# A Strategic Prayer Initiative

(A template for addressing idolatry, bloodguilt, immorality, and covenant breaking—on a global basis)

Adapted and Rewritten 64 Gary H. Patterson

\*

### **Introduction**

The subject of generational curses has caused some controversy in the Church (at large). Some Christian leaders teach that such can have no power over Christians and others teach they can and pray and minister accordingly for the deliverance of the people.

For clarification, a curse is the absence of God's blessing and God cannot bless sin or iniquity (lawlessness). Where His blessing does not reside, a curse will. A generational curse is the continuation of sin patterns, including the mindsets and demonic oppression that go with them, from one generation to the next. These curses continue because sin remains covert and unrepented of by an affected generation or individual. While we cannot repent for our ancestors who have gone on to their just eternal reward, we can recognize and become free from any patterns of iniquity, lawlessness, and all the consequential sicknesses, diseases, and calamities.

God's Word in Ezekiel 18 assures us that a son will not be guilty of the sins of his father if he recognizes the sin and refuses to walk in it. If he is walking in the sins of his father and recognizes he is and repents, he will surely live and not suffer the curse of those sins.

The key here is the recognition of and subsequent repentance from sin that God requires. If a born-again Christian continues in idolatrous or godless mindsets common to his or her parents, culture. or ethnicity then that Christian will suffer the affects (or curse) of that sin. So, based on this, because of ignorance and deception, a Christian can be bound by generational sin.

Yes, we are new creations in Christ. Old things have passed away and all things have become new (2 Co 5:17). We have been raised up to sit

together with Christ in the heavenly places, far above all things (Eph 2). Sin shall not have dominion over us, for we are not under the law but under grace (Rom 6). From God's perspective, these things are unquestionably true but *our* experience may not equal the reality because of an unrenewed mind. Ignorance, deception, and wrong thinking and beliefs are the greatest enemies of the Christian. We must cast down, with the spiritual weapons God has given us Eph. 6; 2 Cor. 10), every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. In God's knowledge, we are as victorious as Christ is, but we may not be in our knowledge (thinking) and experience. Sinful, anti-Christ mindsets and behaviors must be recognized and repented of before we can experience the reality of who we already are. We must come out from among "them" and be separate and touch not the unclean and only then can we know God fully as God and Father and only then can we truly know what it means to be His own special people (2 Cor. 6).

As you read this, you may recognize some strongholds in your life or the life of others that need attention. Address these things as a victorious one in Christ—one who is a joint heir with Him and *not* as a victim of past circumstances, a dysfunctional family, or of a failing society. Since the same power and life that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us, we are already overcomers. Let's enforce the victory!

[All of these prayers and declarations will also apply to our communities, cities, states, and nations.]

# **Introductory Prayer**

Father God I / we come to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Holy One who revealed yourself to Israel as YHWH (Yahweh), the eternal "I AM"—the covenant—keeping God. I / we acknowledge that You are the only true God, the Supreme God of Gods and King of Kings. I / we believe that you have revealed Yourself through Jesus Christ who came in the flesh, died on the Cross, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven to sit at Your right hand on the throne. I / we enter now into Your Presence through the way Jesus Christ opened by the sacrifice of Himself on the Cross and come before you in His Name. I / we confess that I am / we are saved by faith through the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross—and not by works, and that my / our salvation was a gift from You. I / we submit myself / ourselves under Your authority as the Judge who has the power to forgive sin and bring healing.

I / we come before You today in confession and repentance on behalf of myself and my ancestors (ourselves and our ancestors) to ask You to break the power of sin in my life and the lives of my people—the tribe / clan / ethnos that I / we represent and its effect on all forms of work and stewardship under our influence and authority.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

From this point on—the singular pronoun will be used—but when it needs to be used in a corporate setting—please apply accordingly. It is important we allow the Lord to bring revelation in how we pray—and for Him to bring revelation to what we cover—both individually and corporately. At times, you may need to pause and sense how the Lord brings immediate revelation as this template for prayer is followed.

I want to honor my earthly father and mother and all my ancestors of my own flesh and blood, but I reject their sin and turn my back on it. I forgive my ancestors for the effect of their sins on my descendants and on me. I confess and reject all my own sins and ask You to allow the Holy Spirit to apply the power of the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the Cross in my life and to release the victory of the Cross over sin and bondages in my life as well as those of my descendants. I also ask You to allow the Holy Spirit to apply the power of the blood of Jesus Christ over Satan and all his hosts of darkness. I believe through faith that the victory is available right now. You Lord God are the same yesterday, today and forever—You are the Alpha and the Omega—You are the beginning and the end—You are the God who is—who was—and who is to come.

