

Daily Prayer for Life and Time Focus:

A great way to start 2022 trusting in God is to have a prayer to pray at the beginning of everyday.

Pray what you know regarding your life and time. Think about what you know and believe from the Bible re: your purpose and time, and pray that prayer every day. If, after a few days or weeks, that prayer becomes trite then rework it until it becomes the kind of prayer that is a mantra for you, for the rest of 2022 and even beyond, until you need to write another prayer that takes into account all the learning and growing that you have done since you last wrote the prayer.

You can write that prayer regarding

- Who God is to you, and for whom you want to give thanks
- How you spend your time each day of your life
- How you relate to your spouse, children, or parents, or friends
- How you deal with business or money or investments or career
- Your hopes and aspirations for the future
- Your work and ministry and relationships from the past

Sample Prayers:

1. Jordan Raynor's Prayer (in *Redeeming Your Time*)

Lord, thank you that my longing for timelessness is not a mirage. Thank you for setting eternity inside my heart.

I humbly recognize that I will die with unfinished symphonies but that if my work is aligned with your will, you will finish my work in your time. Therefore I don't need to complete my 'to do' lists for your will to prevail.

Father, thank you that through Jesus Christ I can never lose my status as your adopted child; thus I have no need to be productive. But I graciously accept your invitation to do as many good works as I can for your glory, the good of others, and the advancement of your kingdom.

Lord, I commit my day and my to-do list to you. Establish my plans in accordance with your will. Help me to be purposeful, present, and wildly productive for your purposes today.

But regardless of how productive I am, I know that you love me. May my security in your love make me both peaceful and ambitious to do your will today. Amen.

2. Pastor Mark's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank you that you are the Lord of time and life. Thank you that you have eternal purposes for both this world and the world to come. Thank you that you

sent Jesus to establish your eternal kingdom in and through your church. Thank you that you are crafting us into the eternal people of God.

Lord I come in weakness, confessing my sins and my unseen failings, confessing my weakness in the face of temptation, and asking for your help and strength to be both whole as a believer in Christ and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Lord, I believe that you have given me life and health and strength and opportunity to work now for your heavenly kingdom. I ask for your empowerment, I ask for focus and energy, I ask for Spirit granted character, and I ask that the work of my hands will be acceptable to you because I bring my work to you in the name of Jesus.

Lord, I bring to you today those relationships that trouble me, and this work that you have given me to do. I thank you for these close relationships that are a great blessing and for the work that I have already been able to perform, asking that you bring to completion my ministry in the lives of others.

Finally, I bring these plans and actions to you today, asking for the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ and the blessing of your Holy Spirit. For the sake of your eternal kingdom I pray, Amen.

3. Your Prayer