

Prayers & Proclamations
for Building the New Hope Worship Center / Counseling
Center / Retreat Center
(From the Book of Ezra)

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of Hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).

We believe that God reveals to us *what* to pray to bring about His will “on earth as it is in Heaven.” He gives us strategic words to pray in His Word. We teach people through New Hope Ministry that when they have a problem or situation to find Scripture that speaks of that particular thing and read, pray, and proclaim it. Where is there an example in the Bible of a *building project*? The book of *Ezra* provides a good example. No, we are not building “The Temple” in Jerusalem, but it is recorded in God’s Word not only for the sake of history, but for us to learn principles from, and to use and apply them to our lives. Whether we are to build the actual structure for New Hope to be in, or whether we build this expanded ministry in an existing structure, this is how we can pray in order to get it done.

Please join with us in these prayers and proclamations of words from the book of *Ezra*. Because “*it is written*” what the enemy did to frustrate and even delay the building of the House of God recorded by Ezra, God has secretly given us instructions on how to pray *against it* now. We are not fighting the physical enemies they were fighting at that time; “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12). So when we pray against our “enemy” in these prayers, we are not praying against *people*; we are praying against the devil and demonic enemies that will come against us.

When God calls you to do something, you must pray it through, no matter what happens, no matter what things look like, no matter what things seem like. The key is to not give up and quit praying—but to keep on believing God—and praying it through until it is on earth as it is in Heaven. Some of these words from the book of Ezra will be symbolic for us, but they are powerful words.

We ask that you would keep this booklet where you have your daily prayer time and use it to pray for us and with us *every day*—even if just one paragraph a day—so we can be praying in unity. We have determined to not have our focus on fundraising for this vision the Lord has given us. We are to look to Him as *our Source* and receive from Him what is needed through effectual, fervent prayer (James 5:16) and following the leading of His Holy Spirit. Will you make this commitment to unite with us? As you unite with us in prayer, you unite with us in purpose—which makes you part of the ministry team. As a part of the ministry team, you truly can pray these prayers saying “we” and “us.” Remember, the words of these prayers are straight from the book of Ezra (look it up and read it to see for yourself). There is power in praying and proclaiming God’s Word. This is a way for us to come together in a partnership for the glory of God and for sake of His Kingdom.

As in the days of Ezra, let all who want to be a part of the building project, *Come*. Come with united hearts to let the Lord do a great and mighty thing through you, to bring about the plans and purposes He has revealed.

Listen to this quote from J. Vernon McGee: “*In warfare it is estimated that for every soldier out on the fighting front there have to be ten people behind him getting supplies to him—food, clothing, medical care, and ammunition. This is true in God’s army too.*” This is definitely true in *our* situation today. Through your united prayers, you will be getting the supplies to us. This is truly the way it works—this is the only way we are going to get the kind of supply we need. It is too big and too impossible to supply it through focusing on *fundraising*. Please—join with us as we look to *God only* as our Source and be a part of the army that prays it down to earth from Heaven.

Words from the book of Ezra:

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Your prophets might be fulfilled—that you stir up the spirit of people who will join with us knowing that the LORD GOD of Heaven has charged us to build Him a House of Prayer & Worship (for even our service to You in the Counseling Center and Retreat Center is worship). We are Your people and You are with us—let us go up and build You a House of Prayer & Worship here—a House of the LORD GOD of Israel—for You are God.

In any place where Your people sojourn, let the people of that place assist us with silver and gold, with goods and equipment, besides free will offerings for the House of Prayer and Worship here. Cause the people to rise up whom You have stirred up their hearts to come up and help build this House of the Lord here. Father, cause all those who are around us to aid us with money, goods, equipment, materials, and things of great worth, besides all that is willingly and freely offered.

Father, we ask that You make the enemy return to us all that he has stolen from Your Kingdom service, for the building of this House of Prayer and Worship, and for the service of Your Kingdom work here. We declare in the Name of Jesus that the enemy will recognize us as the legitimate authorities over this our jurisdiction and we say to the enemy: *As the thief, according to God's Word, you shall restore seven fold; you shall give all the substance of your house (Proverbs 6:31).*

Father, we do not look to the Urim and Thummin to know Your will in matters as they did long ago. We look to Your Holy Spirit, Whose abiding presence we have in us to make known Your will in this matter. And we ask that Your Holy Spirit would make known Your will concerning this matter to Your people. Stir up their hearts and cause them to make free will offerings for this House of Prayer & Worship to be built on its site. Cause people to give as they are able to the treasury for the work to be accomplished.

Oh Father, cause Your people here to gather together as one man and stay close to the LORD, to ward off fear of the enemy. Let us keep the Feast of Tabernacles, as a celebration, and offer our daily sacrifices to You. (May we present our bodies to You as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service. That we be not conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God, as each day's duties require—Romans 12:1-2). And after that, the continual offerings, the offerings at each new month, and all the appointed Feasts of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who makes a free will offering to the Lord. We will begin bringing these offerings to You, Lord, even before the foundations of the House are laid.