I now utterly renounce anything of the past as having any right of entrance or influence upon my future. I declare in the spiritual realm and upon the earthly realm that I, my inheritance, my descendants, my office, and all that I identify with as a steward of what God has entrusted to me—turn completely and unreservedly to the Lord and to His good will and intent for all He will choose to do in and through me.

## **Idolatry**

I confess that my ancestors and I were involved in the sin of idolatry. I now reject and renounce all forms of idolatry.

I reject and renounce the worship of images made of wood, stone, gold, bronze, or any other material.

I reject and renounce the worship of sacred pillars, poles or obelisks or statues, as well as the worship of standing stones, trees or any other similar objects.

I reject any sense of self-idolatry and supremacy over other people that my family may have expressed as part of their inheritance or right.

I reject and renounce all myths, legends, and stories about gods and spirits and all incantations used by any nature worship and the worship of creation in the sun, moon, stars, planets, or the earth itself.

I reject and renounce any gods and spirits worshipped in my culture which I do not know, and I list those names I do know and renounce them by name (*take time – each person needs to think and pray on their own at this moment*). I now turn my back on those gods and in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ ask that they be made the footstool of Jesus.

I reject and renounce all forms of animal worship or totems. I sever all soul ties with the animal kingdom and every animal worshipped in my culture—including all forms of superstition involving animals.

I reject and renounce all worship and charming of snakes, serpents, dragons or any other water spirit or spirit of fire.

I reject and renounce all worship of plants in my culture, including the witchcraft use of plants as medicines in alternative healing not placed under the Blood of Christ who is the Great Physician. I cut my family and I loose from all magic powers, secret formulas and medicines, false healing and healing powers introduced from the East that are empowered by the psychic realm and bring no glory to Jesus Christ. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I cut myself, my ancestors' and descendants' names free from any person, gods, or evil forces, which would use our names to bring us under their power and authority.

I reject and renounce any allegiance I or my families—present and past—have ever made with any ancient spirit finding its origin in either the spirit of paganism (Genesis 3) or the spirit of humanism (Genesis 11). I therefore reject and renounce all forms of ancestral worship, including ceremonies and rituals at ancestral tombs and graves—even when fashioned in the form of a monument honoring my

ancestors. I state that there will be no more idol worship in my family lineage.

I reject and renounce all forms of worship of my nationality or national emblems of my country. I reject and renounce any self-centeredness, self-exaltation, self-seeking of pride in human accomplishments. I also reject any form of rebellion against God's authority that has taken place at any time by any member of my ancestral lineage – past or present.

I reject and renounce all forms of exclusiveness, including those of any secret society or organization that excludes membership of certain people and would suggest that they have the "hidden truth" not revealed to infidels.

I reject and renounce all forms of ideologies and arguments in my culture that has exalted itself against the knowledge of God

I ask forgiveness for every ungodly sprinkling and incense burning in temples of idols. I reject and renounce it as practices of Satan and idol worship and reject and renounce any altars to idols whether it is images, ideas, or ideologies. In so doing I cut my soul ties and those of my family with any priests or priestesses, temples and places of worship, and as well as all worship rituals and ceremonies with idols. I totally renounce and cut myself free (and my family) from all superstition and any observances and remembrances of special days, seasons, or ceremonies performed for idols in my culture.

I reject and renounce any belief in incantations and formulas, as well as rituals and prayers during burials that are not centered upon Jesus Christ—He who is the Way—The truth—and The Life.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I cancel all curses, charms, incantations and magic or witchcraft done against us in the name of any spiritual force and take us out from under the mastery of Satan, the cosmic universe, or any document and place it under the Lordship of the True God revealed in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I petition for protection for myself and my descendants and family against any spiritual force still worshipped by my family or people in my culture through ceremonies, rituals, or observances.

## **Bloodguilt**

I confess that my ancestors and I have been involved in the sin of bloodshed. I accept the guilt of this sin on behalf of my family and myself.

I confess, reject, and renounce all shedding of blood at illegal altars to idols or spiritual forces, whether blood of animals or humans.

I confess the sin of bloodshed in abortion, acknowledge that it is murder and the shedding of innocent blood, and reject this practice.

I confess, reject, and renounce any bloodshed through murders or killings done by my ancestors during times of war that my ancestors or I were involved in, whether it happened through defense or attack.

