

ANNEX 11

ECJ PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Prayer at Evening Meal

Thank you Father, that through the blood of Jesus ,
You purchased for me the fruit of self-control.
Thank you that through you I walk in the Spirit
and I do not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

I take authority and bind here on earth
In Jesus name a greedy and gluttonous spirit
and I loose in this house a spirit of moderation and self-control.
We take authority over the flesh in Jesus name.

I thank you that I am bought with a price
and that you give me power to say NO!
I choose today and at this meal
To honor you with my body.

Prayer for the Church

Lord, in Psalms 51:18 it says "In your good
pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem."
This is my prayer for the church.
Make it prosper. I thank you, O Lord, that
You put a wall around your church so that all who come in
may be safe from the world and the devil.
I thank you that the church is a place of rest
for the weary and a place of safety for the harassed.
Although here is only one way in to the church,
which is through your son Jesus,
nevertheless that are many gates into Zion
and those coming in from the North, South,
East and West are free to come in.
I thank you O Lord that Christ
Is the cornerstone of Zion and its
foundation is the teaching of the Apostles.

Honor to Jesus

Lord help me to give honor to the Church
But grant me first to give honor to the builder
of the Church, its originator, its head—Jesus Christ.

Ability

Thank you O Lord that you
gave me your ability. I thank you
that I have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit
and the power of the Holy Spirit works through me.

Thank you that your Presence is with me
and gives me ability in many different areas.

I have the ability to praise you,
to work without fear
to war in the Spirit
to pull down strongholds
and to bless others with my words.

Thank you O Lord that I prosper
in all of my ways for You are with me.

1 Sam. 16:11, 13; 18:14

Job

Thank you O Lord for your presence.

Because you are with me,
I am a successful man.

I thank you that my employer recognizes
that you are with me

and that you cause all that
I lay my hand to will prosper.

I thank you that I find favor

In the sight of my employer

and that he makes me a manager

over his business and puts it under my charge.

Gen. 39: 23 4.

Thank you O Lord that you bless
my employer on account of me;
and the areas where I have received
authority from him are blessed and prosper.

Thank you that my employer need not
concern himself over areas
that he leaves in my charge.

Gen. 39:5,6

Thank you, Lord,
that I can be faithful over the responsibilities

given me by my employer.
 I do not take advantage
 of my employer.
 If I am accused unjustly,
 Thou are with me.
 Wherever I am,
 You are with me and
 extend favor to me.
 Whatever I do,
 You cause to prosper.
 Gen. 39:21

Flowing Stream

God help me to be so full of you
 that I cannot keep
 the waters of life and love within-
 that they will first ooze forth
 and then flow with less hindrance
 and then with greater force
 so that all those around me
 would be refreshed and renewed.

Remember

Help me to remember, O Lord,
 that your miracles are first
 of all for the person
 who needs a miracle
 and only then as a secondary purpose
 to validate a ministry.

Body Life

Lord, I understand about the parts and functions of the body-
 about leadership by Christ, about elders and deacons,
 about the Ephesian 4 ministries,
 about the individual gifts and members of the body.
 I am like a doctor
 understanding about the parts of the body-
 understanding the brain which controls,
 the heart that beats, reproduction,
 the liver, the pituitary.
 but doctors don't understand
 the life force that flows through the body.

Lord, we need the life flow
of your Spirit flowing through the church-
so that we might be unexplainably alive
and the parts work together in harmony.

Pruning

January 25, 1986

O Lord, make me economical.
Strip away that which is not of you.
Prune me O Lord
so that I might be fruitful.
As the silversmith refines
the silver and the goldsmith
refines the gold, so refine me O Lord.
Bake away my impurities.
O Lord, help me not to be a
cracked pot that cannot take the baking
and the pressure.
Instead, help me to take the heat.
Help me yea
even to rejoice in my infirmities
because when I am weak,
You can show your strength.
Help the baking to bring out
the hidden qualities and strengths
that you yourself have placed within me.
And when the baking is over, help me
to walk from the furnace without
the smell of smoke, with the ropes of sin
bondage burned off, unharmed, shining
as the sun.

Quietness and Peace

Lord, let the Christ that is in me
come forth. I desire your peace
in every area of my life.
In quietness and peace is my strength.
Rest me in your love.
Lace my life with your joy.
Help the hallmark of my life
to be faithfulness to You and Your word.

Community

Lord, implant me not only into the vine,
but also into the community of the faith.

Lord, I love your people
and all of those who call upon your name!
As our natural father Adam
needed Eve, so do I need my brothers and sisters.
Thank you Lord for community.

Thank you not only for the adults
but for the children and aged men and women
who love you and call upon your name.

