

A Proclamation: Jesus Is Head Over All

[Note: We encourage you to pray through this, but let it stimulate your thoughts to add prayers to it!]

And [Jesus] is head of the body the church, the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Colossians 1:18

Lord Jesus Christ, this day I pronounce over (name of your church) that You rule over all. You alone are head of the body, Your Church. You are Lord over all—supreme in all things! For God the Father was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in You, Lord Jesus, and through You, to reconcile all things to Yourself. All things—on earth and in heaven. You have brought everything near through Your blood shed on the cross, You the Righteous One for the unrighteous, that we might be brought into the family of God!

Once, we were totally separated from the Father. We were orphaned, enemies in our minds because of our wickedness. We were without hope and without God. But now because of Your finished work on the cross, we have been reconciled to God, presented as holy—spotless! Strengthen us by Your Spirit I pray, to live out this mystery.

May we as Your people choose to humble ourselves before You and submit to Your Word. Destroy pride, self-righteousness and all strongholds of self-reliance among us.

May I and my brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened to stand firm this day and walk in the great victory of the

cross. May we be established and unmovable—always clinging to the hope of the gospel, and unaffected by the lies of the accuser. For Jesus Christ, You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father, and we are Yours!

This day as a member of Your body, the Church, I choose to humble myself under Your Lordship and I proclaim that You are head over all.

Jesus You are Lord over Your Church. (Pause and pray for your brothers and sisters around the world. Pray that the global Church of Jesus Christ will be strengthened and revived.)

Jesus You are Lord over my church community. (Pause and pray for your faith community.)

Jesus You are Lord over my life. (Pause and submit yourself once again to the Lordship of Jesus.)

Lord Jesus I make this confession in Your mighty name, the Name above all names, Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Amen and AMEN!

Prayer Taken From: Psalm 24:1, 103:19; Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:15-23; Acts 10:36; 1 Corinthians 15:20-21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:12; Philippians 2:11; Matthew 16:18

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