

Praying Truthfully with One Another

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Ephesians 4:25

Heavenly Father, I come to You today confessing my great need of the work of the Holy Spirit in the deepest places of my heart. It is written in Your Word that You desire truth in my inner being, so I ask, Father, that truth be found at the core of who I am.

I know the words that I should bring into Your presence, but the falseness of my heart so often escapes me. O God have mercy on me I pray. Shine the spotlight of the Holy Spirit on every corner of my heart, expose all darkness and every lie. (Pause and be still in God's presence).

I come to You, Father, on behalf of my church community and ask that in the hearts of my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, truth would also be found. Jesus said that it is out of the overflow of our hearts, that our mouths are fed with words to build up or to tear down. So I ask, Father, that we might be people of truth deep within our hearts.

May we put off everything that is less than truth I pray.

Destroy exaggeration, deception of all kinds, false flattery—every expression of falsehood.

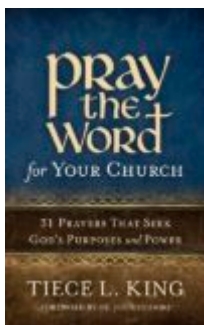
May the ways that we lie to protect ourselves, or to avoid admonishing one another, be put to death.

Instead, teach us to speak the truth in love to one another that we might encourage one another to grow up in Christ and continue in our pilgrimage with Him until we see His face.

In all things, in every opportunity, may we be those who encourage and build each other up as we speak truthfully with one another. Do this I pray that Jesus, who is the Way the Truth and the Life, would be seen and proclaimed with greater freedom and joy among us. Begin with me Lord, for this is the desire of my heart.

I ask this in submission to Your Word, O God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalm 51:6; Isaiah 29:13; Luke 6:45; Colossians 3:9; Ephesians 4:15; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11



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