ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS



Prayer Focus: What Are We Aiming for in Life?

OUR TARGET: A GENUINE LOVE THAT REFLECTS THE HEART OF CHRIST

Welcome, Royal Prayer Guards, and everyone who unites with us in prayer!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness, time, prayer efforts, and dependability. Your commitment matters.

As we come together, let's establish a common target. We are not simply aiming to say the right things, pray the right prayers, or appear to be spiritual. We are aiming to become genuine and believable representatives of Jesus Christ.

Our words, attitudes, decisions, prayers, and actions should reflect the heart of the One we represent.

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1. Establishing Our Target: LOVE

1 Timothy 1:5 (NKJV)

"Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith."

This Scripture gives us three important areas to examine:

- A Pure Heart: Are our motives genuinely motivated by love, rather than selfishness, recognition, or personal advantage?
- A Good Conscience: Are we living consistently with what we know to be right before God?
- Sincere Faith: Is our faith genuine, dependable, and demonstrated through our daily lives?

Notice something important: God is not simply interested in what we say. He is interested in what is happening within us and how that inward condition is expressed through our lives.

Our aim is to let genuine love become visible through our conduct.

2. Our Love Must Be Genuine and Believable

Consider this: How believable is our message about God's love if our actions continually contradict our words?

We cannot separate our prayer life from the way we treat people.

- We pray for people, but do we demonstrate compassion toward them?
- We pray for forgiveness, but are we willing to forgive?
- We pray for unity, but do we contribute to peace?
- We pray for others to experience God's love, but can they recognize that love in our own behavior?
- We pray for spiritual growth, but are we allowing God to develop our own character?

1 John 3:18

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

Love must move beyond our vocabulary. It must become visible in our choices, responses, patience, kindness, and willingness to serve.

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3. Scriptures That Establish Our Aim

These Scriptures help establish the direction of our prayers and daily conduct.

Scripture	Our spiritual aim
Colossians 3:14	Put on love, the bond of perfection.
1 Corinthians 16:14	Let everything be done in love.
Romans 12:9	Let love be without hypocrisy.
1 Timothy 6:11	Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.
2 Timothy 2:22	Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.
Ephesians 5:2	Walk in love, following Christ's example.
1 Timothy 4:12	Be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.
Hebrews 10:24	Encourage one another toward love and good deeds.
1 Corinthians 13:13	Love is the greatest of faith, hope, and love.
Galatians 5:6	Faith works through love.

These are not simply verses to read. They are spiritual targets to pursue and put into practice.

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4. Our Five Prayer Targets

Let us unite our prayers around five specific objectives.

PRAYER TARGET #1 — A PURE HEART

Father, examine our hearts. Reveal any wrong motives, selfish ambitions, resentment, or attitudes that do not reflect Your character. Develop within us a genuine desire to love others.

PRAYER TARGET #2 — A GOOD CONSCIENCE

Father, help us live honestly and consistently before You. Give us the willingness to acknowledge our mistakes, make things right, and walk in truth.

PRAYER TARGET #3 — SINCERE FAITH

Father, strengthen our faith. Remove hypocrisy and spiritual pretense. Help us become dependable believers whose confidence in You is demonstrated through obedience and action.

PRAYER TARGET #4 — GENUINE LOVE IN ACTION

Father, teach us to love beyond words. Give us compassion for those who are hurting, patience with those who struggle, and wisdom to respond to others as Christ would.

PRAYER TARGET #5 — A BELIEVABLE CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Father, let our lives support the message we proclaim. May our families, friends, neighbors, and those we encounter recognize the sincerity of our faith through our conduct.

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5. Aim True — Be Intentional About Your Target

To aim means to direct something toward a specific desired object or destination.

When we aim, we must know what we are aiming for. We must also be intentional about the direction we take to reach that target.

The same is true in our spiritual lives.

We cannot expect to develop genuine love, a good conscience, and sincere faith without being intentional about our relationship with God.

Consider these practical steps:

1. Establish a rhythm: Set aside consistent time for prayer and studying God's Word.
2. Practice accountability: Encourage one another to remain faithful and consistent.
3. Study interactively: Read, highlight, take notes, and examine what Scripture teaches.
4. Pray for guidance: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand and apply God's Word.
5. Reflect and apply: Identify practical ways to demonstrate God's love each day.

Remember, spiritual growth is not measured merely by how much Scripture we can quote, but also by how faithfully we allow God's Word to influence our lives.

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6. Our United Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, recognizing that our purpose in life must be greater than simply pursuing our own desires and ambitions.

Your Word tells us in 1 Timothy 1:5 that the aim of our instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.

Father, help us examine ourselves.

Create in us pure hearts. Help us maintain good consciences. Develop sincere faith that is genuine and dependable.

Forgive us when our words have not matched our actions, when our attitudes have failed to demonstrate Your love, and when we have placed our own interests ahead of others.

Teach us to love without hypocrisy. Help us become people who encourage rather than discourage, build up rather than tear down, forgive rather than hold resentment, and demonstrate compassion rather than indifference.

As Royal Prayer Guards, help us recognize that our responsibility does not end when we finish praying. May our prayers be accompanied by lives that demonstrate the very things we are asking You to accomplish.

Let our homes, relationships, conversations, decisions, and daily interactions reflect the character of Jesus Christ.

Help us become genuine and believable witnesses of Your love.

May our faith work through love, and may our lives encourage others to draw closer to You.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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7. Our Final Challenge: What Are We Aiming For?

Before we finish this prayer focus, let's personally consider these questions:

- Am I becoming more loving in my everyday interactions?
- Are my actions consistent with the words I speak?
- Is my faith genuine when nobody is watching?
- Am I encouraging others through my conduct?
- Can people see something of Christ through the way I live?

Our ultimate target is not simply to become better at talking about love. It is to become more genuine in living it.

WHAT ARE WE AIMING FOR IN LIFE?

LOVE!

A PURE HEART • A GOOD CONSCIENCE • SINCERE FAITH

Genuine in our faith.

Believable in our conduct.

Christlike in our love.

Let our lives agree with our prayers.

1 Timothy 1:5

Royal Prayer Guards, let's keep our aim true!

Let us not merely pray for the world to experience God's love. Let us become people through whom that love can be seen, experienced, and believed.

Click here. **Resources.** RPG Prayer Focus (WPF #101) Five Fiery Arrows of Prayer for the lost

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