

Consecration - Corporate Prayer - Prayer Tower

Understanding the Importance of Consecration

FTMA BIBLE STUDY



Focus Scripture:
Romans 12:1 (NKJV)

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

This verse highlights the call for believers to dedicate themselves wholly to God, embodying the essence of consecration in prayer and daily life.



- Holy & Acceptable – Believers are set apart by Christ; their daily lives, not just religious activities, are acceptable worship.
- Spiritual Worship – True worship is not confined to music or church services, but is a “liturgy of life” manifested in daily obedience and service.

Definition & Purpose

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Consecration	Offering oneself entirely to God.	- o The prayer of consecration is a commitment to dedicate oneself wholly to God's will and purpose. - o It marks a transformative step in spiritual growth, setting one apart for divine service.
Surrender	Letting go of personal agendas to follow God's will.	
Transformation	Allowing minds to be renewed to think differently from the world	
Devotion	Daily, committed living for God's purpose.	



Introduction

1. Brief overview of consecration and its role in Christian prayer life.

- Consecration is the act of setting oneself apart for God,
- dedicating one's life,
- intentions,
- and actions to His will.
- In Christian prayer life, it serves as a foundation for spiritual growth, reflecting a heartfelt commitment to pursue God's purpose above personal desires.

2. Consecration marks a commitment to God's will and purpose.

- When one chooses consecration, it is a deliberate act of surrender, placing God's desires above one's own. This commitment signifies a willingness to follow His guidance, trusting that His purpose is greater than personal ambitions.
- Consecration is not just a momentary decision but an ongoing dedication, reflecting a deep relationship with God where the believer continually seeks to align their life with His will.



4-Focus Points

SURRENDERING	SEEKING	MAINTAINING	RECOGNIZING
personal ambitions and desires to God's guidance.	alignment with God's plan, rather than one's own.	humility and openness during prayer.	consecration as a transformative step in spiritual growth, setting one apart for divine service.
For example, an individual may have a strong ambition to pursue a specific career or personal goal, but through prayer, senses God leading them in a different direction—perhaps into ministry or service to others. Choosing to follow this spiritual prompting, even when it means setting aside personal plans, is a practical act of surrender to God's guidance.	For instance, a person may have plans to move to a new city for career advancement, but through prayer and reflection, feels God calling them to stay and support their current community. Choosing to remain, even when it means foregoing personal advancement, demonstrates a desire to align one's actions with God's greater purpose.	For example, someone might approach prayer by honestly admitting their limitations, asking God for wisdom rather than insisting on their own understanding. They may say, "Lord, I do not know what is best, but I trust You to guide me," showing a willingness to accept God's direction even if it challenges their preferences or expectations.	For example, an individual may initially feel uncertain about their purpose, but after a dedicated season of prayer and consecration, they experience renewed clarity and direction. This transformation inspires them to serve in their church or volunteer in their community, demonstrating that their spiritual commitment has set them apart for God's work.



Maintaining Consecration

- Renew commitment daily through prayer and gratitude.
- Stay connected to spiritual communities and mentors for encouragement.



Application

- Begin with reflection and repentance, acknowledging areas needing surrender.
- Verbally declare willingness to follow God's direction, using scriptural affirmations.
- Regularly revisit personal dedication, recommitting to God's plan as circumstances change.
- Integrate consecration prayers into daily routines for ongoing spiritual growth.
- Practice regular consecration prayers, especially during pivotal moments or decisions.
- Engage in group consecration sessions for collective dedication, as well as personal, private prayers.

Conclusion

- Practice consecration prayer and reflect on its impact.
- Highlight the ongoing nature of consecration as a journey, not a one-time event.

Romans 12:1 ESV

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship".

John 17:17-19 (NIV)

Jesus' prayer for sanctification: "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth... For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified".

2 Corinthians 6:17 (ESV)

"Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you".

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV)

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Joshua 3:5 (ESV)

"Then Joshua said to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you'".

Example Prayer of Consecration Based on Scripture:

"Lord, I present my body and soul to You as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable. I choose not to conform to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. Sanctify me completely by your truth. I dedicate my thoughts, words, and actions to Your service, that I may do Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen."