



THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!



TRUMPET CALL

Call to Worship

EXODUS 20:18-21

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin." The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

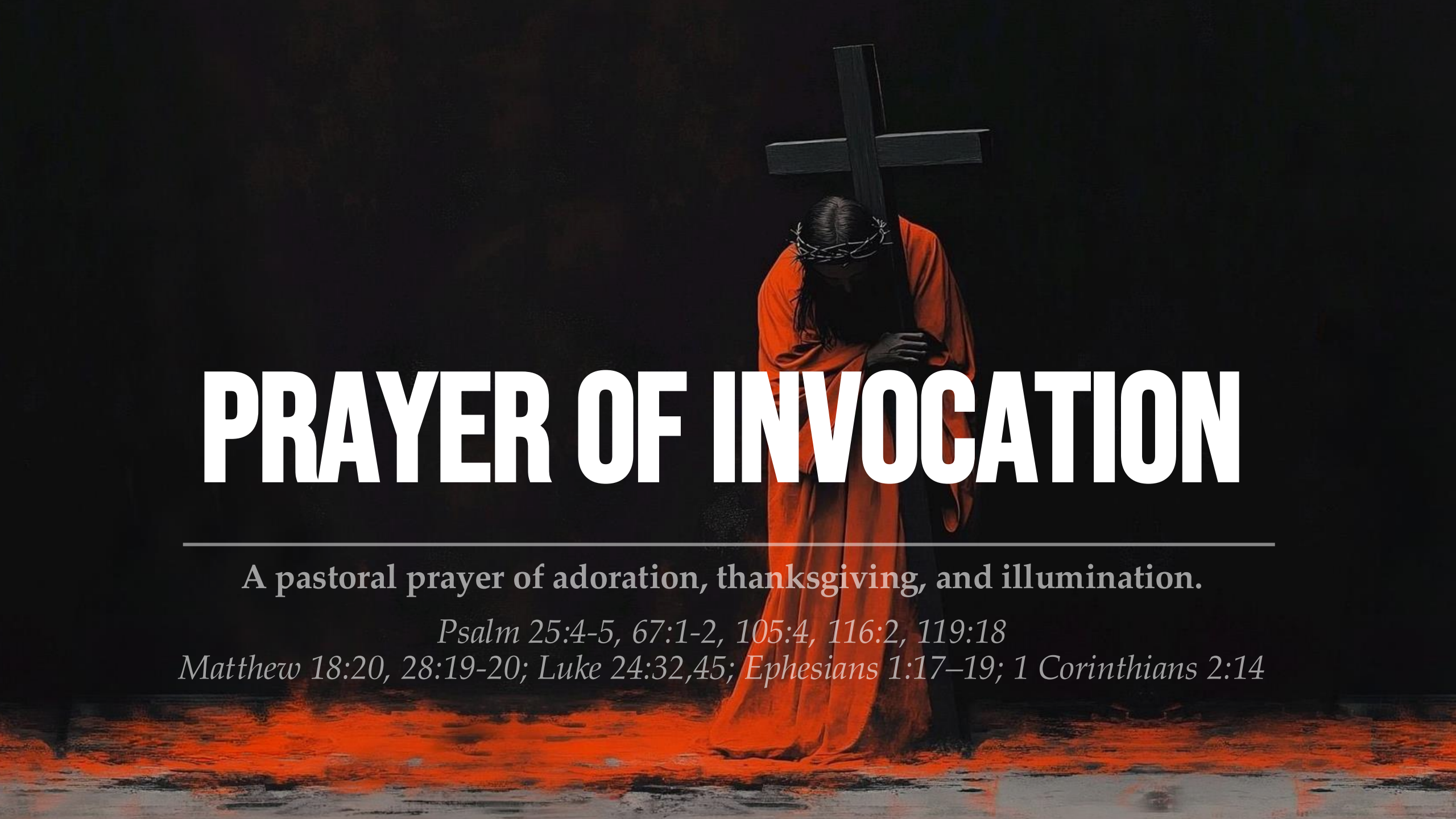
A religious painting of a figure, likely Jesus, wearing a red robe and a crown of thorns, carrying a large wooden cross. The figure is walking on a path of red dust or blood against a dark background. The word "ANNOUNCEMENTS" is overlaid in large white letters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your bulletin for more information.

