

PRAYING FOR THE MARKETPLACE

Guided Prayer Structure — 8 Minutes

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

— **Matthew 5:14,16**

1. Opening Focus (0.5 min)

Quiet your heart before the Lord. Picture your own workplace — your office, your shop, your job site, your industry — not as a place you simply pass through for a paycheck, but as a mission field to which you have been sent. Like Daniel in Babylon’s courts and Joseph in Egypt’s palace, you have been positioned exactly where you are for such a time as this.

2. Thanksgiving & Praise (1 min)

Thank God for the work of your hands and for every believer who labors in offices, stores, hospitals, farms, schools, and shops across the marketplace. Praise Him as the Lord of vocation as much as the Lord of the sanctuary — the God who is present in the boardroom as fully as He is present in the prayer room.

3. Pray in the Spirit (1 min)

Pray or sing in tongues, asking the Holy Spirit to fill you with grace for excellence, favor, and boldness in every workplace relationship and task set before you today.

4. Read Scripture (1 min)

Read Matthew 5:14,16 aloud, along with one of these:

- “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” (Colossians 3:23 NIV)
- “Then Daniel distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities... they could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy.” (Daniel 6:3-4 NIV)
- “One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth... The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.” (Acts 16:14 NIV)

5. Focused Intercession — Praying for the Marketplace (3 min)

Cry out for believers to walk as salt and light in every workplace and industry:

- For believers to see their workplace as a mission field and their coworkers as their congregation, not merely a place to earn a paycheck
- For integrity, honesty, and excellence to mark the work of every believer, which it opens doors for the Gospel rather than closing them
- For supernatural favor and influence to rest on believers in secular workplaces, just as Daniel found favor in Babylon's courts and Joseph in Egypt's palace
- For boldness and natural, unforced opportunities to speak the name of Jesus within everyday work relationships
- For business owners and marketplace leaders to run their companies with Kingdom values — generosity, justice, and care for employees
- For the marketplace itself to become fertile ground for revival — workplace prayer groups, transformed culture, and believers who carry His presence into every meeting and transaction

6. Declaration & Prayer (1.5 min)

Pray this declaration aloud:

"In the name of Jesus, we declare that the marketplace belongs to the Lord. We send believers into their offices, shops, and industries as salt and light, carrying integrity, excellence, and the presence of God. Lord, give us favor like Daniel and Joseph, and open hearts to the Gospel like You opened Lydia's heart in the marketplace of Philippi. Raise up business leaders who steward influence for Your Kingdom, and let every workplace become a place where Your glory is seen. We will not separate our faith from our work, for whatever we do, we do it as unto You. In Jesus' holy name, Amen."

7. Final Thanksgiving (0.5 min)

Close with praise, thanking God that He has commissioned every believer as a minister in their vocation, and that the marketplace is as much His mission field as any pulpit. Amen and Amen.

Total runtime: ~8 minutes

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