I confess the sin of committing land clearances and the removal of innocent people from their own land. This is nothing less than the shedding of innocent blood and the breaking of covenants, involving immorality, and the rape of the land and its people. The people were robbed of their property, dignity, and freedom. I acknowledge, on behalf of my family and myself, that this involved the sin of usury, exploitation, control, manipulation, and intimidation. I confess, reject, and renounce this sin committed before God and His people all the way back to the fourth generation of my family lineage. My family and I, and our descendants, if we continue in righteousness, will *not* be held responsible for this sin. The violation that has affected both the spiritual realm as well as the physical realm is removed under the blood of Christ.

I confess, reject, and repent of any bloodshed through the manipulation or scarring of my body or any body piercing done in opposition to the guidelines of Scripture.

I confess, reject, and repent of any drinking or eating of blood done in my culture on my part or that of my ancestors whether wittingly or unwittingly, as part of a covenant ritual or a fraternity rite, or even if it included the incorrect use of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I confess, reject, and repent of any rituals involving blood, any documentation signed in blood, or any ceremonies where my ancestors or I used blood. I confess, reject, and repent of any blood covenants made with spiritual forces, people, or animals.

I forgive anyone who has committed bloodshed against my family, my people, or me. In the Name of Jesus, I ask that the blood of Jesus silence the voices of blood crying out against my family and me. I ask that the cycle of violence and bloodshed will stop and that no more revenge will be required. I ask that the mourning of the land end now,

caused through any untimely bloodshed brought upon my family lineage, and for the healing of land under the influence of my ancestral line to take place.

### **Immorality**

I confess that my family and I have been involved in the sin of sexual immorality. I confess, reject, and renounce any form of perversion in the lives of my ancestors or myself, including:

- Sexual intercourse outside of marriage—all forms of adultery (imagined and acted out).
- Unnatural sexual desire—homosexuality, bestiality, incest within the family, and the uncovering of my own or anyone else's nakedness in perversity.
- All other forms of fornication: masturbation (including the use of objects for sexual pleasure), premarital sex, filthy imaginations, prostitution, pornography (i.e. movies, pictures, novels—both "r" and "x" rated).
- Sexual abuse of any form (i.e. fondling, rape, consensual bondage).
- Multiple relationships (with or without practicing sex). This
  would include relationships imagined and played out only
  within the mind, fueled by the reading of romance novels and
  by subjecting the mind to similar things.
- Any other form of uncleanness in my thoughts through watching "r" or "x" rated movies or pictures, movies or pictures with sex scenes, or through reading similar books.

I ask forgiveness for any illegitimate births that have taken place within my family lineage. I break the curse of illegitimacy over my descendants and myself for many generations to come.

I recognize that my involvement in sexual sin has contributed to a spirit of violence and profanity in the land and confess and repent of this activity. I forgive anyone who was involved in violating my body, thoughts, or emotions through sexual and verbal assault. I ask now that the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanse my body and soul from any memories, thoughts, wounds, or emotions.

I confess that my family and I have been involved in addictive lifestyles, bound by alcohol, drugs, foul language, tobacco products and other addictive substances derived from nature, food, the love of money, all types of worldliness that are contrary to the fruit of self-control, and music that contributes to a rebellious, anti-authority, anti-family, and anti-God lifestyle. I renounce and choose to hate all these things, asking forgiveness for partaking of any one or all of

them, and receiving from You, Father, the strength of heart to live free. I declare these things will not bind my family or descendants for many generations to come.

#### **Broken Covenants**

I confess the sin of broken treaties in the lives of my ancestors and myself. I confess, reject, and renounce the practice of divorce. I now ask for forgiveness for the involvement in the breaking of marriage vows and I forgive all marriage partners in my ancestral lineage for breaking covenant with their marriage partners in any place and at any time. I forgive them for the effect this has had upon my life as well as the lives of my descendants.

I now choose to cut my descendants and myself free from the curse of broken covenants.

I confess, reject, and renounce any broken covenants or treaties my country, my clan, or my people were involved in whether with God or with another culture or people.

I confess reject, and renounce any broken covenants my family or I committed in business and in every way that this has affected the national and international arena. I ask for restitution to take place as under the timing and direction of God whenever and wherever necessary. I confess, reject, and renounce any contribution I had to the breaking up of my family (or any family) at any time in the past or present, and forgive anyone else who was involved in such a way.

# **Proclamation**

In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and with the authority which I have as a believer in Him, I now declare that I have been redeemed out of the hand of Satan and all idolatry, and that I am cleansed of this sin and through His blood I am forgiven, sanctified, cleansed, and justified. I now turn my back on all forms of idolatry, take my territory back from Satan, and tear up any contracts made with him.