JESUS HEALS DEMON- POSSESSED MAN BY TAKING AWAY HIS SMARTPHONE



A person in a red robe with a crown of thorns is carrying a large wooden cross. The person is standing on a ground covered in red, possibly representing blood. The background is dark.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A pastoral prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

Psalm 25:4-5, 67:1-2, 105:4, 116:2, 119:18

Matthew 18:20, 28:19-20; Luke 24:32,45; Ephesians 1:17-19; 1 Corinthians 2:14



PASSING THE PEACE

Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15; Leviticus 19:17-18*



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

**Our Father,
who is in heaven,
hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive those who are indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 150



TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE GOSPELS

Responsive Reading of the Law

*Exodus 20:1–17; Matthew 4:10, 5:17–45, 6:19–21, 12:33–37, 15:4;
John 4:24; Mark 2:27, 7:20–23; Luke 12:15*

PASTOR

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not a jot, not a tittle, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

PASTOR

You shall have no other gods before Me.

PEOPLE

**You shall worship the Lord your God and
Him only shall you serve.**

PASTOR

**You shall not make for yourself an idol.
You shall not bow down or worship them.**

PEOPLE

**God is spirit, and those who worship Him
must worship in spirit and truth.**

PASTOR

You shall not take the Lord's name in vain.

PEOPLE

Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No,' be 'No'. Anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

PASTOR

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

PEOPLE

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

PASTOR

Honour your father and your mother.

PEOPLE

For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'

PASTOR

You shall not murder.

PEOPLE

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

PASTOR

You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE

**Anyone who looks at a woman with
lustful intent has already committed
adultery with her in his heart.**

PASTOR

You shall not steal.

PEOPLE

**Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where thieves do not break in and steal.
For where your treasure is, there your
heart will be.**

PASTOR

You shall not bear false witness.

PEOPLE

**For by your words you will be justified,
and by your words you will be
condemned.**

PASTOR

You shall not covet.

PEOPLE

Watch out! Be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

PASTOR

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

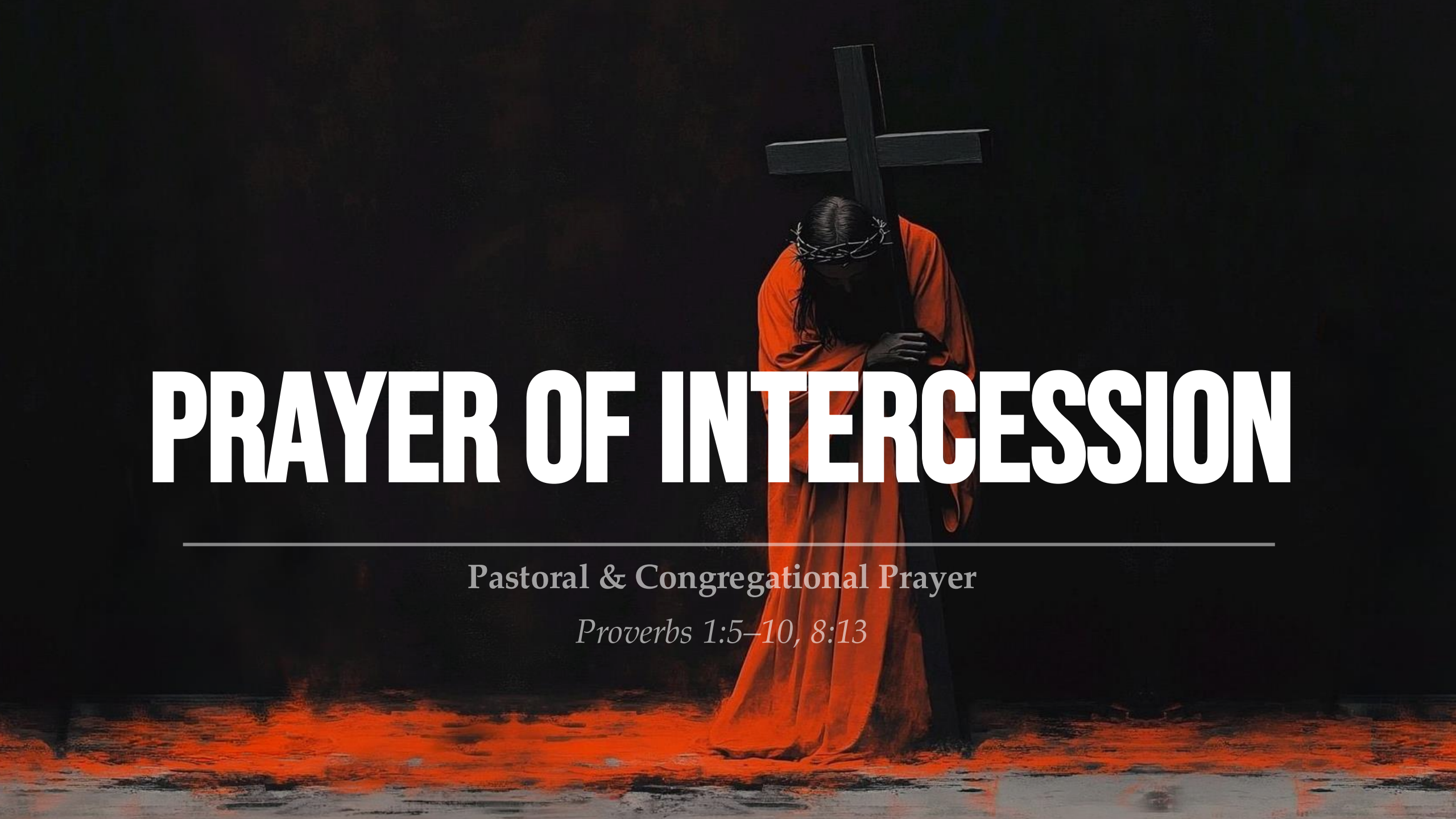
All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