For You, O God, art a mighty oak
and into you by Jesus Christ
is engrafted peoples of many nations and races,
all growing gloriously into a tree
filled with the mighty power of God
and all made possible through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A Pathway 1985

Lord, let your love flow through me.
As I live and I teach,
help me to love (agape) my brother.
Give me a lack of concern
regarding the end of my life,
But like Peter help me to follow you to the end.
Help me to feed your sheep,
but first to love your sheep.
By your grace, help me to seek
first the Kingdom of God and to love You first
and to love my brothers.
As you did,
Help me so to do.

Redeem My Days
July 7, 1985

O Lord, redeem my days-
So often they seem to be like
droplets of water dripping from the gutter.
Each day speed forth on its downward journey.
As I grow older,
the droplets seem to move faster.
Many of them result in nothing;
others because of a smile,
a kind deed or good word seem redeemed.
Save us O God from lives
that are dribbled away.
Help each day to gleam with Your glory
and drop in magnificent simplicity
and full of gentle elegance.

A Teaching Prayer
Based upon Deut. 32:2
March 1, 1986

O Lord, help my teaching
to fall like rain from God's heaven.
Let my words descend like dew,
like showers upon new grass and
like abundant rain on tender plants.

Let them be like the manna
under the dew and
may they give strength to those
who hunger and thirst for God.

May my words be thy words
and give rest to the weary.
May they be like honey
which bring light to the eyes.

Jesus My Rock
Based upon Psm. 27:2
July 28, 1985

For you, O Lord, are the stronghold of my life.
Help my life to be totally founded upon Thee—
Not upon family, success, materialism,
but solely upon Thee.

For You are the Rock
 that is higher than I,
 my tower, my fortress.
 Remember, O Lord,
 that the flesh of man is weak.
 Grant us our daily bread to strengthen us.
 Continue to hold us closely in your hand.

Credo
 August 9, 1985

I believe in God.
 He exists; He sees; He hears;
 He judges the hearts of men.
 He is justice.
 He is mercy and love.
 He has satisfied the law
 and has opened a way of mercy and love
 that we might be reconciled to Him
 through His only begotten son.
 Kiss the Son lest He be angry.
 Who dare refuse God's mercy?
 Who dares to trample the blood shed?
 The Son says, "Whosoever will, Come!"
 The Bride joins in and says, "Come!"

A Life of Courage

O God, help me to live a life of courage.
 Help me to hold to your ways
 when things don't go my way.
 Give me endurance and quality of life
 pleasing to you even if my prayers seem unheard.
 Protect me from judgment, ingratitude,
 apathy and despair.
 May my lips and life be to you as Job's.
 Characterize my life by faithfulness
 to the one who is faithful and true.

Battlefields

"God's battlefield is the field of the heart."-ECJ

We come to Him-
 We say we surrender our lives—but so often

we leave un-surrendered cities, towns
 and towers of the heart-which still
 belong to the enemy.
 The mopping up battle begins-
 These enemy areas must be
 ruthlessly eradicated one by one-
 so that we might be holy-
 purified able to be used-
 a light to the world.

The Second Mile Life

God, help me to live a quality life-
 a second mile type of life-
 full of love for my wife, my children and your church
 as well as the community
 where you have placed me-
 a life pleasing to you-
 a life which reaches for excellence
 and which moves in faith
 for the vision to which you called me.

Grace and Forgiveness are the safety nets that God
 Has ordained to protect us as we scale to new heights in Church life
 and in covenant relationship one with another.—ECJ

Forgiveness is the daily bread of church life.—ECJ

The Sabbath , the daily devotional and prayers are
 rest stops during our pilgrimage through this life.—ECJ

For the Children
 April 1, 1986

O God, help us to tell the children
 of You and Your glory.
 Help us to clearly and effectively declare
 Your power to them.
 Help them to know You
 because they have seen You at work in us.

O God, watch over the children.
 Let those who would draw them

away from you be put to shame and confusion.
 May the millstone be their inheritance.

But You O Lord
 shall be the inheritance of our children
 O Lord, when we come into the full inheritance
 of the kingdom,
 help our children to pass on
 to their children the word of
 Your mercy, grace and glory.

The Touch
 October 2, 1986

God, for years I have followed You.
 But it hardly seems that I have known You
 other than to have touched the hem of your garment.
 But that touch alone
 has brought salvation,
 healing and vision to blinded eyes.
 Now I want to know You better.
 Reach out and touch me with Your hand.
 With Your hand comes correction,
 healing, and blessing.
 With Your hand comes gentle guidance
 and a hand that says take up
 your bed and walk.
 Help me to walk in the ministry-
 to walk where You walked-to walk with You.

Your Plan

Father I submit myself to You.
 I want to be a part of Your plan
 rather than just have You
 be a part of my plan.
 I want to do your will
 rather than have You do mine.
 Father, You lead and I will follow.
 You speak and I will listen.
 You command and I will obey.

