

Stepping Out in Faith

A MUSTARD SEED

Mark 4: 30-32

Heavenly Father,

We read in scripture about Faith being like a mustard seed - so tiny but so meaningful when it is nurtured and grows.

We ask for your nurturing hand in our lives as we develop our own personal faith;

as we reach out to sow seeds in minds old and young where they may not know of you;

as we work with the young people in our organisations.

Grant to us the faith that comes from a mustard seed.

TAKING THE STEP

Ephesians 4: 1-13

Dear Lord, our Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all your gracious gifts that you daily bestow upon us.

We pray that you will give us wisdom to share these gifts with others.

We thank you for families, friends and fellowship in our Churches and organisations.

We ask you to keep blessing us and to protect us.

We also ask you to give us courage, hope, enthusiasm - and fantasy - to share your love with the people around us.

We praise you that you have promised always to remain at our side in both the good and the bad times.

We ask for guidance so that fear or reluctance shall not keep us from searching for new paths and directions in our lives as Christians.

You conquered death and victoriously rose from the grave so that the powers of darkness, of evil and death do not have the final word. **YOU DO.**

Let us now step out in faith, confident that you will be at our side from now until eternity, as you have promised.



The World Conference Prayer

In a world in which there is so much hunger
we give thanks for food;

In a world where there is so much loneliness
we give thanks for friends;

And, in a world in which there is so much to do
we ask for strength to spend ourselves
in Christ's Service.

Amen

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PREPARING THE WAY

Isaiah 40: 3-5

Heavenly Father,

We come before you now - to ask your help
as we *step out in faith* on a new journey,
preparing for the future.

As individuals, as organisations, we come
seeking to serve You
as we reach out to the youth of the world.

Calm the fears that lie within - the fear that comes
from uncertainty and the unknown.

Open our minds to new pastures where we may
find new challenges
and opportunities to serve You.

Challenge us to make sure we are listening to you
and are following the right path.

So that sure in Your love we may go forward
preparing the way of our Lord.

WHEN WE FEEL AFRAID

2 Corinthians: 6-15

Dear Lord,

I have heard that Jesus died on the cross but rose
from the grave again.

I have heard that he is stronger than all the evil
powers, even stronger than death.

I have heard that because of that we don't need
to be afraid.

But sometimes, I am afraid anyway.

Once in a while I think:

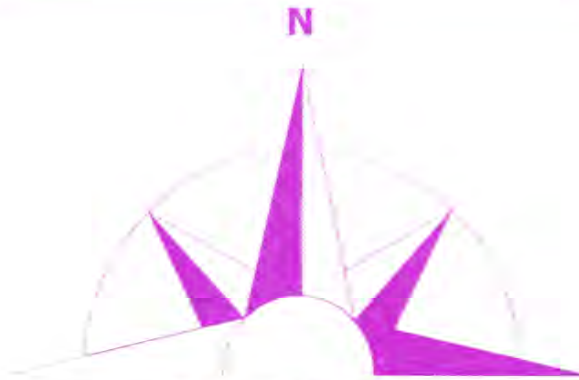
my life is very difficult,
my family, my friends, my society
carries very heavy burdens and are
threatened by powers much
stronger than us.

I ask you to give strength, to remember all
Your promises; to give hope so that I can
take on a share of burdens to be overcome.

God, let me feel your daily presence.

Never let me forget to say thank you
for all the support and love you give me in life.

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THE COMPASS OF LIFE

John 3: 16-17

Father,

No matter where we are in our journey,
the miles we need to cross,
the frontiers that need to be explored,
the barriers that need to be broken down
You are there for us.

It is You

who lights up the darkest corner,
who helps us when we stumble,
who hears our cries for help,
who is glad for us when we laugh.

You are our North, South, East and West
our friend, our guide, our comforter
and our Redeemer.



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A GUIDING LIGHT

Matthew 5: 13-16

Loving Lord,

You have placed us in a world full of
contradictions, strife and problems.

You have told us to be *light* and *salt* here.

Now we thank you for your Word and ask you
to guide us when we feel hopelessness or
fear prevailing.

Grant us courage every day of our life to live
among other people being light and salt;
reflecting your love and happiness; forgiving.

Teach us to act whenever injustice, prejudice or
evil powers threaten.

Use us to act and bear witness that you want every
single person on this earth to realise that he
and she is loved by You and that you want all
of His children to live in peace, happiness and
prosperity.

Let us, with Christians all around the world, as
labourers in Your gigantic vineyard feel that
fellowship and encouragement daily.

ON THE JOURNEY

Deuteronomy 5: 32-33

Thank you Father,

For taking each of us on a journey:
of life that knows no bounds,
of love that surrounds us all,
of hope that has no limits,
of vision where everything can be clear.

We ask that you lead us day by day on this journey
so that we may find the path
you have called us to follow.

Help us to stay on that path and not to give in
to the temptations we face.

Stop us when we think about taking the easy option
to make life easier for ourselves when we
know the harder one is the right way -
Your way.

Guard us as we journey so that we may always
follow in your footsteps.

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