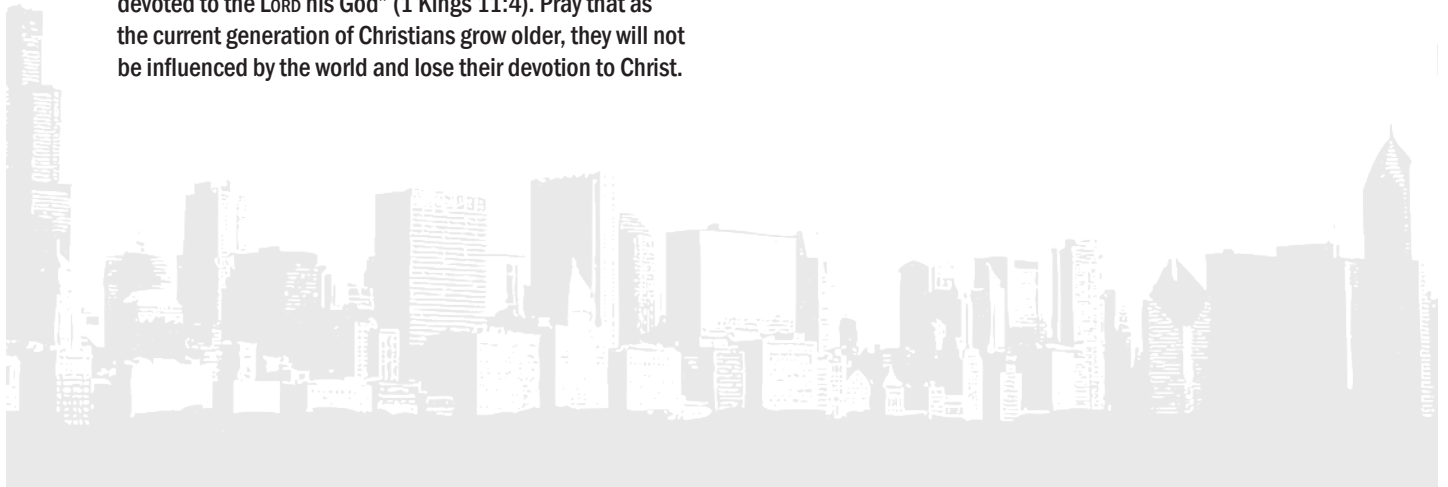


CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit (Psalm 51:10-12 NASB).

- 1 Pray that Christians the world over will present themselves to God, trusting Him to truly create within them a clean heart (Psalm 51:10).
- 2 Pray that your church family will continually long for the manifest presence of God and will unashamedly cry out to God, asking Him to fill every person in your congregation with the fullness of His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).
- 3 As hearts are revived and sense afresh the manifest presence of God, the joy of salvation is restored. Pray that God will send the kind of revival where Christians once again are excited about sharing the gospel, and the lost are eager to meet Jesus (Psalm 51:12).
- 4 It is impossible to experience clean hearts if we are harboring sin and remaining unrepentant. Pray that the members of your church will be quick to acknowledge their sins before the Lord and forsake what displeases Him (Psalm 32:5).
- 5 Greed can quickly take root in the heart. Pray that Christians in your community will not be lovers of money, but will work to lay up treasures in heaven (2 Timothy 3:2).
- 6 In Matthew 6:14 Jesus connects our willingness to forgive others with God's willingness to forgive us. In order for Christians in your church family to experience the joy of being forgiven, pray that no one who has been hurt by another will harbor bitterness or resentment in their heart.
- 7 During his old age, Solomon allowed his foreign wives to influence him to the point that "his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God" (1 Kings 11:4). Pray that as the current generation of Christians grow older, they will not be influenced by the world and lose their devotion to Christ.
- 8 King David and his people rejoiced as they gave willingly for the construction of the temple. The Bible describes their hearts as wholly devoted to God (1 Chronicles 29:9). Pray that believers will experience joy as they wholeheartedly give toward God's redemptive work.
- 9 Since God often tries our hearts and is delighted when He finds uprightness, pray that Christians will pass God's tests by living honestly and honorably before Him and each other (1 Chronicles 29:17).
- 10 King Jehoshaphat was commended by the spiritual leaders of his day when, after setting his heart to seek God, he removed the Asheroth (idols) from the land (2 Chronicles 19:3). Pray that we will eagerly, publicly stand against and remove the wicked influences affecting this generation.
- 11 Knowing that God is gracious in taking care of His children, pray that our hearts will in turn be committed to seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).
- 12 Since Jesus told us to go and make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28:19), pray that the church will make a renewed commitment from the heart to do this very thing.
- 13 According to John 13:35, the *agape* type of love we share with one another will identify us as genuine followers of Christ. Pray that selfless love will flow from hearts wherever the body of Christ is gathered.
- 14 Knowing in our hearts that our salvation has been bought at a very great price, pray that we will glorify God with our bodies and with everything we do and say (1 Corinthians 6:20).



