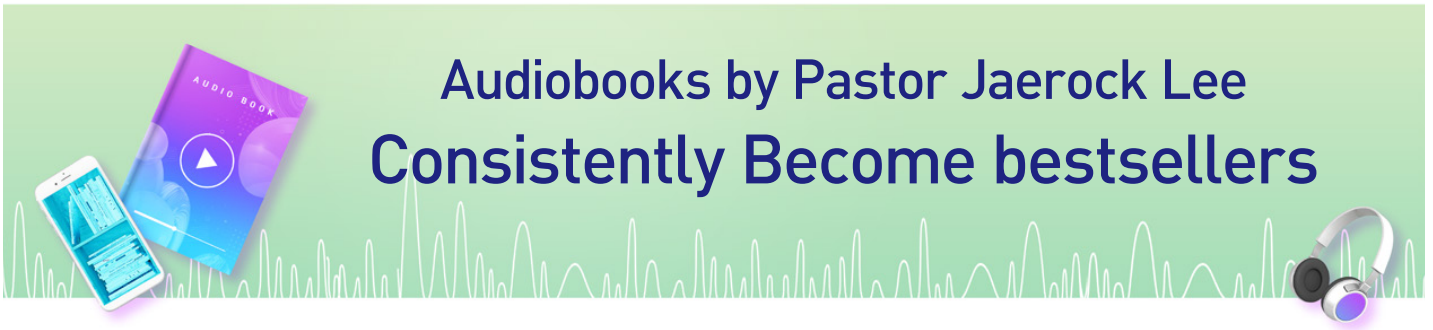
A Beautiful Prayer

A prayer offered with joy and gratitude
Turns into beautiful incense
And comes up before God.
God accepts such a fragrant prayer
And fulfills that heart's desire.

A person fully loaded with worries and anxieties
Comes to feel discouraged,
Fails to receive an answer to prayers,
And loses the strength to pray.
Evils harbored in heart: resentment and complaint
Stop prayers from being answered.

God wants His beloved children
To offer a prayer with good fragrance in heart.
Even an incomplete person can receive
A precious gift of answer from God
When they try to live in the words of truth
And offer the incense of joy and gratitude.

*"If I regard wickedness in my heart,
the LORD will not hear."* (Psalm 66:18)



A book publisher, Urim Books is giving glory to God by publishing Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee’s religious books in the form of audiobooks.

Since 2021 Urim Books has published a total of 30 audiobooks: 22 books in Korean, 2 in English, 2 in Chinese, 2 in Russian, 1 in French, and 1 in Hebrew. *The Message of the Cross, The Measure of Faith, Spirit Soul and Body I & II, Heaven I & II*, and other books

in the form of audiobooks are currently distributed throughout Korea at Kyobo Bookstore and through Naver Audio Clip and to the world at audible.com of Amazon, Google Play Books, and Apple Books in the United States.

Those books have gained good responses from readers, and consistently ranked among the daily, weekly and monthly bestsellers. *Wisdom* and *Lectures on the First Corinthians I* ranked first in the monthly bestseller list in the religious section of Kyobo Bookstore respectively in March and in August of this year.

In September, six books of Urim Books were listed as the monthly bestsellers in the religious section of Kyobo Bookstore. *Lectures on the First Corinthians I* ranked first, *Lectures on the First Corinthians II* second, *Fountain of Wisdom* third, *Awaken Israel* fourth, *God the Healer* fifth, and *Keep Watching and Praying* ranked sixth.

The books ranked from first to sixth in the monthly bestseller list in the religious section of Kyobo Bookstore as well in October.

A Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting is held in November

A Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting is held for 21 days, from November 6 to 26 under the theme of “Preparation for Divine Healing Meeting” (November 24) and “How much fruit have you borne in your 2023 prayer topics”. Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee is leading it every night from 9 to 11 pm and it is streamed live on GCN TV (www.gcntv.org) and through the Internet. Many believers come together and pray at each sanctuary and anyone can participate not only in Korea but also around the world. On Fridays there is no Daniel prayer meeting but Friday All-night service is offered.

As recorded in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, “Pray without ceasing”, the believers from this church have gathered daily and prayed loudly since its founding.



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Those of whom the world is not worthy (1)

“... who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.” (Hebrews 11:33-38)

There are many biblical figures who gave up everything for God’s sake and glorified Him with such faith that the world was not worthy of. People of whom the world is not worthy have sincere love for God and thus spiritual boldness.

They are not afraid of anything in the world. They remain aloof in the face of irresistible force of authority and under the life-threatening situations. They are even at peace in front of fierce beasts. Nothing can take away their pure faith in God.

Let’s look into a few pioneers of faith in Old Testament times who pleased God with the faith of which the world was not worthy.

1. There is no fear in true love

Those who say they love God but do not act boldly out of fear cannot be deemed to love God completely. This is how 1 John 4:18 reads, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.”

