

# Desperate? Frustrated? Say a Prayer

Conclusion to Seek Week

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*"Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, 'I gave birth to him in pain.' Jabez cried out to the God of Israel. 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request." (1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NIV)*

## Pray for God's blessing.

*"...Oh, that you would bless me..." (v. 10)*

*"... You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." (James 4:2-3 NIV)*

*"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him..." (2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV)*

*"Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear." (Isaiah 65:24 NIV)*

## Pray for greater influence.

*"...enlarge my territory..." (v. 10)*

*"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwelling; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited." (Isaiah 54:2-3 NKJV)*

## Pray for God's presence and protection.

*"...Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm..." (v. 10)*

*"Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father's house in peace. Then the Lord shall be my God.'" (Genesis 28:20-21 NKJV)*

*"...But he said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me!'" (Genesis 32:26 NKJV)*

*"And he built an alter there and called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother." (Genesis 35:7 NKJV)*