PASTOR

Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

EVERYONE

**Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
God Almighty, Three in One!**



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

Proverbs 1:5–10, 8:13

PROVERBS 1:5-10

Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

PROVERBS 1:5-10

Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching,
for they are a graceful garland for your head
and pendants for your neck.

My son, if sinners entice you,
do not consent.

PROVERBS 8:13

The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.

A person wearing a red robe stands in the center, holding a large black cross. The background is dark, and the floor is a mix of red and grey. The text is overlaid on the image.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

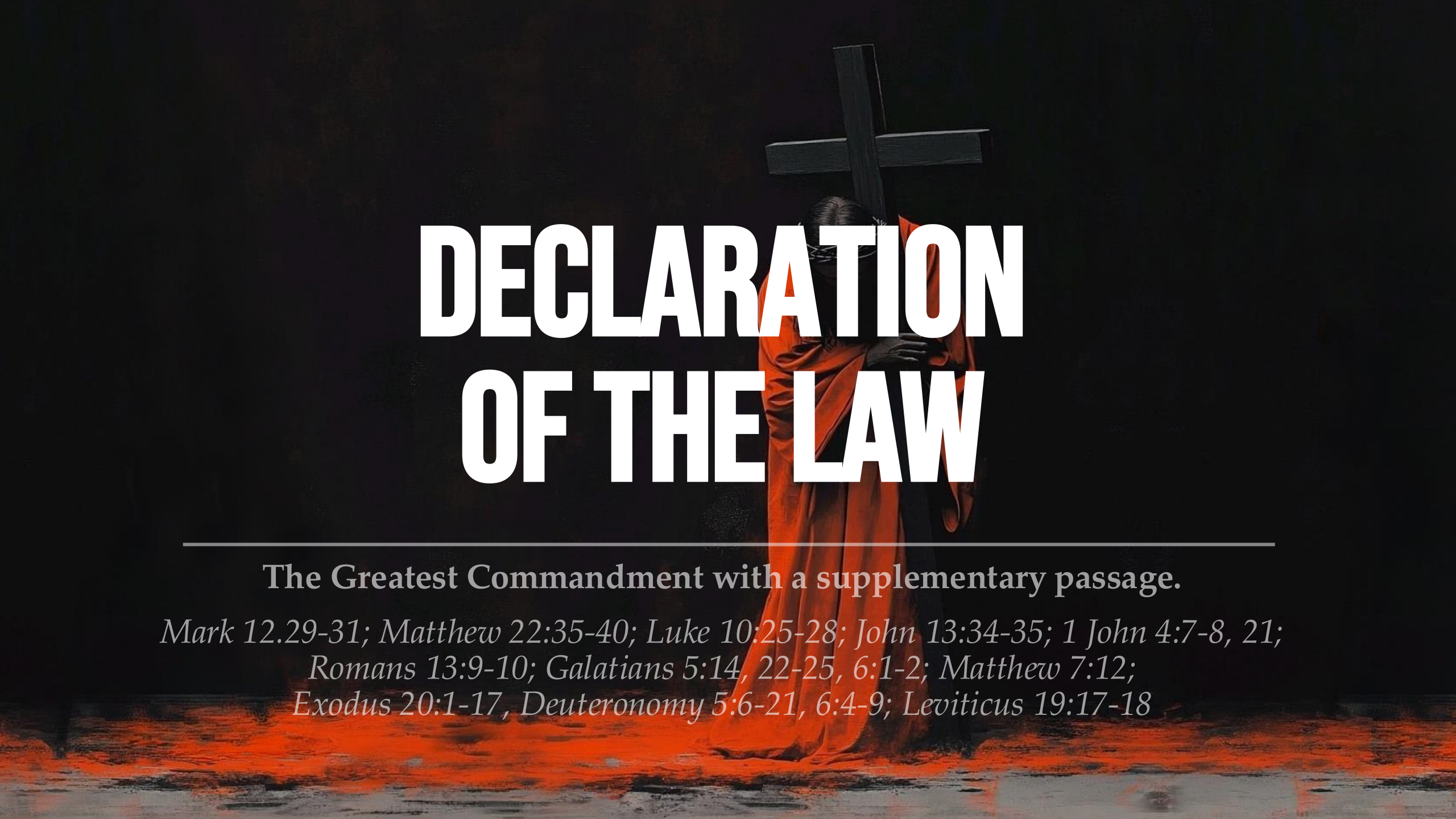
Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14



