



## How to Pray for... **THE MATERIALLY POOR**



Throughout the Bible, we see God's heart for the poor and vulnerable and His desire for us to show compassion. Jesus went so far as to say that those who show mercy to the poor, the sick, and the needy are ministering to Him personally and will be rewarded accordingly (Matthew 25:35–40).

Poverty is more than the lack of material things. It is a lack of opportunity to fulfill your potential as an image-bearer of God. It is bondage to lies like, "We cannot change the future" and "God only cares about spiritual things, not our physical lives." It is a sense of shame, humiliation and hopelessness.

While poverty is a complex issue, we know that the answers are found in God. As our Creator and loving Father, He knows all of our physical, spiritual, social and emotional struggles, as well as their solutions. His desire is for us to know His truth, to bring every area of life under the lordship of Christ, to experience life to the full, and to bring glory to Him.



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## Please Pray With Us:

- For churches in impoverished areas—that God would break through the lies that keep the churches and their communities from transforming. Pray that God would be glorified and churches strengthened.
- For those living in poverty, pray that they would experience God's provision and protection, especially in times of crisis.
- For opportunities for people experiencing poverty to see God's truth and power transform every area of life. Pray for opportunities and support to develop their abilities. Pray that they would be able to identify the resources that God has given them to care for their families and communities.
- For the hearts of leaders at every level of society to turn to God. Pray that they would seek justice for the vulnerable in their lands. Pray for the dismantling of unjust and oppressive systems.
- For ministries seeking to alleviate poverty, pray for wisdom to understand the complexities of poverty in their particular context. Pray for God to refresh them in the midst of what can be draining work. Pray for Holy Spirit-inspired creativity and insight.

***We encourage you to meditate on these verses and pray them over people experiencing poverty.***

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

*John 10:10*

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.  
He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
He remains faithful forever.  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets prisoners free,  
the Lord gives sight to the blind,  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord loves the righteous.

*Psalms 146:5-8*