Petition #14:

A Prayer for Entrepreneurs

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 95, Psalm 1

Reflections of the Heart:

Godly entrepreneurs should be mindful of the seven things the Lord detests which are haughty eyes, lying tongues, hands that kill the innocent, hearts that plot evil, feet that race to do wrong, false witnesses who pour out lies and persons who sows discord among brothers. As entrepreneurs, walk in godly integrity and our communities will reap the benefits.

Scriptural Prayer:

Father, You are God and Your Word is true. We extol You as our God and King. We will bless Your name forever and ever. Everyday we will bless You and praise Your name. You are great and greatly to be praised. You are our source, and we place our trust in You. Thank You for providing for our entrepreneurs throughout the years. Thank You, Father, for blessing businesses within our community and opening doors of opportunity that have produced profit and employment. Thank You for the economic development that we have in our community.

Father, we confess Your Word to be operative in the lives of our entrepreneurs and in the economic development of our community. Father, we confess that our entrepreneurs are blessed and we expect favor to surround Your people like a shield. We decree that as our entrepreneurs commit their works to You their thoughts will be established. We declare that our entrepreneurs will honor You with their possessions and with the first fruits of all their increases so that their barns will be filled and their vats will overflow with new wine. We declare that whatever they do, they will do it heartily, as to You and not to men. Lord, we confess that as our entrepreneurs walk uprightly, no good thing will be withheld from them. We expect You to look upon the economic development in our community favorably and make our land fruitful. Father, as You continue to bless us, we will be a blessing to the entrepreneurs in our community by frequenting their businesses.

Father, we ask that Your Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, and power rest on each entrepreneur, investor, and employee. Fill them with the knowledge of Your will and give them a thirst for Your Word so that they can learn Your ways for practicing business. Holy Spirit, help them to make righteous decisions and operate with justice and integrity. Give them dreams and visions that exceed their expectations and provide them with the resources they need to successfully accomplish Your purpose for their businesses. Father, encourage potential entrepreneurs to write down Your vision for their business and make it plain in a business plan so that they and their investors can implement it. We ask for the creation of new revenue streams within our community. Touch the public and private sectors to continue to invest into our community. Lord, please continue to bless our community so that it will reflect Your glory and benefit the people living in it.

Holy Spirit, show me what I can do to help improve the economy of my community:

Lord, forgive our entrepreneurs for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive those who have not been diligent in seeking Your leadership for their businesses. Forgive those who do not trust in You but lean on their own understanding. Forgive those who have compromised Your Word in order to make a profit. Forgive those who have not treated their employees and customers fairly. Forgive those who have not been faithful in giving through tithes and offerings. Forgive those who have not properly taken care of or shown respect for the community they live in. Lord, forgive me for (*list any sins that you have committed.*) Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. (*Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)*

Lord, help them to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord, You are the King of glory. You are the Lord of hosts. You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: John 17:17, Psalm 145:1-3, Isaiah 55:11, Psalm 5:12, Proverbs 16:3, Proverbs 3:9-10, Colossians 3:23, Psalm 84:11, Leviticus 26:9, Genesis 12:2, Colossians 1:9-12, Habakkuk 2:2, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 24:10, Revelation 4:11

Today, I will trust God to:		