

Dear Readers,

I'm so pleased that you want to pray this prayer over your church. Please feel free to share this prayer with your praying friends.

I know it will be effective!

Love,

Linda Evans Shepherd

Dear Lord,

We come to you on behalf of our church. First, we repent for being caught up in the spirit of religion, strife, deception, and cold love, please forgive us. We choose to turn from these sins. Give us your power to both forgive and reconcile with those we have hurt as well as those who have hurt us.

Next, we ask you to deliver our church from all evil. We resist the enemy so that he will flee. (James 4:7) As Jesus came to destroy the works of the enemy, we call upon God's power, in the authority of the name and blood of Jesus to expel the enemy's plans as well to annul, and expel the spirits of religion, strife, deception, and cold love in our churches.

Lord, we ask you to replace these evil spirits, sins, and issues with your love and power to forgive and reconcile. As Jesus requested in Revelation 3:20, we invite the son, as well as the father and the Holy Spirit to come in and to have an even stronger presence in our church than ever before. Jesus, please come in and dine and fellowship with us. Teach us how to have a deeper intimacy with you. May your joy be our strength. May your grace and truth set us free.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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