

Use the following prayer to express your commitment to live humbly before God:

Dear heavenly Father, You have said that pride goes before destruction and an arrogant spirit before stumbling (Proverbs 16:18). I confess that I have been thinking mainly of myself and not of others. I have not denied myself, picked up my cross daily, and followed You (Matthew 16:24). I have believed that I am the only one who cares about me, so I must take care of myself. I have turned away from You and have not let You love me. I am tired of living for myself and by myself. I now confess that I have sinned against You by placing my will before Yours and by centering my life around self instead of You. I renounce my pride and selfishness. I cancel any ground gained by the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can do Your will. I give my heart to You and stand against all the ways that Satan attacks me. I ask You to show me how to live for others. I now choose to make others more important than myself and to make You the most important of all (Romans 12:10). I ask this in the name of Christ Jesus my Lord. Amen.

Having made that commitment, allow God to show you any specific areas in your life where you have been prideful. Check those which apply to you:

- _____ I have a stronger desire to do my will than God's will.
- _____ I rely on my own strength rather than God's.
- _____ Too often I think my ideas are better than others'.
- _____ I want to control others rather than develop self-control.
- _____ Sometimes I consider myself more important than others.
- _____ Sometimes I find it difficult to admit I was wrong.
- _____ I am often a people-pleaser instead of a God-pleaser.
- _____ I am overly concerned about getting the credit I deserve.
- _____ I often think I am more humble than others.
- _____ I often believe I am smarter than my parents.
- _____ I often feel my needs are more important than the needs of others.
- _____ Other:

For each statement that is true of you, pray the following prayer aloud:

Lord, I agree I have been prideful in the area of _____. Please forgive me for my pride. I choose to humble myself and place all my confidence in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.