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DECLARATION OF THE LAW

The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12.29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28; John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8, 21;
Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14, 22-25, 6:1-2; Matthew 7:12;
Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21, 6:4-9; Leviticus 19:17-18*

‘Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**And you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your
strength.’**

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

**On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets.**

**For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word:
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

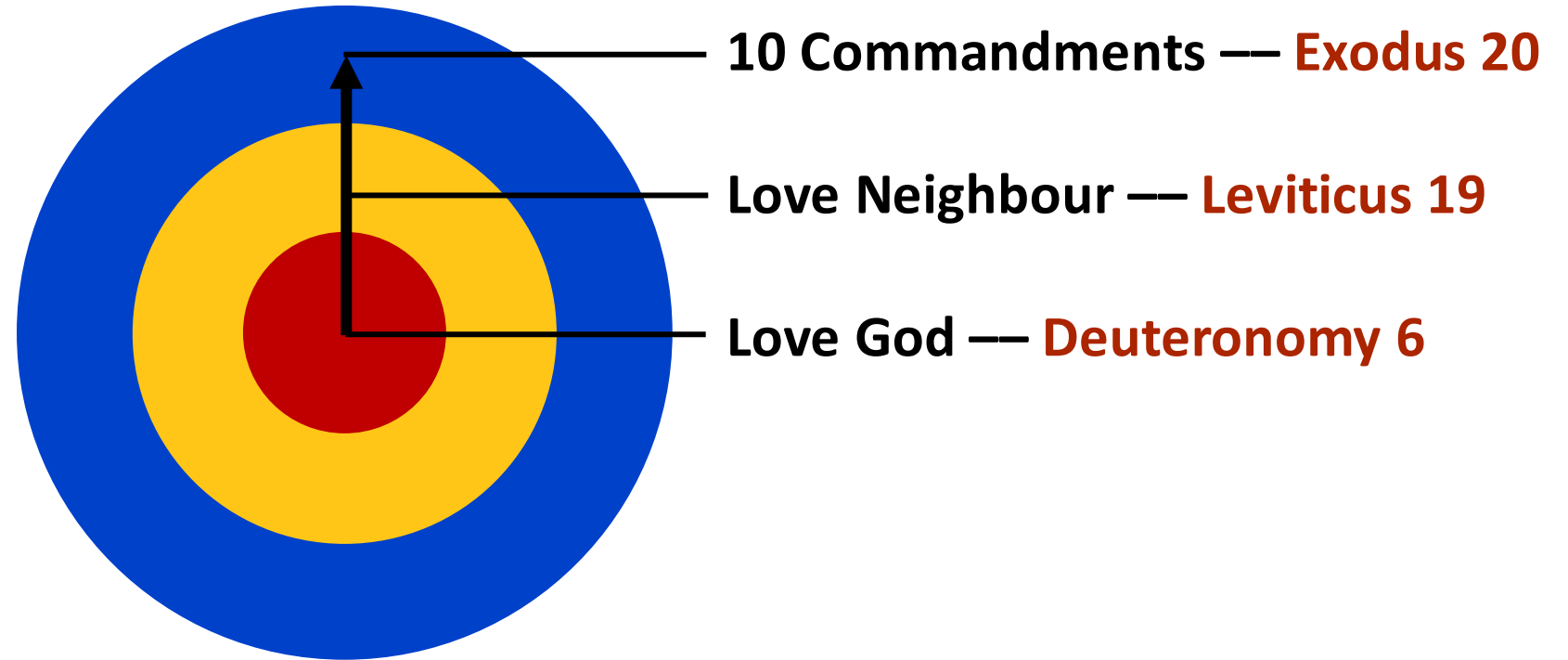
**Love does no harm to a neighbor.
Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the Law.**