Ephesian Prayers

Songs of Unity in the Night
May 8, 1987

I.

God, help me to be a peacemaker-not a peacebreaker
Emphasizing reconciliation
Instead of separation.
Exalting Christ Jesus as
our common peace.
Enabling our hostilities to cease
Pulling down dividing wall
Built by us all
Assisting the new man to stand tall.

II.

Preaching the Gospel of Peace,
To those near and far
Christ's death on a cross is a destiny
bringing a welcome harvest of unity.
Inducting us into the commonwealth of Israel,
Fellow citizens and saints-
The household of God
One building –built for everlasting
Rising up gracefully to the glory of God
Consisting of men and women of all generations
One, Redeemed and Holy to the Lord.

Brothers

June 10, 1987

O God, link me with men of vision
anointed men, faithful men,
going where you want us to go.
Walking in the Spirit and in the Word.
Christ in us leading the way.
Restoring the heart, healing the sick.
Spreading the word of good news.
Preparation are we for the Bride,
The Church in glory yet to come.

Make Me An Advocate
June 20, 1987

Make me an effectual, avid and earnest advocate
for the harvest, for the sick, for the poor and for kingdom justice
now in the world
that people may be called
into outreach and into ministries
that the lost and afflicted may come and
be established in the church and be healed.

Prayer Based upon Is. 51:3
June 22, 1987

O God, make the wilderness of my life
like the Garden of Eden.
My deserts, O Lord, water
with the streams of the Spirit
causing them to bloom and become
places of beauty-
the Garden of the Lord-
where there is fellowship with You.
Crown us O Lord with
garlands of joy and gladness.
Let there be the
joyful strains of praise and thanksgiving,
a place of rest and beauty.

Hidden Faces
1982

A man came into church one day
and he was so ugly and marred
that we sat him in the back
of the church right away.

During the sermon I asked
God in my heart
what the man had done so evil and wrong
to cause him to be so broken and scarred.

God answered and said
that man you mean
once was the most handsome of men.
In fact he is my son you see
and the scars and marks that so turn you away

are sins markings and scourges
that you deserve this day.

Tears came to my eyes and I rushed
to the back to fall at his feet.
But only a note was left in his seat
saying Ernie, you know I died in your place.
Since I did it for you, show others grace.

Prayer
January 19, 1988

O Lord, I pray for a new depth as a person,
a deeper dimension of Jesus Christ life
lived through me.
Waves of deep abiding peace
that are unmoved by the circumstances of life,
but which respond immediately to You.
Kill all criticism of others
and birth in me a great love
for my fellow man and
an acceptance even when I
do not understand others.
Balance in me your holiness and love.

Prayer
March 9, 1988

O Lord, break the snares and traps
That I have fallen into over the years.
Open my eyes to the hidden traps
laid by the Evil One.
Help me to be ensnared instead
by the love of God.
raptured by Your mercy,
Set me free to follow Thee.
Help me to be a freed servant
Who freely and joyfully obeys.

Prayer
May 26, 1988

Use me O God.
Use our family
not in our power but in your power and Spirit.
not in our way but in your way.
Build, O God, through
our lives that which
will bring glory to you
and your kingdom.
Establish mightily your kingdom
in our hearts.
Cause us to be single-minded, single hearted
and single eyed for you.
Build in us what
will stand the test of time and life.
Amen

Renew My Love
April, 1989

Renew my love for your church
and your work.
Help me to see restoration
in my family life,
in church, in business life,
in civic life.
In all areas by your power
bring restoration.
Renew us O Lord;
Cleanse our hearts.
Purify us.
Where our eyes have been
encrusted by worldly concerns,
open them.
Where our bodies have been
too rusty to do Thy work,
quicken them
with the oil of the Holy Spirit.
Where our minds haven slothful
with worldly satisfaction,
prod us with the convicting
word of correction
that Thy work may be done
and that the church be renewed.
In Jesus Name

Amen

Return to You
April, 1989

O Lord, I would return to the love of my life.
To walk with you in close fellowship
To have sweet conversation with you in cool mornings
To satisfy my soul with your gentle and kind words
To dwell in your beauteous garden
To eat of fruits pleasing to you
Knowing and enjoying creation's full beauty.
Loving brothers and sisters similarly called.
Worshipping Thee and Thee alone.

Surrender.

My surrender to you is unconditional.

As Lee laid down his sword at Appomattox
so do I lay down the sword of my life.

As the banner of my life
has shown its true colors,
gladly I run up the white flag of surrender.

For my excellence is nothing
and yours, O Lord, is complete.

I am yours O Lord to do with as you please.

Leaving the Nest
January, 2, 1990.

God help me to step out of the nest in faith-
for the nest has grown too small.
Help me to spread my wings in the abilities
and gifts that you have given me.
Help me to soar above the circumstances
and circle above the clouds
of depression and doubt
rising ever higher, experiencing
Your presence and power.