Let us give money to the builders, and food and drink as they work, and to bring the building materials, according to the grant we have from You—our King. Father, let us make a beginning by appointing the people You want chosen to oversee this work of the Lord's House. Let them take the oversight of the workmen in this House of God. And when the builders lay the foundation, we will praise the Lord, after the order of David, King of Israel. We will sing responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, saying, *"For He is good, for His mercy and loving kindness endures forever toward His people."* And all the people will shout with a great shout when they praise the Lord, because the foundation of the House of the Lord is laid! Many will weep and many will shout aloud for joy, so that the sound is heard afar off.

Father, when our adversaries hear that we are building a House of Prayer & Worship to the LORD, the God of Israel, and try to trick us or carry out schemes against us, let them not succeed (that no weapon that is formed against us shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against us in judgment will be shown to be in the

wrong. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and our righteousness is of You, LORD (Isaiah 54:17).

We pray Lord God, that You will not allow the enemy to weaken our hands, or trouble us in building. That You, Lord God, would strengthen our hands. We ask You to prevent the enemy from hiring counselors against us to frustrate our purpose and plans. Prevent them from making accusations against us to important people—people in authority or rulership—who could prevent or delay our building. We come against these schemes of the enemy and we forbid them in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *enemy, you will not bring accusations against us or cause suspicions, misunderstandings, or judgments to come against us.* Father God, please command Your angels concerning us, to intervene and prevent the enemy from carrying out any of these, or any other plans he has against us to stop this work from being carried out.

Father, You hold the hearts of kings in Your hand and You turn them whichever way You want (Proverbs 21:1). Please turn the hearts of kings and officials in our favor. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, for the sake of His Kingdom. We believe, Lord, that You can and will use this Prayer & Worship Center/Retreat Center/Counseling Center ministry to affect Your Kingdom, not only here in this local area, but throughout the world, as You bring Your people, Pastors, and Missionaries in to be ministered to, and then send them out with the New Hope Materials. We believe that You have given us this charge for this project and that You stand with us in bringing it about. We believe You.

We ask that You, Lord God, disallow the enemy from making a decree that the work be stopped—and You decree that the work will not be stopped. We ask that You terminate any and all efforts made by the enemy to stop this work.

Father, You have sent people to speak this to us in Your Name, whom Your Spirit was upon them, and we will rise up and build this House of Prayer & Worship that You have revealed to us. Please cause these people who have spoken, to help us by continuing to pray it through to completion. We pray that the eye of our God will be upon us, so that the enemy cannot make us stop. We ask LORD GOD, that even the enemy will be witness to this House of the Great God being built with strong building materials, that the work goes on with diligence, and care, and prospers in our hands. When asked who authorized us to build this House, we will reply that we are the servants of the God of Heaven and Earth, building a House of Prayer & Worship to Him. He is our King and He has decreed it to be built. And all that the enemy has stolen from His Kingdom work shall be returned for the building and service of this House.

Abba Father, we believe that You have made a decree as the LORD GOD MOST HIGH—that You have decreed that this House of Prayer & Worship be built—that its foundations be strongly laid—and that the cost be paid from Your royal treasury. Father, please also decree to the enemy to keep far away from it and leave the work on this House alone. Restrain the enemy from coming on or anywhere near Your House here. Give us great strength in building this House of Prayer and Worship on its site.

Father, please also decree what the people shall do for the building of this House of Prayer & Worship—that the cost is to be paid in full at once from the King's revenue, the tribute of the province, that we be not hindered. And all we need, including everything for operation in our service to the God of Heaven, according to our word as priests of God, let it be given to us each day without fail, that we may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of Heaven and pray for the lives of Your people.

May the God Who has caused His Name to dwell here overthrow all of the enemy who put forth their hands to alter or destroy this house of God. Let it be executed speedily and exactly.

Father, cause the people, and us, to diligently do what You have decreed. Enable us to build and prosper through the speaking and praying of Your will concerning it—that we will finish the building as You have commanded and decreed. We declare this House finished already in Heaven.

We will celebrate the dedication of this House of Prayer & Worship with joy. We will set those who serve, in their divisions and their courses, for the service of God here. We will celebrate the Passover. We will purify ourselves together—we shall all be clean. We shall separate ourselves from the pollution of the world to seek the Lord, the God of Israel. We will celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread with joy, for the Lord has made us joyful and has turned the hearts of people and kings to us, so that they strengthen our hands in the work of this House of Prayer and Worship of our God—the God of Israel.

Father, may Your hand be so upon us that people, officials, even kings will grant us all we ask. May the good hand of our God be upon us, because we have prepared and set our hearts to seek God's Word—to inquire for it and of it, to require and yearn for it—and to do and teach His people His Word. May we be known as people who are occupied with God's Word. We pray Lord that You will bless us and all who join with us in this work, according to Your Word. Cause even worldly leaders to give with free will offerings, offered willingly for this House of Prayer and Worship of our God here. Father, may we buy speedily with this money all that is needed to build this House and operate its services and that all that is done with the money will be after Your will, our God.