Galatians 5:14; Romans 13:10 —

NO COVETING

Understanding the Decalogue, Part X

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6. **No murder:** Do not kill people unjustly.
7. **No adultery:** Be faithful to your spouse.
8. **No stealing:** Do not take what belongs to others.
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NO COVETING

Exodus 20:17 — “You shall not covet [*hamad*] your neighbor's house; you shall not covet [*hamad*] your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Deuteronomy 5:21 — “And you shall not covet [*hamad*] your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire [*avah*] your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”



NO COVETING

- **To covet** is to want, desire, hunger, crave, yearn or long for something or someone that does not belong to you or that you should not have (**Micah 2:2; Joshua 7:20-21**)
Joshua 7:20-21 — Achan said, “I coveted... and I took”.
- The first and last commandments explicitly address the inner life of lawbreaking, rather than outward action of lawbreaking—the root of sin: **the heart** (**Matthew 15:19**). It bridges inward evil with outward application—injustice, unrighteousness, unholiness.



WAYS OF COVETING

- Lust
- Gluttony
- Greed
- Pride
- Vainglory
- Envy
- Coveting leads to self-deception... (**Romans 7:7-12**)



NO COVETING

- **Ephesians 5:5** — “Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure man, or one who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”
- **Colossians 3:5** — “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming.”



LUKE 12:13-21 – PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

Someone in the crowd said to Him [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

But He said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And He said to them, “Take care, and **be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**”

And He told them a parable, saying:



LUKE 12:13-21 – PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

“The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



A photograph of two large, weathered gravestones in a cemetery, surrounded by green foliage and trees. The stones are light-colored and have some inscriptions, though they are partially obscured by the text overlay. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

COMBAT COVETING WITH CONTENTMENT.

“For I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:11-13

JIM ELLIOT: MISSIONARY & MARTYR

“Father, let me be weak that I might lose my clutch on everything temporal. My life, my reputation, my possessions, Lord, let me loose the tension of the grasping hand... Rather, open my hand to receive the nail of Calvary, as Christ's was opened—that I, releasing all, might be released, unleashed from all that binds me now. He thought Heaven, yea, equality with God, not a thing to be clutched at. So let me release my grasp.”



The background of the image shows several weathered, light-colored gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are partially obscured by dark, dense foliage and vines. The overall lighting is dim, creating a somber and reflective atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background.

COMBAT ENVY WITH KINDNESS

“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.”