- 15** Jesus said it's the things that come out of our hearts—evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders—that defile us (Matthew 15:19). Pray that as we submit ourselves to Him, we will experience a heart change that eliminates these sins from our lives.
- 16** The psalmist said that he had sought God with all his heart (Psalm 119:10). Pray today that all across our land, Christians will rise up to passionately seek God with everything that is in us.
- 17** People with proud hearts are often tempted to lie in order to cover up personal failures. Pray that your church family will have humble hearts and will not lie to each other, since we have “laid aside the old self with its evil practices” (Colossians 3:9).
- 18** Pray today that believers in your community will “flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22).
- 19** Since God gives much grace to those who have humble hearts, pray that we will completely lay down selfish pride and every self-exalting attitude that stands in opposition to our developing humility and the mind of Christ (James 4:6).
- 20** God is good to those who are pure in heart (Psalm 73:1). Pray that we will be committed like never before to walk in God's righteousness and the purity that comes from oneness with Him.
- 21** In Psalm 78:18, the Hebrew people were described as putting God to the test by selfishly asking for meat while they were in the wilderness. Realizing that God has given us much, pray that our hearts will be protected from making selfish requests of God or speaking evil of His graciousness.
- 22** Pray that God will teach us to number our days so that we may be able to present to Him hearts of wisdom (Psalm 90:12).
- 23** In Psalm 139:23-24, David cried, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me.” Pray that within your church, hearts will be just as open to the convicting and cleansing scrutiny of God's Holy Spirit.
- 24** Treasuring God's Word in our hearts is a key element to finding victory over sin (Psalm 119:11). Pray that Christians the world over will make a new commitment to read, meditate on, and memorize God's Word, doing everything necessary to truly hide it in our hearts.
- 25** Pray for the members of your church family to use their time wisely. Knowing that the days are evil, let us pray diligently that we will make every moment count in serving Christ and living for Him (Ephesians 5:16).
- 26** God makes it abundantly clear in Scripture that everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to Him (Proverbs 16:5). Let's pray again today that God will deliver His body from pride, the great enemy of our heart's devotion to God.
- 27** Since “foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child,” pray for parents to have wisdom in knowing how to discipline their children. Also pray that the children of this generation will have their hearts set free from the foolish things of the world (Proverbs 22:15).
- 28** Jesus was often grieved at the hardness he saw in the hearts of the Pharisees (Mark 3:5). Pray that God will send the kind of revival that will soften the hearts of those who have become hardened to His Word and to the authentic movements of His Spirit.
- 29** Within the context of what has come to be known as the First Great Commandment, we are exhorted to love the Lord with all our heart (Mark 12:30). Let's pray today that the church will fall in love with Jesus again and that our love for Him will fill and consume our hearts.
- 30** “Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus” is a truth that greatly helps us to not lose heart during these difficult days (2 Corinthians 4:14). Pray that Christians everywhere will learn to keep our eyes focused on the resurrected Jesus.
- 31** When Jesus was headed to the cross, He told His disciples to not let their hearts be troubled (John 14:1). The solution for their anxiousness about the future was for them to believe in Him just like they had believed in the Father. Pray that our belief in the Person, words, and teachings of Jesus will rise to new heights and that we will walk with Him and not have anxious hearts.