

The Power of the Resurrection

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Its All About Power



I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to all who believe; to the Jew first and also the Greek. **Romans 1:16**

But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. **I Corinthians 4:19-20**

...and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

I Corinthians 2:4

...because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

I Thessalonians 1:5

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The Lord's Prayer
&
Pastoral Prayer

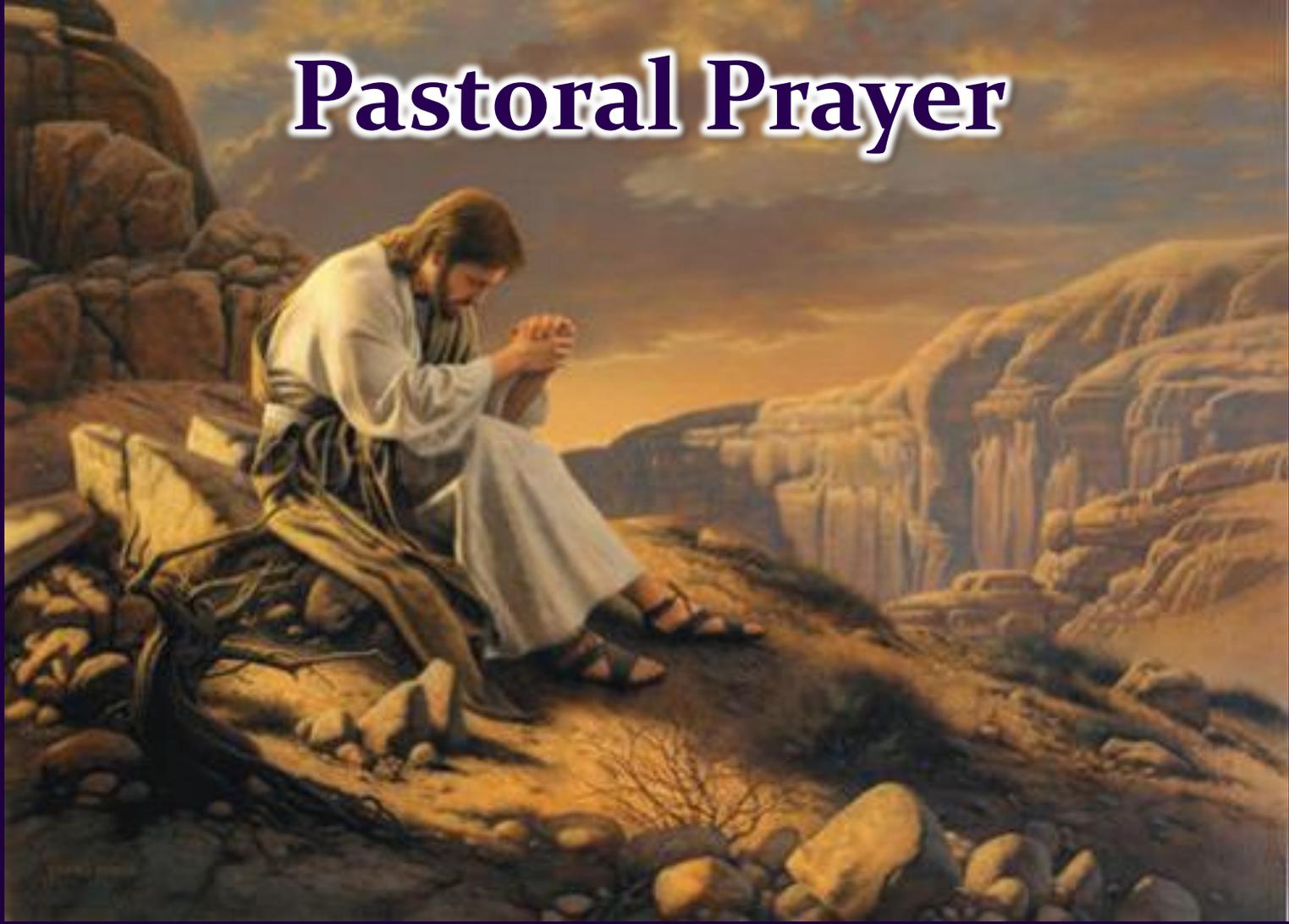
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer



Today's Roadmap:

1. Vindication Power
2. Power over Death
3. Power to Transform
4. Power in Ministry
5. Power to Persevere
6. Power in Prayer



#1: Vindication Power

...and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 1:4**

The Key to Life?

Islam: Submission to authority;

Buddhism: The abnegation of all sensual desires;

Hinduism: The performance of duties resulting in good consequences, called Dharma and Karma;

The Bahá'í Faith: The fulfillment of religious unity and equality worldwide;

Christianity: The transformation of sinners through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sorting out the Truth Claims

“How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord? If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. **Deuteronomy 18:21-22**

See a pattern?

1. **Matt 17:23** the third day he shall be raised again.
2. **Mark 9:31** after three days he will rise.
3. **Luke 18:33** On the third day he will rise again.
4. **John 20:0** He must rise again from the dead.

Some Authority!

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. **John 10:17-18**

#2: The Power over Death

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.”

John 11:25

“We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope...for the dead in Christ will rise first . I Thessalonians 1:13,14

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- He makes lost people found;
- He makes sinners to be holy;
- He makes dead people live;
- He makes shy people bold;
- He makes angry people happy;
- He makes resentful people forgiving;
- He makes guilty people forgiven;
- He makes hateful people loving;



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#4: Power in Ministry

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But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

II Corinthians 4:7-11

#6: Power in Prayer

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How do I plug-in?



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4. Pray for the power of Christ

Let us pray...