"54 When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. 55 He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying: 56 "Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. ⁵⁷ May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us. 58 May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors. 59 And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day's need, 60 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other. ⁶¹ And may your hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God.

At the temple dedication, Solomon kneeled down and prayed to the LORD to consecrate the temple that he built for Him. And after he had finished the prayer of dedication he blessed the people with good wishes using these statements:

to live by his decrees and obey his

commands, as at this time."

(1King 8:54-61)

- 1- "Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses: That was thanksgiving to the faithfulness of God to what he had given them.
- 2- May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us: This is the

assured faith of the continuous God's presence in their lives.

- 3- May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors: Admonishment to remain faithful with an undivided and obedient heart toward the Lord so that He will remain gracious to them. For that purpose Solomon said to the people in blessing them "And may your hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time."
- 4- And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day's need: Praying that his prayer will remain effective and fruitful in God's presence and bring God's answer and provision to every day problem or need.
- 5- So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other: As God would answer his prayer and fulfill all His promises the people of all nations would realized that they are the true people of God as He is blessing them, and every one would realized that the Lord is God and there is no other god beside him.

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord Let this word and prayer come true in our lives, to enjoy your presence, provision and power in each and every situation in our church lives, that everyone would know that we are your people and there is no otter gods beside you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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"22 The LORD said to Moses, 23 "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 24 ""The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." 27 "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

(Numbers 6:22-27)

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

(2Corinthians 13:14)

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