

The W.R.I.T.E. Prayer
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W- Word of God

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

When we approach our keyboard, we desire an attitude that is ready to hear from God. Praying the Scriptures will reveal any indifference or anxiety keeping us from listening to the Spirit. If we approach writing with a selfish motive or bad attitude, the Word will convict us and get us back on track. Scripture also ignites ideas. Some example prayers:

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24 NIV

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... Ephesians 3:16-20

R- Readers

My prayer is not for them alone. I also pray for those who will believe in me through their message. John 17:20 NIV

We pray for readers to be moved and changed by our writing. They are the reason we write. We include ourselves in prayer because we read what God inspires us to write. Jesus prayed the above prayer for us as we proclaim His message. Pray for the readers (past, present and future). We may never know the results of our offering until we get to Heaven. Trust God for the outcome. After all, He knew who will read it before time began.

I-Inspiration

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorching land and will strengthen your frame. Isaiah 58:11 NIV

The inspiration God gives us can be the catalyst to encourage, educate, heal or inspire others. God empowers us to write. He has ordained all our works so He will guide us as we pen, type or dictate words (Ephesians 2:11). He alone knows our needs and the needs of others. We can pray for inspiration throughout our day. God will lead us to events, conversations, and situations to ignite ideas—even difficult times he will call on us to stop, look, and listen.

T-Thanksgiving

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

Writer's block can leave us discouraged, our head in our hand, wanting to pull our hair out. What can we do during our time of angst? Throw a *Block Party* with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thank God for enabling us to write for His Kingdom. Thank Him for the friendships formed as a writer. Thank Him for writer's block, and take this time to worship Him. We are not blocked; we have an all access pass to the throne room of God. The ultimate goal in life is not to complete our manuscript, article, or blog; our main aim is Jesus; in finding Him, our anxiety lifts with our praises. Time is never wasted acknowledging the One in whom we find purpose.

E-Expectations - James 1:6-7

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3 ESV

Pray expecting great things from our Abba. He loves us. As God used men of old to pen His Word, He is using us to proclaim a message. Whether we are fiction or nonfiction writers, God has a message and wants to use us as a conduit to proclaim it. Only you can write what God has called you to write. Your unique voice matters.

Prayer is our connection to the power source—God. Prayer is constant contact with the one who loves us and proved it by writing our names on the palm of His hand. Let's join in prayer against our enemy who tries to distract us from the work we are called to do—glorify God in all we think, do, say and write. Let's make prayer a priority.



May this acrostic help you focus as you pray for yourself and others. Know that I am praying The W.R.I.T.E. Prayer for each of you.