

# Prayers of Consecration

## **Paul's Exhortation, Romans 12:1-2**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

## **Early Methodist Prayer**

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to do what you will. Rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing; put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things for your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And this covenant, which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

## **Morning Prayer of Consecration, by B. Childress**

Here I am God, I give myself to You. Unto You, O Lord, do I bring my entire life. I lay it on Your altar. Do what You want to do with me. Speak through me today. Touch people through me today. Place me in a position to meet all divine appointments today. Make a difference in my world through me today. You have everything about me available to You for You to utilize according to Your plans and purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Jesus in Gethsemane, Luke 22:41-42**

Jesus knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

### **Jesus, All for Jesus, by Robin Mark – CCLI Song # 879168**

Jesus, all for Jesus—all I am and have and ever hope to be. All of my ambitions hopes and plans, I surrender these into your hands. For it's only in your will that I am free. Lord, enlarge our vision and increase our faith. May we stand securely in the words you gave. Sent by you, we can reach this world, and we will win this land. O Lord, there is a price to pay. I know I have a part to play. No part too small, no price too high—we will not be satisfied until we stand in your promised land. Help us send your light through all this land, and see your kingdom come. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Consecrating Your Body, by John Eldredge**

I present my body to Jesus Christ as a living sacrifice; I present the members of my body to Jesus Christ as instruments of righteousness. My body has been bought with the blood of Jesus Christ and it belongs to him. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. I renounce every way I have misused and abused my body; I bring all those acts under the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. I rededicate my body and all its parts to the loving rule of Jesus Christ; I dedicate and consecrate my body to him in every way. I ask for the blood of Christ to cleanse my body and make it holy once more. Holy Spirit, come and fill your temple now; restore my body under the complete dominion of Jesus Christ. Amen

### **Consecrating Your Home, by John Eldredge**

Father, thank you for the blessing and the provision of this home. We bring it under the authority of Jesus Christ. We take full authority over this home, in the name of Jesus Christ. The keys to this home have been given to us—authority has been given to us—and we take a total and complete authority over this entire home now, in Jesus' name. We renounce all ungodliness and all sinful activity that has ever taken place in this home. We renounce the sins of all previous owners, renters, guests, even the builder (for those are things that enemy uses to enter). We cancel every claim the enemy can make here, by the blood of Jesus Christ. We cleanse this home with the blood of Christ—everything spiritual, everything physical.

We consecrate and we dedicate this home to the rule of Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit. We consecrate the appliances, the structure and infrastructure, the water and electricity; we consecrate the physical realm and the spiritual realm; we consecrate the land as well.

Come, Holy Spirit, come and fill every part of this home with the glory of your kingdom, with love, with peace, with holy rest. Jesus, we ask your angels to cleanse this home now, to establish your kingdom here, to build a shield of protection around it. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ the Lord, we now proclaim this home and land and everything in it the property of the kingdom of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Consecrating Your Sexuality, by John Eldredge**

Jesus, I confess here and now that you are my Creator and therefore the creator of my sexuality. I confess that you are also my Savior, that you have ransomed me with your blood and you are therefore the savior of my sexuality. I have been bought with the blood of Jesus Christ; my life and my body belong to God; my sexuality belongs to God. Jesus, I present myself to you now to be made whole and holy in every way, including in my sexuality. You ask us to present our bodies to you as living sacrifices and the parts of our bodies as instruments of righteousness. I do this now. I present my body and my sexual nature to you. Through Jesus' name, Amen.

### **When It's All Been Said and Done, by Jim Cowan – CCLI Song # 2788353**

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters: Did I do my best to live for truth, did I live my life for you? When it's all been said and done, all my treasures will mean nothing. Only what I've done for love's reward will stand the test of time. Lord, your mercy is so great that You look beyond our weakness and find purest gold in miry clay—making sinners into saints. I will always sing Your praise, here on earth and ever after. For you've shown me Heaven's my true home when it's all been said and done. You're my life when life is gone. Amen

### **Healing Prayer of Surrender, anonymous**

Dear Lord, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be. I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite Your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me. I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit. I surrender to you my past, present, and future problems. I ask You to take hold over every aspect of my life. I surrender to You all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear, and anxiety, and I ask You to wash me clean. I release everything into Your compassionate care.

Please speak to me clearly, Lord. Open my ears to hear Your voice. Open my heart to commune with You more deeply. I want to feel Your loving embrace. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life. Amen.

### **Breath in Me, by Augustine**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen

### **Prayers and Deeds, adapted from Bruce Prewer**

Please give to us your generous and practical spirit, so that our prayers may be converted into deeds, day by day. At dawn or at dusk, at noon or at midnight, loving God I trust in you. You are the longing in my soul and the rest in my being, the strength in my arms and the skill in my hands.

In my doubts and my faith, in weakness or in strength, loving Christ I trust in you. You are the love in my spirit and the light in my eyes, the bread in my mouth and the love in my heart. Through success and failure, through loss and in renewal, loving Spirit I trust in you.