Some parents jump into the fire or into strong waves without sparing their own lives to save their children in danger. They do not have any fear of death at that moment because of the sole thought of saving their beloved children.

The children of God who have faith in Jesus Christ also have less fear of death to the extent that they love God. Many believers in the early church neither denied Jesus Christ

nor abandoned God even under the severe persecutions and when they fell a prey to hungry lions or were beheaded by swords. That was because they were perfected in love that cast out all fear.

The Book of Job 1:1 says that Job “was blameless, upright, fearing God, and turning away from evil.” But he had anxiety and fear deep within his heart. He was afraid that his children might have sinned during the feasts and then betrayed God in their hearts so that he consecrated them with burnt offerings. When trials and tribulations came upon him, he said, “For what I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me” (Job 3:25). This shows that he could not understand God’s love.

The enemy Satan knew this and accused Job before God. Satan said Job had a reverent fear of God and served Him because God had given him many blessings. And Satan added that if everything was taken away from Job, he would not serve God. God accepted Satan’s accusation and allowed Job to go through trials.

As a result of those trials, Job realized he didn’t trust God’s love from a corner of his heart. It was not until he went through trials that he fully understood God’s love and cultivated more beautiful heart. Only after that did God give him twice as much as he had before.

What then should we do to have true love for God and act boldly without fear in all aspects? To obey God’s commandments is to love Him truly;

do whatever the Bible tells us to, do not whatever it tells us not to, keep whatever it tells us to, and throw away whatever it tells us to. To the extent we are perfected in such love, fear will depart from us and we can boldly do righteousness (1 John 5:3; 3:21-22).

2. Those of whom the world was not worthy in Old Testament times

1) Elijah brought down the answer of fire

Elijah was a prophet of God during the reign of King Ahab in the northern kingdom of Israel. At that time idolatry of Baal was rampant and widespread throughout the whole land so that God's judgment came upon the land and there was no rain for three and half an years.

King Ahab hated and tried to kill Elijah who had predicted a drought. God prepared a hiding place for Elijah. But when the time came, God told him to go before the king and convey God's will. Elijah boldly obeyed and told the king to send and gather 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah at Mount Carmel. He pronounced before all Israel and false prophets who gathered there that the God who would answer by fire is the True God.

In the end, Elijah brought down the answer of fire (1 Kings 18). He firmly believed that God is the only and true Deity and he had a fervent love for God as well. He had such an earnest desire to turn to God the hearts of people who had fallen into idolatry that he could boldly do righteousness that way. In the same way nothing is impossible with those who love the Lord fervently and have firm faith in God.

2) Elisha did not look at reality

Aram had hostility against Israel and invaded many times. But they failed in every attempt to attack Israel due to Prophet Elisha who had bright inspiration as a disciple of Elijah. So they planned to kill Elisha and sent numerous horses, chariots, and soldiers to surround the city where he stayed. Elisha's servant trembled in fear at that sight. Elisha told him not to be afraid because those who were with them were more than those who were with Aram.

God opened the servant's spiritual eyes and he saw the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. Elisha prayed to God and God struck the Aramean army with blindness so that Elisha brought them to the king of Israel in the city of Samaria. Though the king wanted to kill them, Elisha let him treat them

hospitably and send them back. After that Aram never entered Israel again (2 Kings 6).

Those who have faith do not look at reality but look to the Almighty God. They have no fear when they are attacked on every side. As they believe that God will answer whatever they ask for, they can ask boldly and solve any kind of problems by drawing down God's power through the prayer of faith.

3) Esther saved her people

Esther 3 onward shows that Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite found a great favor from King Ahasuerus and became very angry with a Jew Mordecai who neither bowed down nor paid homage to him. And he plotted to destroy all the Jews. Then Mordecai asked Queen Esther, his cousin, to go in to the king to plead with him for her people.

Esther was a queen but could not boldly go in to the king to make supplication because she had not been summoned to go in to the king for long. The law of the kingdom read that anyone who goes into the inner court to the king who is not summoned, they have but one law, that they be put to death.

They couldn't survive unless the king held out to them the golden scepter. In this life-threatening situation, Esther asked all the Jews in the city to fast for her for 3 days and she fasted in the same way and then went in to the king, which was against the law, saying, "If I perish, I perish." By God's grace, she found favor in his sight and he extended to her the golden scepter. Finally, Haman's evil scheme was revealed to the king and her people were saved and moreover she gained even greater favor from the king.

By the same token, when we believe God solves all our problems, we will fully rely on God in a life-or-death situation. Then, God will be pleased with our faith and cause all things to work together for good; afflictions turn into blessing and God's glory appears.

