





I was praying for some people the other day and felt the Lord prompt my prayers in a certain direction.

Sometimes we pray like the song "I went to the enemy's camp and took back what he stole from us". But I felt that it was inadequate. If the enemy has been giving you a hard time in recent



days, you don't want to get back to where you were before but need to get way beyond that. I don't want to waste my time going through a load of junk just to get back to where I was before the junk came! That would be a whole waste of time.

When the devil came after you and me he took on a whole lot more that just you and me; God allowed the whole thing and He had destiny in mind. So everything has to work out for our good.

God spoke to me and said it was time to arise. So my prayers for the family were that God would cause them to arise by faith and not only get through their problems but rise above and kick the devil out of other people's lives, those who were going through the same things.

## → The Bible has a lot to say about rising up:

Perhaps you have been tired and need to wait on the Lord and rise up on eagle's wings (Isaiah 40:31).

- ➤ God told Jacob twice to "Arise and go" (Genesis 28:2;31:13).
- ➤ He told Abraham to "Arise and walk through the land" (Genesis 13:17).
- ➤ He told Joshua after Moses had died to "Arise, it's your turn now" (<u>Joshua 1:2</u>).
- ➤ He told Deborah and Barak to "Arise and wake up!" (Judges 5:12).
- ➤ He told Gideon to "Arise and take the enemy's camp" (Judges 7:9).
- Nehemiah announced that "We will arise and build" (Nehemiah 2:20).
- There was a warning for Esther that if she would not step up to the mark that "deliverance would arise from elsewhere" (Esther 4:14).

₩hat is in your heart for your future? Maybe you have been sitting on dreams and plans for a long time. Now is the time to "ARISE". Get up and do it. Jeremiah was told to "Arise and go to the potter's house" (Jeremiah 18:2) because God was about to speak.

Every time we read the word "Arise", there is divine purpose about to happen. God was just about to launch His child into something new. A new adventure and risk for Him.

Psalm 139:2 tells us that He already knows our sitting down and our rising up. Simeon announced at the arrival of Jesus that this child would cause the fall and rising of many.

(Luke 2:34) Arise means to move, change, get ready, jump, go! What will Jesus cause you to do in your future? We know he does not want to cause you to fall; he wants you to arise and grasp hold of your destiny in him. It's time to sell that house, take on that new job, travel to that new country, build that new building, give that amazing gift, do something new this year. Let's stop being so boring! This is the time, this is the day, get up, arise!

"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!"

Isaiah 60:1