You are the wisdom in my mind and the hope in my dreams, the fire in my compassion and the wind on my face. Creator and Sustainer, Savior and Teacher, Counselor and Commissioner, how wonderful is your name in all the earth! Amen

### **Lord, Make Me an Instrument, by Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **Make Me a Captive, Lord, by George Matheson**

Make me a captive Lord, and then I shall be free.  
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be.  
I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand.  
Imprison me within Thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor until its master find.  
It has no spring of action sure; it varies with the wind.  
It cannot freely move till Thou has wrought its chain.  
Enslave it with Thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.

My power is faint and low till I have learned to serve.  
It wants the needed fire to glow; it wants the breeze to nerve.  
It cannot drive the world until itself be driven.  
Its flag can only be unfurled when Thou shalt breathe from heaven.

My will is not my own till Thou hast made it Thine.  
If it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign.  
It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife.  
When on Thy bosom it has leant and found in Thee its life. Amen

### **Thomas Maclellan's Covenant with God, June 7, 1857 (adapted)**

Eternal, unchangeable and ever blessed God! Creator of Heaven and earth, the All in All! I now fall down before Your throne and prostrate myself at Your footstool, and earnestly pray that You would penetrate my heart with a suitable sense of Your infinite and unutterable glories. When I present myself before You, the Holy Majesty of Heaven, King of

Kings and Lord of Lords, trembling may justly take hold of me. I acknowledge, O Lord, that I have been a great transgressor. You brought me into being, and You have preserved me and renewed my life day by day ever since, yet I have rebelled against You. I was brought to You in baptism. Still, I confess, with grief and shame, I have not departed from all iniquity.

But, O Lord, You are a God that pardons iniquity and though great is Your majesty, so also is Your mercy. Through Jesus Christ You can descend to visit poor sinners, and it is Your grace that has inclined my heart to renew my dedication to You. I come, therefore, invited by the name of Your Son and trusting wholly in His righteousness and grace. For His sake, may You be merciful to my unrighteousness and my sins and iniquities may You remember no more. Receive me, I beseech You, and make me to desire nothing so much as that I may be Yours, who is my rightful owner and sovereign Ruler. O God of Heaven, it is recorded in the book of Your remembrances that I am yours forever. I renounce all former lords that have had dominion over me and consecrate all that I am and all that I have, the faculties of my mind, the members of my body, my worldly possessions, my time, and my influence over others, all to be used entirely for Your glory and resolutely employed in obedience to Your commands as long as You continue me in life.

In this course, O blessed God, would I steadily persevere to the very end of my life, earnestly praying that I may, by divine grace, be enabled, not only to hold on in that happy way, but daily to grow more active in it. To Your direction also, I resign myself and all that I have to be disposed of by You as You shalt see fit. To You I leave the management of all events and desire that You enable me to say, without reserve, “Not my will but Yours be done”—knowing that You govern all things wisely and will ever do that which is best for me.

Use me, O Lord, I beseech You as an instrument for Your service. May I bring some avenue of praise to You, and of benefit to the world in which I dwell. Thank you for numbering me among Your peculiar people and making me a fellow citizen with the Saints and of the household of God. Thank you for washing me in the blood of Your dear Son and for clothing me with His righteousness. Sanctify me throughout by the power of Your Spirit. Destroy, I beseech You, more and more the power

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of sin in my heart. Transform me to the resemblance of Jesus, whom henceforth I would acknowledge as my Teacher and Sacrifice, my Intercessor and my Lord. Communicate, I beseech You, to me all needful influences of Your purifying, Your cheering, and Your comforting Spirit. And lift up that light of Your countenance upon me which will put the sublimest joy and gladness into my soul.

What more can I say? Let the remembrance of Your Cross be before mine eyes every day of my life. And, O Lord, I beseech You to give me grace whereby I may be enabled to perform these vows. Give me of Your own so that I may serve You. O deny me not Your grace. Make me to remember that the vows of the Lord are upon me and that it is better not to vow than to vow and not to pay. And, O God, when I have done and borne Your will upon earth, call me from here at what time and in what manner You please. And grant in my dying moments and in the near prospect of eternity that I may remember these my engagements to You and may employ my latest breath in Your service. And may You, O Lord, remember it too. Look down with pity on Your languishing, dying child. Place your everlasting arms beneath me for my support; put strength and confidence into my departing spirit and receive it to the embraces of Your everlasting love. Receive it to the abodes of them that sleep in Jesus, peacefully and joyfully to wait the accomplishment of Your great promise to all Your people, even that of a glorious resurrection and of eternal happiness in Your Heavenly presence.

And if this should fall into the hands of any of my friends when I am in the dust may they make the engagement their own; and may You graciously admit them to partake in all the blessings of Your covenant through Jesus, the great Mediator of it. May they learn to fear the Lord my God, and with me to put their trust under the shadow of His wings, for time and for eternity. And may they also learn to adore with me that grace which inclines our hearts to enter into the covenant, and condescends to admit us unto it when so inclined, ascribing with me and with all the nations of the redeemed, to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that glory, honor and praise which is so justly due to each divine person for the part he bears in this illustrious work! Amen.

## **The Secret of Consecration**

2 Corinthians 12:7-12

*<sup>7</sup> Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited,  
I was given a thorn in my flesh,  
a messenger of Satan, to torment me.*

*<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord  
to take it away from me.*

*<sup>9</sup> But he said to me,  
“My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”*

*Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses,  
so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*

*<sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake,  
I delight in weaknesses,  
in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.  
For when I am weak,  
then I am strong.*