

# Prayers of Influence

“The Privilege of Prayer”, part 7

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## Nine Qualities To Prayerfully Blossom

### I. From the life of David: \_\_\_\_\_

*“You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord ... And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”* 1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NLT)

*“God, give me David’s faith-based hope. Help me see you as alive and powerful as He did - ready, willing and able to move into my life and my areas of influence. Help me to believe you for more so that I can inspire hope in others and not just be another voice of pessimism in this world.”*

### II. From the life of Jonathan: \_\_\_\_\_

*After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king’s son. There was an immediate bond of love between them, and they became the best of friends.* 1 Samuel 18:1 (NLT)

*“God, I don’t want to be a person who sacrifices community on the altar of cause. Empower me to create a warm relational temperature so that as I engage others, tasks aren’t merely accomplished, but relationships are enjoyed as well.”*

### III. From the life of Joseph: \_\_\_\_\_

*No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”* 10  
*She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible.* Genesis 39:9-10 (NLT)

*“God, help me to be a person of integrity all the way to the end of my life. Help me to leave a legacy of integrity some day and not a legacy of inconsistency.”*

### IV. From the life of Joshua: \_\_\_\_\_

*But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”* Joshua 24:15 (NLT)

*“God, help me to be a person who calls people to make decisions that in their hearts they want to make. Help me inspire others to a life that ultimately pleases you.”*

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## **V. From the life of Esther:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.”*

*Esther 4:15-16 (NLT)*

*“God, to pursue my potential and maximum ministry, I need the courage of Esther. Help me to do what needs to be done and say what needs to be said and share what needs to be shared and trust you with the outcome.”*

## **VI. From the life of Solomon:** \_\_\_\_\_

*And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! 9 Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?”*

*1 Kings 3:8-9 (NLT)*

*“God, grant me wisdom to know what decisions to make. I need your perspective on every major issue that is before me. Give me a deeper hunger for your truth and your path for my life.”*

## **VII. From the life of Nehemiah:** \_\_\_\_\_

*And Nehemiah continued, “Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!” ... The Israelites had not celebrated this way since the days of Joshua.*

*Nehemiah 8:10-17 (NLT)*

*“God, help me to help others be replenished and restored. Help me to help others see more reasons for hope and celebration in the midst of our busyness.”*

## **VIII. From the life of Peter:** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, “It’s a ghost!” 27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!” 28 Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”*

*Matthew 14:26-28 (NLT)*

*“God, give me the initiative of Peter and help me to get started to do what you have prompted me to pursue. Help me also to keep my eyes on you as I humbly take bold steps forward.”*

## **IX. From the life of Paul:** \_\_\_\_\_

*What matters most to me is to finish what God started: the job Jesus gave me of letting everyone I meet know all about this incredibly extravagant generosity of God.*

*Acts 20:24 (MSG)*

*“God, give me a portion of Paul’s intensity to represent you well. Help me to stay focused on what really matters and not get lost in lesser pursuits.”*