4) Daniel never compromised before the threat of death

King Darius planned to appoint Daniel over the entire kingdom. Then, the commissioners and satraps were jealous of him and plotted to kill him. They came to the king and asked him to establish a statute and enforce a decree that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides him for 30 days shall be cast into the lions' den. Daniel knew it had already been signed but he prayed without ceasing.

When faced with the threat of death, he neither abandoned his faith in God nor compromised to save his life. His love for God was so sincere and perfect that he was not afraid of death.

Daniel was finally thrown into the lions' den, but God sealed the lions' mouths through His angel. He was saved without any injury (Daniel 6). The glory of God was greatly revealed through Daniel who did not compromise but kept righteousness before the threat of death.

5) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego kept their faith unwaveringly

Daniel 3 tells us that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made a golden statue and announced that anyone who did not bow down to it would be thrown into the furnace. Daniel's three friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved God so that they could not break His Commandment, saying, "You shall not worship [idols] or serve them." In the end they were brought before the king and he gave them a chance to spare their lives if they bowed before the golden statue. But they did not compromise at all.

They were so strong and bold in the face of death because their love for God was perfect and cast out all fear. They were thrown into a furnace that was seven times hotter than usual; God protected them and they survived without a single hair on their head being scorched. Rather they gloried God greatly and were promoted by the king.

6) Gideon, young David, and King Jehoshaphat of Judah

Judges 7 says that the Midianites outnumbered Israel as grains of sand on the beach and Israel was very disadvantageous. But Judge Gideon reduced the army obeying God's word by faith and finally defeated the enemy by boldly doing according to God's instructions. 1 Samuel 17 depicts the battle of the young David. He went

to the battlefield to look into the welfare of his brothers who were in the war against the Philistines and saw Champion Goliath defying the armies of Israel and mocking the name of God. Still, no one came forward as all were greatly afraid.

David boldly approached the Philistine with the faith in God, and when he slung a stone against him it struck him on the forehead. He fell to the ground and Israel won the victory.

When neighboring countries became united and attacked the southern kingdom of Judah, King Jehoshaphat fasted and prayed with his people. Then God said to him, "You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the LORD is with you" (2 Chronicles 20:17). Accordingly, instead of preparing to go to war, King Jehoshaphat had a choir dressed in holy robes lead the way and offer praise of thanks relying on God's words. God was pleased with this act of faith and gave him victory (2 Chronicles 20).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray in the name of the Lord that you may accomplish perfect love that casts out fear, do boldly in all aspects and possess such strong faith as makes all things possible.

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The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles' Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

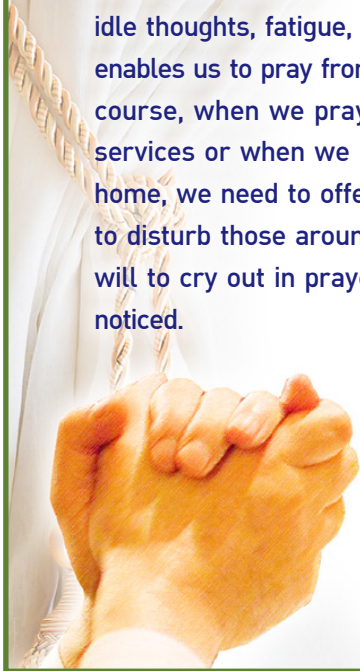
"[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)
"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Special

Why we should cry out in prayer

Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

God promises He will answer our prayers when we cry out in prayer. It's because crying out in prayer drives away idle thoughts, fatigue, and drowsiness and enables us to pray from the inner heart. Of course, when we pray shortly before the services or when we pray late at night at home, we need to offer silent prayers not to disturb those around us. But it is God's will to cry out in prayer unless otherwise noticed.



God is pleased with our crying out in prayer and answers us

Luke 22:44 records that Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed so fervently and earnestly that His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. It means Jesus cried out in prayer for God's answer. In the same way God answered pioneers of faith such as Moses, Samuel, and Stephen when they cried out in prayer (Exodus 15:22-25; Numbers 12; 1 Samuel 7:7-10; Acts 7:54-60).

When Elijah cried out and prayed to the LORD for the dead son of the widow of Zarephath, the child came back to life (1 Kings 17:17-24). When Jonah cried out to God in the belly of the fish, it vomited him onto the land and he was saved (Jonah 2). Blind Beggar Bartimaeus regained his sight when he cried out to Jesus (Mark 10:46-52).

'Crying out in prayer' means praying to God with a sincere heart and talking to Him loudly with

concentration. Through this prayer we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and the enemy devil and Satan depart. Then we will receive answers and experience spiritual works.

Crying out in prayer is in accordance with God's law

When the first man Adam ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the land was accursed along with him and people came to eat of it only by sweat and in toil (Genesis 3:17-19). Jesus became a curse on our behalf through His crucifixion and we are liberated from all curses through His resurrection. But as we have mortal body, we can eat of the ground only by sweating. That is why we need to pray loudly and with sweating.

