

## The Authority and Power of the Church

### **Main Bible Verse:**

(Matthew 16:18-19) 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

### **Prayers of Blessing to the New Friends:**

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### **List of Healing Prayers Request:**

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### **Prayers for the Kingdom Commission:**

- Monthly Church Fasting and Prayer will be held every last Saturday after Morning Prayer. We encourage brothers and sisters to attend the Morning Prayer at 8:30 and join us for the Fasting and Prayer afterwards.  
Date of Fasting and Prayer in December: 12/28.

### **Summary:**

#### **Matthew 16:18-19**

- We must know that the church has the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
- What is the rock?
  - The rock is Jesus.
  - The church is not built on Peter but the rock of God.
  - When the church is built on Jesus, the church is the rock.
- Church is not an ordinary place.
  - It is the authority of Jesus.
- When we come to church, we must grow our relationship with the Lord.
- What kind of authority does the church have?
  - Whatever is bound on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever is loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.
- We must not come to church casually. We must come with a reverent heart.
  - We must have a heart that is eager to receive the word.
- God wants to set us free, heal us, and solve our problems.
- Our faith must not be in man but in Jesus.

- We must know that the church has the authority of the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
- Communion should not be taken casually.
  - It is the covenant that Jesus made with us.
- We must not deliberately sin by not coming to church meetings.
- Church is where we commune with God and are set free.
  - This is why church must be built on the rock.
- When we come to church to pray our problems will be solved.
  - All the authority on earth, in heaven, and under the earth belong to Jesus.
  - When we lift our hands to pray, this authority will be given to us.

#### **Matthew 16:21-23 | Romans 10:14-15**

- (Matthew 16:21-23) From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”
  - Peter did not know that Jesus must go on the cross.
  - Peter did not know that Jesus would die for our sins and our forgiveness.
- When Jesus died on the cross, He took up all our curses, went to hell for us, and was resurrected for us..
  - Our sins were taken up by Jesus.
- Peter used the love of flesh and the love of man.
  - If Jesus did not die on the cross, our sins would not be forgiven.
- Because Jesus already died for us, we shouldn’t go to hell, and we should be healed.
- (Romans 10:14-15) 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”
- We must call on the name of the Lord to be saved.
  - However, we must first believe to call on the name of the Lord.
- When we run into problems we just need to kneel, lift our hands, call on the name of the Lord, and believe.
- God will tell us when we are at the right place.
- The church is not the work of man but created by God.
  - It was affirmed by God.

#### **Acts 19:6 | John 14:26**

- (Acts 19:6) When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
  - This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- Paul shows us the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit.
  - The Holy Spirit is the promise from God.
- If we want to have miracles in life we must be baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- When we are not baptized with the Holy Spirit, we will not have our direction or our method.

- The Holy Spirit will teach us everything.
- Paul before the Holy Spirit was Saul and persecuted Christians.
  - When Saul fell to the ground, he heard the voice of God.
- We must follow the instructions of the Holy Spirit and not stray from it.
- When we come to church, we must come with a heart of thanksgiving.
  - We must cherish and take care of our church.
- When we are willing to humble ourselves and obey, God will do great things in our lives.
  - God can do what we are incapable of doing.
- When we learn to be humble and obey, our success will come.
- (John 14:26) But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
  - When we call out to the Lord and hear what He has to say to us we will have our direction.
- God's hand of healing is better than any surgeon.
  - He is the almighty God and can do anything.

Wǒmen yòu zài yīqǐlái zànměi zhǔ  
wǒmen yòu zài yī qǐ tóngxīn héyì

## 副歌

Měihǎo shì bìdìng yào chéngjiù  
měihǎo shì yǐ xiǎnmíng  
wǒmen yòu zài yī qǐlái zànměi zhǔ

## EN

We're together again. Praising the Lord.  
We're together again. In one accord.

## Chorus

Something good is going to happen  
Something good is in store  
We're together again. Praising the Lord.

Wǒmen chéngwéi yījiā rén  
yīnzhe yēsū yīnzhe yēsū  
chéngwéi shén er nǚ  
wǒmen chéngwéi yījiā rén  
yīnzhe yēsū yīnzhe yēsū  
chéngwéi shén guó de zǐ mín

Chorus

Yīnzhe yēsū dé jiéjìng  
yīnzhe yēsū rù guāngmíng  
yīnzhe yēsū tóng xiǎng  
fùhuó de shēngmìng  
tóng xiǎng shēngmìng de xǐyuè  
tóng zài zhǔ ài zhōng liánjié  
yīnzhe yēsū tóng shòu  
fēngshèng de chǎnyè

Zhǔ wēnróu de shènglíng ràng wǒ quán xīn gǎnshòu  
shèntòu wǒ de shēngmìng cì xià píngjìng hé ānxí  
nǐ shǐ wǒ xīndé mǎnzú

Verse 2

Zhǔ cí'ài de zhēnlǐ nǐ róng guāngzhào xiàng wǒ  
bāowéi wǒ de shēntǐ cì xià píngjìng hé ānxí  
ràng wǒ gǎnshòu nǐ de ài

Chorus

Zài hū zhào wǒ zhī chù wǒ yào xiàn shàng jìng bài  
wúlùn zāoyù héshì yīrán yáng shēng gēchàng  
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Bridge

Zài wǒ xíngzǒu shí chéngwéi wǒ dàolù  
huózhe shí chéngwéi wǒ shēngmìng  
jiù zài zhè de xiàn shàng jìng bài

Verse 1

Zhǔ a wǒ shén

wǒ měi féng jǔmù guānkàn

nǐ shǒu suǒ zào yīqiè qímiào dàgōng

kànjiàn xīngsù

yòu tīngdào lónglóng léi shēng

nǐ de dà néng

biàn mǎnle yǔzhòu zhōng

EN

O Lord my God

When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds

Thy Hands have made

I see the stars

I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout

the universe displayed

Chorus

wǒ líng gē chàng  
zàn měi jiù zhǔ wǒ shén  
nǐ zhēn wěi dà  
hé děng wěi dà

English

Then sings my soul  
my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art  
how great Thou art

Yuànzǔ de ēnhuì cí'ài yǔ nǐ tóng zài  
yuànzǔ de líng shí shí wéirào  
ēndiǎn jiàngxià cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ  
ēndiǎn jiàngxià cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ

Chorus

Cì fú yǔ nǐ cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ  
cì fú yǔ nǐ cì fú yǔ nǐ  
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ

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We are now one family  
through Jesus through Jesus  
make us His children

We are now one family  
through Jesus through Jesus  
make us people of His kingdom

Chorus

Through the blood of Jesus Christ  
Brought from darkness into light

Now we share

the rich and fullness of His life

Come and celebrate this joy

Come together with our praise

Now we share

the rich and fullness of His grace

God of love and kindness  
Your presence in me  
Covering me with Your peace  
In Your loving embrace  
I want none but You alone

Verse 2

Light of truth and of love  
Lord come down, shine on me  
Covering me with Your peace  
In Your loving embrace  
Your love is all that I see

Chorus

At the place where You call I worship You Lord  
Wherever I am I give You my praise  
At the place where You call I worship You Lord  
Wherever I am Oh Lord, I worship You

Bridge

Everywhere I go I praise You  
Everything I do I lift up  
My life to You I worship You

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How great Thou art

how great Thou art

May Father's love and His grace be with you

May Holy Spirit cover you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Chorus

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