Father, we ask that You will instruct that all the things that are needed will be given for the service of this House—that they will be delivered. And whatever more shall be needful for this House of our God, which people have occasion to provide, that it will be provided out of Your treasury.

Oh Father, please make a decree to all the treasurers in the province, that whatever we ask for, it shall be done speedily—whatever is commanded by the God of Heaven, that it be done diligently and honorably for this House of Prayer and Worship. Please Father, certify that it shall not be lawful to impose tribute or custom upon us.

Father, we ask that those of the leadership of this ministry, after the wisdom of our God, which is His instructions in His Word, will set people in the positions in this ministry, choosing those who know the instructions of our God and who will teach them to those who do not know them.

We commit to:

1. Study God's Word diligently—to delight in it.
2. Submit to God's Word—to obey it and do it.
3. Spread God's Word—to teach it.

And whoever will not do this, will be removed from service here.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of our fathers, Who put such a thing as this into our hearts to build this House of Prayer & Worship, and Who has extended His mercy and steadfast love to us before all the officials. We are strengthened and encouraged, for the hand of the Lord our God is upon us, and we gather together outstanding people of God to go with us and build this House of Prayer & Worship for our God.

Father, we ask You to bring to us servants for this House. And by the good hand of our God upon us, there will be brought to us people of understanding. Then we will proclaim a fast, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a straight and right way for us, our families, and our possessions. We fully believe

the hand of the Lord our God is upon all them for good who seek Him. We need only Him to protect us against the enemy along the way. So we will fast and beseech our God for this and He will hear our entreaty.

Father, give us wisdom to set overseers over the finances and all the offerings for this building. We say to them: *You are holy unto the Lord, the supplies are holy also, and the monies are freewill offerings to the Lord. Guard and keep them until they are brought into this House of our God.* We will proclaim: *The hand of our God was upon us and He delivered us from the enemy and those who lay in wait by the way.* Every cent of money will be counted and recorded. Father, please cause Your people to aid us and Your House of Prayer & Worship.

Oh Father, forgive Your people for being mixed with the world. We rend our hearts in repentance. Father, we fall on our knees and spread out our hands to the Lord our God, saying: *Oh our God, we are ashamed and blush to lift up our face to You, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. We have been guilty, and for our willfulness we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hands of the kings of the lands, to the sword, captivity, plundering, and utter shame. And now grace has been shown us by the Lord our God, Who has left a remnant to escape and has given us a secure hold in His holy place, that our God may brighten our eyes and give us reviving. For we were bondmen; yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage, but has extended mercy and steadfast love to us before the kings of the land, to give us reviving to set up this House of Prayer and Worship and to give us a wall of protection. Father, we do not seek the peace and prosperity of the world. Cause us to be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to Your children always.*

Oh God, we come together and confess our sins before You. Yet even though we have sinned before You, yet even now there is still hope for us concerning the building of this House. Now therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to put away the evil influences of the world, according to the counsel of the Lord and of those who tremble at His Word; and let it be done according to God's will and His Word. Arise, for it is your duty, and we are with you. Be strong and brave and do it. We make our confession and give thanks to the Lord God of our fathers, and do His will, in Jesus' Name. Amen. Amen.

Father, we ask for all of this that we may help the poor and needy more far-reaching throughout the world; and that we may contribute to the work of the Lord more abundantly. Keep us always humble before You and to never touch Your glory. We ask this in Jesus' Name, for His Glory, and for the sake of His Kingdom. Amen.

Here are some other powerful words of Scripture to pray with us, which reveal the power of coming together in one accord:

Father, we believe that we receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon us; and we shall be witnesses unto You both in Jerusalem (our hometown), and in all Judea (the surrounding areas), and in Samaria (the nation), and unto the uttermost part of the earth (from Acts 1:8).

Father, Your Word reveals to us the pattern for receiving Your power. It says that when the followers of Christ were come in, they went up into an upper room, and they all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication...And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 1:13-14; 2:1-4).

Father, cause us to be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind (Philippians 2:2). Please fill us all with Your mighty Holy Spirit to empower us for the work You have called us to do; to be witnesses unto You here in our local area, in the surrounding areas, in our nation, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Enable us by the power of the Holy Spirit to do what You have given us to do, for Your glory, for the sake of Your Great Name, and for the sake of Your Kingdom.

We lift up our voices to You, Oh God, with one accord, and say, Lord, You are God, which has made Heaven, and Earth, and the sea, and all that is in them: Who by the mouth of Your servant David has said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ. For of a truth against Your Holy Child Jesus, Whom You have anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatever Your hand and Your counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold the threatenings of the enemy: and grant unto Your servants, that with all boldness we may speak Your Word, By stretching forth Your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the Name of Your Holy Child Jesus (from Acts 3:24-30).

We pray Lord God that this will be the result for us as well:

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 3:31).

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