Renewal
2005

Renew our energy
that we might accomplish Your will.
Refresh us with Your Word
that we might speak Your words to others.

Anoint us with Your Spirit
so that our service shall have life.
Give us a positive attitude
that we might be a blessing to others.
Give us a cheerful endurance
that we might persevere joyfully.
Grant us your mercy
that we might comfort others.
Restore to us a right relationship to You
so that might renew a right relationship to others.
Restore to us hope
that we might encourage others.

Miscellaneous
2005

O God, restore my relationship with You.
Feed me the manna
of Your word in the wilderness.
Strike the Rock
that water may flow out
and I be nourished by the
water of Your Spirit.
Refresh me with the
bread and wine of your body and blood
my substance in the wilderness.
Renew me O Lord,
in the dry places where
I must walk.

Credo
2005

I believe in God, the Father
And in His only begotten son, Jesus Christ.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
And in His power to act today.

I believe in the Word of God,
Incarnate in Jesus Christ and
that the words of God have been transmitted
to man through the Holy Scriptures.

I believe that God
still works today
and that through the power of God
I and others can be changed.

I believe in prayer
and that we can communicate
in prayer to God.

I believe that Christ is the
Hope of redemption and salvation.

I believe that Christ is the Bridegroom
And his people are His Bride.

And I believe that Christ
Is coming again to redeem
those who belong to him for all time.

2005

I pray that I might embrace the God of Light,
Jesus Christ and that He might
have mercy on me and embrace me.

2005

Give me a passion for You!
Help me to love you with all
Of my mind, soul and strength.

Help me to be your friend.

Forgive me when I do wrong.

Have mercy and save me.

2005

God help me to have something from the heart of value
and help me to give it.
Adorn it with beauty
Embue it with grace.

To touch people's hearts
Through writing,
To be a poet of life, grace, beauty and hope.

To inspire, to lift up, to bless.

2005

Will it make God smile?

Prayer 2004

Help me in 2004 to see relationships restored-
My relationship with God, my family
And the people of God.

Help me to walk in God's grace
And exhibit God's grace to others.

Help me to live with the pain
and heartache I feel in this life.

Help me to endure the
pain and heartache with courage
and a good attitude.

Forgive me for the pain and heartache
I have caused others
And restore right relationships.

Give me the courage
to discipline myself
in spirit, body and mind.
To exercise
regularly and control my appetite.

Help me to bless people with
My words, deeds and actions.

Help me to walk humbly
Before You, O God.

Restore in me character
and integrity by your grace and strength.
Amen.

Prayer for 2015

O Lord, I ask simply for your presence
and leadership during 2015.
Go with us O Lord in 2015,
but more importantly, help us to go with you.
Be our cloud in the heat of day
and our pillar of fire in the night.
Thy will not ours be done.

Grilled Cheese Prayer

Oh God, if I seem to be crusty
on the outside Like toast
may my heart be like warm grilled cheese on the inside,
ready for tasty consumption
by you and by the people of God.

2016

God help me to walk
in your direction
To live in your will
To walk in your love,
To love your word.

Lord, help my joy to be in Christ.
Help me to love Your presence
And Your word as opposed
to loving myself or loving the world.

Be my source, my supply
and my guide.
Help the well springs of my heart
to freely flow because of you.
Help me, the lame man,
to run and skip like the
deer in your presence.

Fill me with your purpose,
Your way and Your joy.
Help my delight to be in You.

God, if I am unable
to walk in Your strength,
then grant me the ability
and grace to walk in Your weakness.

Lord, help me to have Your love.
Grant me a loving heart that
overflows with Your love like a fountain
that the thirsty of the church and the world
might be quenched.

Prayer
July 2, 2017

I am a fool, O God,
But I am your fool.

A Prayer for My Children
Based upon Ezek. 11:19
October 30, 2017

Lord, give my children integrity of heart
and put a new spirit within them.

May they exist, live
and move according to
The Holy Spirit of God.

Creation
2017

O God, you call the dead to live
and you call into existence what is not (Rom 4:17).

Call the deadness of our lives into eternal life.

Call into existence what is not.

Where there is no integrity
call into existence integrity.

Where there is no faith,
call into existence faith.

Where there is deceit and lies,
call into existence truth.

Where there is anger and hatred,
call into existence peace.

The Prophetic Gift

Lord, I pray that I may
walk in the prophetic-
prophetic not because you hear me
But prophetic because I have ears open to hear you,
a mouth to repeat your words,
a hand to write what I see and hear.

Help me not to prophesy with anger
(Unless that is what you require)
but help me to prophesy with love
so far as possible.

Help me to exhibit whatever you want exhibited
-no more –no less.