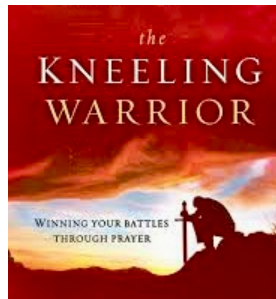


Race to the Kingdom's Prayer: to run a faithful race
(SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN ELDREDGE)



My dear Lord Jesus, I come to You now to be restored in You- to renew my place in You, my allegiance to You, to acknowledge you as my forerunner, and to receive from You all the grace and mercy I so desperately need this day. I honor You as my sovereign Lord, and I surrender every aspect of my life totally and completely to You. I give You my body as a living sacrifice. I give You my heart, soul, mind, and strength; and I give You my spirit as well. I lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely to run with endurance the race set before me, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in you my Lord. I cover myself with Your blood- my spirit, my soul, and my body and I ask Your Holy Spirit to restore my union with You, seal me in You, and guide me in this time of prayer.

Dear God, holy and victorious Trinity, You alone are worthy of all my worship, my heart's devotion, all my praise and all my trust and all the glory of my life. I worship You, bow to You, and give myself over to You. In my heart's search for life, You alone are Life, and You have become my life. I renounce all other gods, all idols, and I give to You the place in my heart and in my life that You truly deserve. I confess here and now that it is all about You, God, and not about me. You are the Hero of this story, and I belong to You. Forgive me for my every sin. Search me and know me and reveal to me any aspect of my life that is not pleasing to You. Expose any agreements I have made with the Enemy, and grant me the grace of a deep and true repentance.

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me and choosing me before You made the world. You are my true Father- my Creator, my Redeemer, my Provider and Sustainer, and the true end of all things, including my life. I love You. I trust You. I worship You. Thank You for proving Your love for me by sending Your only Son, Jesus, to be my sacrifice and my new life. I receive Him and all His life and all His work which You ordained for me. Thank You for including me in Christ, for forgiving me my sins, for granting me His righteousness, for making me complete in him. May I remain in Him, abiding in Him that I may bear much fruit for your Kingdom. Thank You for making me alive with Christ, raising me with Him, seating me with Him at Your right hand, granting me His authority, and anointing me with Your Holy Spirit. Father, I rejoice in my sufferings for your Kingdom, being grieved by various trials, knowing that the tested genuineness of my

faith—more precious to you than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I receive it all with thanks and give it total claim to my life.

Jesus, thank You for coming for me, for ransoming me with Your own life. I honor You as my Lord. I love You, worship You, trust You. I sincerely receive You as my redemption, and I receive all the work and triumph of Your crucifixion whereby I am cleansed from all my sin through Your shed blood, my old nature is removed, my heart is circumcised unto God, and every claim being made against me this day is disarmed. I take my place in Your cross and death, whereby I have died with You to sin and to my flesh, to the world, and to the Evil One. I am crucified with Christ. I now take up my cross and crucify my flesh with all its pride, unbelief, and idolatry. I put off the old man. I now bring the cross of Christ between me and all people, and spirits, and things. Holy Spirit, apply to me the fullness of the work of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ for me, I receive it with thanks and give it total claim in my life.

Jesus, I also sincerely receive You as my new life, my holiness and sanctification, and I receive all the work and triumph of Your resurrection, whereby I have been raised with You to a new life, to walk in newness of life, dead to sin and alive to God. I am a debtor, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh unto death, but to live according to the Spirit, putting to death the deeds of my body so I might live. I now take my place in Your resurrection, whereby I have been made alive with You, I reign in life through You. I put on the new person in all holiness and humility, in all righteousness and purity and truth. Christ is now my life, the one who strengthens me. I know that all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God and heirs of your Kingdom. Holy Spirit, apply to me the fullness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for me, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection of the dead. I receive it with thanks and give it total claim to my life.

Jesus, I also sincerely receive You as my authority and rule, my everlasting victory over Satan and his kingdom, and I receive all the work and triumph of Your ascension, whereby Satan has been judged and cast down, his rulers and authorities disarmed, and authority in heaven and on earth given to You, Jesus, and I have been given fullness in You, the Head over all. I take my place in Your ascension, whereby I have been raised with You to the right hand of the Father and established with You in all authority. I bring Your authority and Your kingdom rule over my life to remain steadfast and to run a faithful race. I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control lest I be disqualified. And now I bring the fullness of Your work- Your cross, resurrection, and ascension- against Satan, against his kingdom, and against all his emissaries and all their work warring against me and my domain. Greater is He who is in me than He who is in the world. Christ has given me authority now over and against every enemy, and I banish them in the name of Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit, apply to me the fullness of the work of the ascension of Jesus Christ for me. I receive it with thanks and give it total claim to my life.

Holy Spirit, I sincerely receive You as my Counselor, my Comforter, my Strength, and my Guide. Thank You for sealing me in Christ. I honor You as my Lord, and I ask You to lead me into all truth, to anoint me for all of my life and walk and calling, and to lead me deeper into Jesus today. Create in me the same mind as that of Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant and becoming obedient to the point of death. In the same way that you brought order out of chaos in the beginning, I ask you to bring order to my life and domain. Bring order to my steps today, order my emotions, my thoughts, my time, my finances, my energy and deeds today that they may bring Glory to your name. I fully open my life to You in every dimension and aspect- my body, my soul, and my spirit- choosing to be filled with You, to walk in step with You in all things. Apply to me, blessed Holy Spirit, all of the work and all of the gifts in Pentecost. Fill me afresh, blessed Holy Spirit. I receive You with thanks and give You total claim to my life.

Heavenly Father, thank You for granting to me every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. I receive those blessings into my life today, and I ask the Holy Spirit to bring all those blessings into my life this day. Father, may I workout my own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is you that works in me both to will and to work for your good pleasure. Thank You for the blood of Jesus. Wash me once more with his blood from very sin and stain and evil device. I put on Your armor- the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the readiness of the gospel of peace, the helmet of salvation. I take up the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and I wield these weapons against the Evil One in the power of God. I choose to pray at all times in the Spirit, to be strong in You Lord, and in Your might. Grant to me Father by your mighty Spirit boldness and courage to fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith. I declare once more that I take up my calling to join your only begotten Son for the purpose of delivering the gospel of Jesus Christ, healing the broken hearted, and setting the captives free by your truth, and ushering in the end of the age.

Father, I thank you for such a great cloud of witnesses that have gone before me and for your faithful Apostles, claiming the words of Paul: "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my race and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God...which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified". Father, I also thank You for Your angels. I summon them in the authority of Jesus Christ and release them to war for me. May they guard me at all times this day. Thank You for those who pray for me; I confess I need their prayers, and I ask You to send forth Your Spirit and rouse them, unite them, raising up the full canopy of prayer and intercession for me. I call forth the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ this day throughout my home, my family, my life, my calling, and my domain, looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of my faith who for the joy that was before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of your throne. I pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, with all glory and honor and thanks to Him, remembering His words: "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for

what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates."

AMEN.