I cut my descendants and I free from all oaths, blood bonds, and soul times with every person who was involved in any of then above. I ask for a total removal of all guilt and shame on my descendants and me for whatever sin in which we have been involved. I now strip ancestral gatekeepers of their authority in my lineage and in my spheres of authority. Father, I ask You to destroy all ungodly keys and that all papers of commission be torn up and these to be totally decommissioned. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I ask that You now close all evil doors and seal them permanently with Your blood. I

declare that according to Isaiah 22:22—whatever doors You close will never be opened, and whatever doors You open will never be closed, without Your consent.

I declare that over my ancestral lineage—past, present, or the future—by Jesus Christ, who holds the key to life and death—and resurrection, that the psychic door in our bloodline is permanently closed.

I ask forgiveness for myself and the involvement of my ancestors with all the above—mentioned and confess that it is an abomination in Your sight. I thank You Father, that you will never remember these sins and that You will remove them as far as East is from the West. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I now command very evil spirit to leave me immediately and all idols to come under Gods judgment. I pray that all curses on the land that exist due to my sin and the sin of my ancestors, be broken and nullified in the Name of Jesus Christ and that the land will be set free from my sin, and the sin of my forefathers and their parents.

I declare the release of Your blessing upon the land—ecologically and economically, and in every level of security from personal to national, and international, and for the release of innovation and creativity upon the land—in order that in keeping with Leviticus 25:23-24, the full redemption of the land will be brought forth in a manner that reflects Your glory and honor, and which releases destiny into our lives and the land You have entrusted to us.

Lord Jesus Christ, I ask You to send the reviving power of Your Spirit into our families, our churches, our communities, our cities, and counties and territories, and our nations. Nothing is impossible for you Lord God. By faith, we release Your reviving power in the areas of:

- Ecology and industry
- Banking and commerce
- Economy and politics
- Ethics and morality
- Health and education
- As well as the rekindling of the Church as the prophetic mouthpiece of God in society today, speaking no longer with unrighteousness and compromise, but instead with authority and righteousness.

We choose LIFE!

IN Jesus' Name – AMEN

### Special Closing Prayer

In the name of Jesus, while fully recognizing His finished work on the cross and His resurrection from the dead,

We bind the spirits, powers, and forces of the earth, the underground, the air, the water, the fire, the netherworld, and the satanic forces of nature that are attempting to impose their sway upon us. We know we are of God but the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one (1 John 5:

We rebuke any curses, hexes, or spells, And we send them back to where they came from – We bind all demonic interplay, interaction, and communication – We claim the protection of the shed Blood Jesus Christ over....

#### (Name the People / Buildings / Places / Territories etc)

And we state that no causeless curse shall light upon us and there will be no needless casualties of war among us.

There will be no backlash against any of us:

- Our families
- Our loved ones
- Our places of work
- Our churches
- Our ministries
- Those praying for us

We acknowledge and declare the full armor of God over and around us:

- The breastplate of righteousness
  - To agree with God's estimation of us and to declare and affirm that He does not accredit sin to our account,
  - Cancelling any legal rights the enemy may claim over us or ours.
- The belt of truth
  - To forewarn us of the devil's scheme's,
  - Guarding us against deception and offense
- The gospel of peace upon our feet
  - To direct our steps
  - Closing doors that are wrong
  - Opening doors that are of the Lord
- The individual and corporate shield of faith

- So that no arrow of the enemy will be able to penetrate, sapping us of spiritual strength and endurance, and cause division in the church body
- The helmet of salvation
  - So that we have the mind of Christ and are hidden under the shadow of His wings.
- The Sword of the Spirit
  - So that we proclaim the Word of God in season and out of season,
  - Keeping our enemy on the defense.

In accordance with James 4, we acknowledge that the Spirit of God, who dwells within the saints, yearns jealously over all of our desires, thoughts, pursuits, dreams, and works. The only way to overcome sin and its curse is to come into complete agreement with Him. We choose to fully embrace His conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment in us and in the earth (John 16) and receive a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit in accordance with Ephesians 5:18—and put on the full mantle of praise.

In the all-powerful Name of Jesus we pray—AMEN.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The original author of this is unknown

The original title of this article was *Strategic Prayer Strategy*. Grammatical and wording changes, adaptations, and additions (including the introduction) were made by:

Gary H. Patterson Great Grace Revival Ministries grace4u@windstream.net