

Prayer for Burden Bearers

Dear Lord, we are so thankful that you have chosen us to be Yours, that you have allowed us to take this class and experience Your love in a new dimension. Thank You Lord that we now are more equipped emotionally and spiritually to be your hands and your heart, to touch the wounded in ways we never before knew were possible. Glory to Your holy, magnificent Name. And Lord, You have shown us tonight about the gift of burden bearing and the dangers and blessings of this incredible gift of intercession. It is an awesome gift and one fraught with dangers and so we pray.

We pray first for those who do not feel they are called to be burden bearers. Show us Lord, that all are called to come along side of those who are hurting, those who are lost in sin and confusion, trapped in addictions and inappropriate coping mechanisms. Awaken in each one the gift of burden bearing and let the truths that have been spoken of tonight take root in their spirits and bear fruit.

Lord, we pray for those who have been given the special gift of burden bearing; who relate to all that was taught tonight, who have been living with this gift and have not understood why they have always been the way they are, who believed that they were weird or different. Lord, we bring to death on Your cross the natural gift of burden bearing that you have given us. Lord, slay this gift and any development of psychic gifts that have grown up alongside it, whether consciously or unconsciously. Slay the gifting, purify the gifting, resurrect the gifting so that we may use it only to honor and glorify Your name.

Bring to death also any of our own needs to be needed. Help us, Lord, to see You as the Savior, You as the healer. Where we are unhealed, Lord, heal us. Where we have not experienced your comfort and healing touch, help us to know it in our deepest heart so in that area we may impart Your comfort to others. Let us not seek to help anyone out of our pride and unhealed wounds but only to the glory of You.

Keep us, Lord, from assuming any burdens that are not from you. Stand, Lord, between us and all burdens shielding us from all except those you have chosen for us to carry. And when we do receive burdens, let them be ours only for the time You have allotted us to carry them. Give us the grace to be able to release them exactly at the time that You direct carrying them no longer than necessary.

Lord, help us not to feel guilt when we unknowingly own another's burden, when we see someone in pain and You tell us not to carry their burden, when we have carried a burden according to Your direction and still see no changes in the person. You are the Savior, not us.

Lord, we pray that you will remove from us any residual burdens that we may have carried from our childhood. Lord, we give you those people that we hurt for, those people that we felt needed us to be there always for them. Lord, we give you all those people today that we may have unhealthy soul ties with, our spouses, our children, and friends. We break the soul ties that have been created with them that are unhealthy and not of You. Reorder our relationships, Lord, according to Your desires. Set Love in order in us, Lord.

Lord, we ask that You unscramble our minds, souls, and spirits. Let each part properly supply its function without overriding the function of the others. Let each part work in cooperation with each other. Allow us, Lord, to be able to compartmentalize these functions enough to always be at rest somewhere in our person. Open our eyes, Lord, to how this works. We understand, give us more understanding.

Lord, give us the gift of joy, that joy of You which is our strength. Fill us with that joy, let it rise to refresh us even at times of oppression and heaviness. Let the loss of that joy also be a barometer for us, Lord, when we are no longer experiencing it to know where we have stopped depending on you and have started depending on our selves, where we have stopped upholding the ministry of You and have begun upholding our own ministry.

Lord, give us friends from Your Body who will watch over us, encourage us, come along side us when we are beginning to overstep our boundaries. Give us the ability to hear them when they warn us. Have mercy on us when we fail. Correct our mistakes. Give us the grace, Lord, to celebrate our smallness and to magnify Your Name.