

**Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 28:1-13**

We have been waiting on the Lord in prayer and fasting since the beginning of the year. As we round off the weeks of prayer and fasting, we want to plead for God's blessing on the year 2026. The Lord has promised great blessings in store for His people and His church this year. Yet, he wants us to ask (Eze 36:37; Matt 7:7,8). And He has promised us that as we ask, He will answer and every day of this year will be filled with testimonies like never before for every one of us.

**THE ESSENCE OF OUR PETITION**

Why are we praying for God's blessing on the year? **One**, it is our Heavenly Father's desire to bless. This is why He has asked us to ask (Ps 37:5; Matt 7:7,8). **Two**, it is so that we may walk the year in fruitfulness and victory, rather than in loss and defeat (Deut. 31:8). It is our desire that we experience God's care and faithfulness. **Three**, it is to counter all the opposition forces that may rise against God's church and His people this year (Deut. 28:7). **Four**, that we may fulfil His purpose for our lives and His church this year (Jer 29:11).

**THE ELEMENTS OF OUR PLEA – Deut. 28:1-13**

We are asking the Lord to bless us in all things (Gen 24:1). Specifically, we are pleading for **One**, spiritual blessings (vv. 1,2,9,10,13) We want God to establish us as a holy people unto Him, that our lives will be a reflection of His image, that we will walk in spiritual authority and that the Lord will lift us up to operate in the heights he has secured for us in Him. **Two**, economic and material blessings (vv. 3,5,8,11,12). We want Him to bless us this year more than the past years (Job 42:12). We are praying for open heavens, promotion and fruitfulness in our work, career, business and studies. No lack, no loss and no limitation. **Three**, family blessings (vv. 4,6,11). We want God's blessings upon our spouses, adults, youths, young adults and children. We are asking for God's protection and that we will dwell in safety. We want fruitfulness of the body, peace and health for our families. **Four**, corporate blessings (vv. 1,7,10,12,13). This relates to God's blessings upon us as a church family. We want God to elevate this church like a city set on a hill. Also, we will pray for empowerment for our ministers, salvation for the unsaved and retention of visitors, growth and edification of the body and that the Lord will grant the church all-round victory over all opposing forces.

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Praise God for bringing us into the year 2026. Praise Him for His promises.
- O Lord, make 2026 a distinct, different year for good for your people and your church
- We pray for the manifestation of your great acts and wonders in our lives, church and families.
- Lord, establish us as a holy people unto you. Let our lives reflect your image and glory.
- O Lord, help us to walk in righteousness and holiness. May we be blameless before you.
- Lord, we commit to obeying your word and commandments this year (Deut. 11:8)
- Lord, keep us faithful, focused and free of distraction or compromise this year (Deut. 11:16)
- O Lord, establish your people in health, stability and fruitfulness this year (Deut. 11:9)
- O Lord, bless the work of our hands. We pray for favour on our labours and visible results this year. (Deut. 28:8; Gen 24:1)
- Lord, let us experience your care this year. Let your eyes be upon your people, from the beginning to the end of the year (Deut. 11:12)
- We pray for health, wellness and security this year. No lack, no loss, no limitation in 2026.
- O Lord, let this year be marked by blessings and not loss this year (Deut. 11:26)
- Lord, give us peace and rest in our families. We want testimonies of childbirth, marital settlement for the singles, decent job for those searching, settlement for our families, success for our children and students, promotion and provision in the family this year.
- O Lord elevate your church and our ministers. We pray for the blessing of spiritual and numerical growth for your church. Multiply and glorify us mightily. Make us indeed a growing family. Amen.