

## Prayers for Being Sent

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### **ACTS 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

### **ACTS 13:1-5**

*Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.*

### **PRAISE**

Dear Lord,

We praise you that you are a God who comes into the world through Jesus Christ. Our lives are yours, not because of our initiative, but through your reaching down to us. We praise you that you called us to your Son and through the cross, you call us your own.

We praise you that you are "God with us" through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Thank you that you did not leave us to journey through this life alone, but through the Holy Spirit, we have received your power to participate in the work of your kingdom.

Thank you for being a God who longs to extend your kingdom throughout this world. Our lives are touched by your grace because others have shared with us the story of salvation and the good news of your grace.

## **PRAYER PROMPTS**

God, we praise you for the good news shared by...

We thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit at work in...

We praise you for extending your kingdom toward...

## **REQUESTS**

Father, the Spirit at Pentecost was sent from a gathering of the disciples who worshipped and prayed (Acts 2). You sent Saul and Barnabas out from a time of worship, fasting, and prayer (Acts 13:1-3). Grow us in worship and prayer to expect to hear you. Help us to hear you sending us into our worlds—our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our families, and our homes—to bring the good news.

As you sent the disciples with power at Pentecost, send us into the world to bring the good news of the gospel. Remind us that we do not do this alone, that it isn't based on us, but on the work and power of the Holy Spirit. Teach us that we are not the ones responsible for getting it right, but just willing participants to be filled and used by your Spirit.

Free us from the pressure to think we need to produce, instead give us the freedom to realize that because we belong to you, you empower us with your Spirit to do your work.

Give us boldness to speak the mystery of the gospel (Eph 6:19) as ambassadors and representatives of Jesus in this world.

## **PRAYER PROMPTS**

Lord, open the door that I might share the gospel with...

Send us with your Holy Spirit to bring the good news to...

Lord, send us into the world so that...

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Father, continue to do the work of transforming our hearts to be like yours, longing for the world to see you and come to believe in you.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who is at work within us,  
Amen.

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