

7. A Prayer for Purpose

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my life - all of it (good and bad) and for all the people you have put in my path. Everything comes from you and I give you all the glory for all that is.

Lord, I pray that my life would now have purpose. I've had purpose in the past, but things have changed. Now it seems my life is just going along with no real reason or goal. I've tried some different things, but nothing seems to work. I need your help.

Living without a purpose can lead to depression and despair. I'm not quite there yet. However, I can feel it stirring in my thoughts. But you work for the good of those who love you and who have been called according to your purpose (**Romans 8:28**). Give me a calling for your purpose. Help me to recognize the calling when I see it. Burn it into my heart.

Not only do I long for a purpose, but for your purpose to be done through me (**Ephesians 1:11, Philippians 2:13**). And that you go with me as I do your purpose. Please lead me in the direction you want me to go. Guide me into your will and walk with me through it.

I know I am limited in my skills and abilities, and you know what hinders me. But surely you are able to use me in some way. Open doors of opportunity for me to serve, in and/or outside of my church. Use me like you used the Israelites, even if it is just a small, seemingly insignificant task (**Exodus 35:10,20-22,25-26, 29-32,35; Exodus 36:1-2**). I don't need to save the world to have purpose. Any task for your purpose is important and meaningful.

I so desperately want to help people and be a good servant for you. Please put a passion in my heart to serve and help in whatever way I can. Give me a reason for living!

Thank you for being with me through every part of my life and for all the wonderful blessings you have sent my way. It is so comforting to know you are always there.

I pray in that sweet name of Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Amen.

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Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Ephesians 1:11

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Exodus 35:10,20-22,25-26, 29-32,35

“All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded: Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses’ presence, and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD.

Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun—blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen. And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair.

All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the LORD freewill offerings for all the work the LORD through Moses had commanded them to do. Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze,

He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

Exodus 36:1-2

"Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the skilled people are to work based on everything the Lord has commanded. The Lord has given them wisdom and understanding to know how to do all the work of constructing the sanctuary. So Moses summoned Bezalel, Oholiab, and every skilled person in whose heart the Lord had placed wisdom, all whose hearts moved them, to come to the work and do it."