Luke 6:35-36

PSALM 23:1-3

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

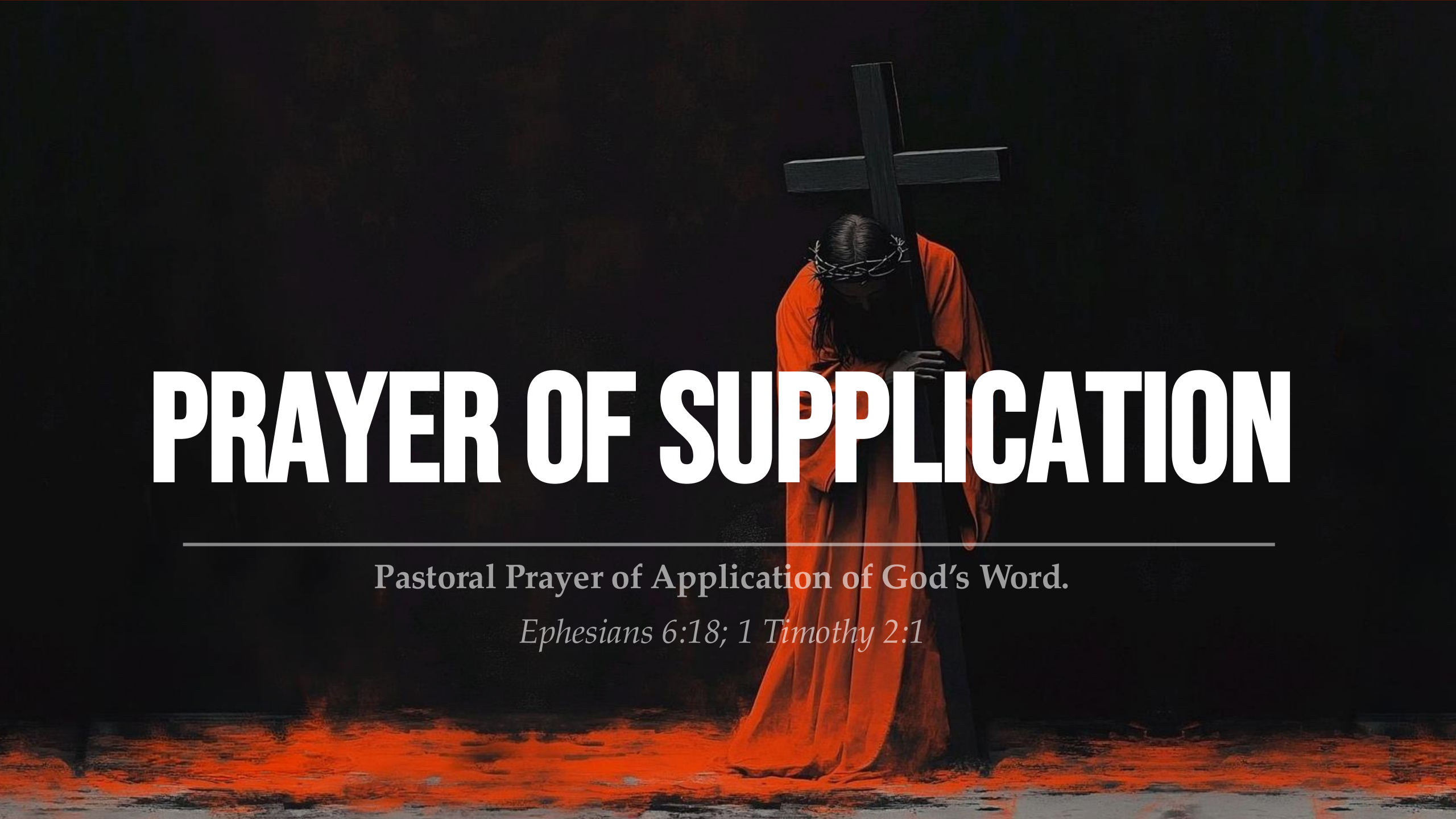
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.





PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1

A person wearing a red robe and a crown of thorns stands holding a large black cross. The background is dark, and the floor is a textured red. The title text is overlaid on the image.

CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer in the aisles — confession of sin, anointing of the sick, and pastoral intercession alongside communal prayer, praise, and worship.