God knows our heart's desires, but angels need to gather the incense from our prayers. The angels hear our prayers and gather the incense from prayers and send it to the archangel, and then the archangel puts the collected incense of each one's prayer into the prayer censer around the throne of God. When we cry out in prayer, the scent of our prayers reaches God's throne and He answers.

What does it mean "Go into your inner room, close your door and pray"

With the quotation of Matthew 6:6, which reads, "Go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret," some say we don't have to cry out in prayer. However, we have to grasp the spiritual meaning embedded in the Scriptures as all Scripture is God-breathed and inspired by the Spirit.

Jesus prayed all night at the mountain (Luke 6:12) and went to a secluded place to pray early in the morning (Mark 1:35). Daniel had windows open toward Jerusalem and prayed (Daniel 6:10). Apostle Peter went up to the roof and prayed (Acts 10:9) and Apostle Paul found a place of prayer and prayed there (Acts 16:13-16). They all did so to cry out in prayer with all their hearts.

What then does it mean "Go into your inner room, close your door and pray"? In the Bible, 'room' spiritually means 'our heart.' When we close the door in a private and quiet room, it can be cut off from the outside. In the same way, when we cut off idle thoughts and worries of the world in prayers, we can pray with concentration and cry out to God with all our hearts.

In Jesus' time the Pharisees and the priests prayed loudly on the street to receive praise and recognition from others. Jesus told them that such prayers of theirs were not accepted by God. He meant they had to pray from the bottom of heart.

Therefore, we should not boast praying for long with many words, but humbly pray to God who looks at our hearts and believe God knows all aspects of our lives and gives us everything we ask for.



“I was healed of aftereffects of bowleg surgery and tinnitus”

Senior Deaconess Youngok Yoon
(65, Parish 14 in Manmin Central Church)

In July 2022, I fell and injured my leg while walking down the street. Since then, I had difficulty walking properly. A couple of days later I fell down once again and had the cartilage in the leg ruptured. The doctor said I had to take a stem cell injection for cartilage regeneration and have a bowleg surgery as well.

As I was born with the bowlegs, my legs gradually became bent and I shifted my weight to one side, thereby resulting in the difficulty of recovery. Therefore, I received the bowleg surgery. However, even after surgery, aftereffects occurred and I had difficulty standing for long or walking due to the pain.

One year later, on July 27 of 2023, I had surgery to remove the irons embedded in my leg and was discharged on July 29. However, the surgery parts began to burn and swell, and the fever continued. I tried to calm it down with an ice pack, but it was no use.

I wanted to be healed by God and determined to attend the summer retreat that would be held on July 31, the next week. I went to the hospital for the accurate examination. The examination showed the

surgery parts were filled with water and it might develop inflammation, so the doctor told me to be careful. After that I went to the retreat venue.

In the first evening of the event, I attended the Seminar and Divine Healing Meeting, and God's great grace came upon me.

Listening to Acting Senior Paster Soojin Lee's message, I repented of having not fulfilled my God-given duties and not prayed diligently. When she prayed for the sick from the podium, I received her prayer by faith and the holy fire of the Spirit came over me. I felt warm on my whole body. And I approached the front and received the prayer of handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12) from Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center. After that, both the pain in the leg and tinnitus were completely gone!

I was convinced that God had healed me and after the retreat I went to the hospital on August 3 for the accurate checkup. The result showed that tinnitus and the aftereffects of the bowleg surgery were completely healed. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to our good Father God who healed and blessed me with His unfailing love.



“I was healed of 15 years of arthritis I had suffered since my childhood”

Sister Priyanka (25, Bihar in India)

I have suffered arthritis for 15 years. When I was ten years old, I first felt pain in the fingers of my left hand, and the pain gradually spread to my left elbow and knee, and then to my entire body. I went to a large hospital in the capital city of Delhi and was diagnosed with arthritis. However, even though I was treated with medication, the pain only got worse.

One day something amazing happened to me by God's grace. I happened to attend 'Manmin Summer Retreat 2023' via YouTube channel 'GCNTV HINDI'.

I received Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee's prayer for the sick during the 'Seminar and Divine Healing Meeting' on the first night of the event and instantly

the pain was reduced. After that I continually received Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick recorded on GCNTV HINDI, and finally I got healed of arthritis I had suffered for 15 years. Not only this but I was healed of my ear which began running with pain 5 years ago. Hallelujah!

I was greatly blessed in many aspects via the GCNTV HINDI YouTube channel. Senior Pastor's sermons were the bread of life and transformed my life. Through his prayer for the sick, my illness was healed and my problems were resolved, which has brought me good health.

I give all thanks and glory to our loving Lord who blessed me to meet and experience Father God who abounds in love and grace through GCNTV HINDI.