James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5

PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,

PSALM 103:1-5

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

JAMES 5:13-16

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

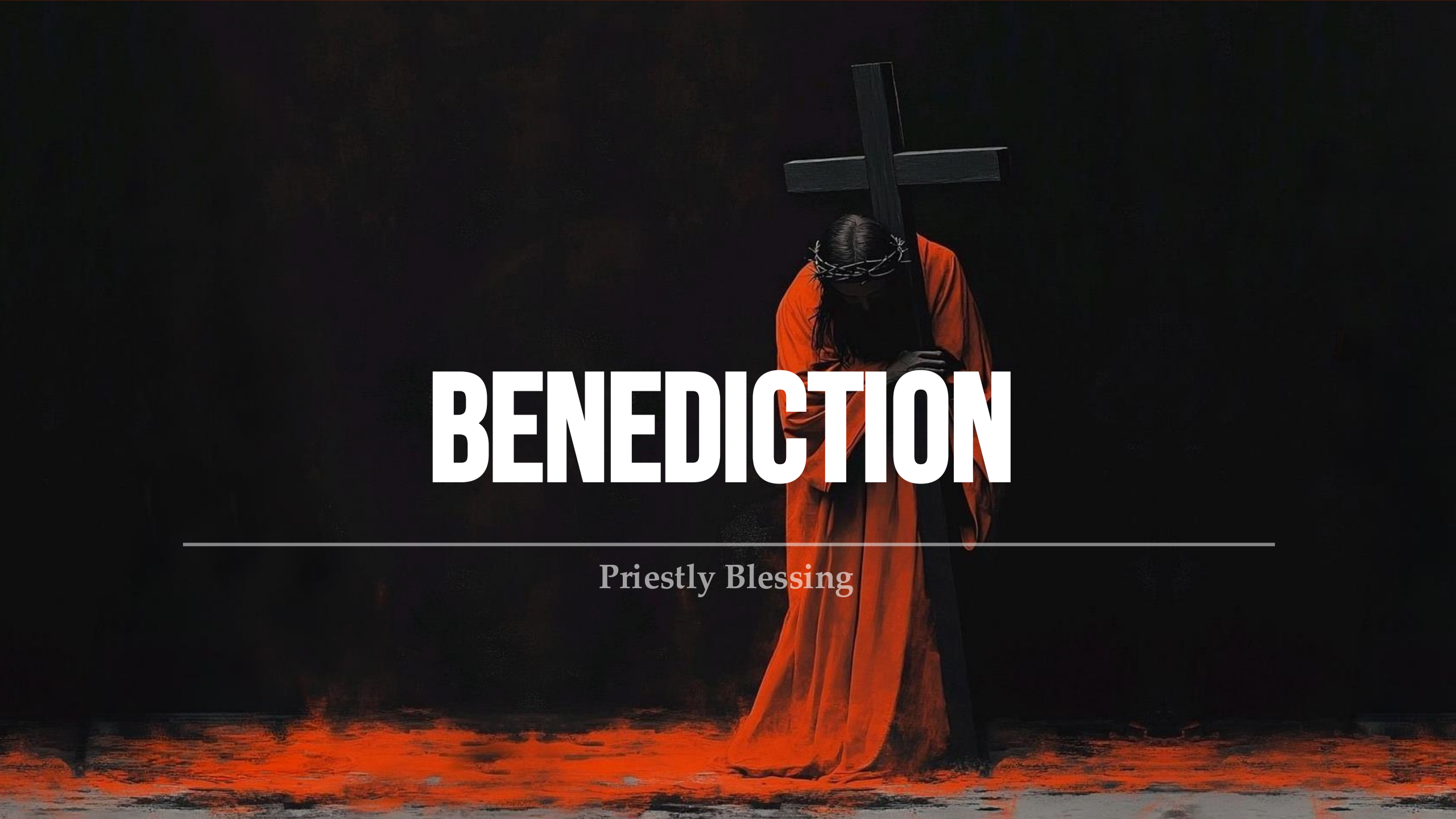
The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



SENDING SONG

The final song of service before we go out and share the good news.

Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 103:1-5, 150:1-6



BENEDICTION

Priestly Blessing



FELLOWSHIP

Please enjoy some coffee and tea on us ☺



