

Open Hands: Stewarding God's Gifts with Kingdom Vision

The Divine Transfer: Everything is God's, Nothing Yours

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today with hearts full of gratitude and humility.

Thank you for unchanging nature

We confess our faith that is not merely theoretical, one that actively works, transforming our lives and impacting the world around us for our glory.

We pray that faith truly works.

Help us with struggles, external pressures, difficult circumstances, understanding and isolation.

Give us supernatural perspectives to see these moments not as obstacles to our comfort.

Let perseverance finish its work in our lives so that we become mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

Grant us your divine wisdom, generosity and reproach

Help us to ask in faith without doubting.

Guide our hearts and minds for being double-minded and tossed to.

Establish our minds firmly on your truth and promises.

We recognize that we are tempted when we are lured by our own evil desires.

Deliver us from deception.

Remind us that you are never a source of evil or temptation.

Strengthen our resolve to resist the devil, flee from temptation and draw near you.

Help us confess our sins and purify our hearts and minds from every ungodly thought and intention.

We pray from deeper reception to your world.

Help us humbly accept the word planted in us that can save us.

Do not let us be hearers and deceive ourselves.

Help us keep unstained from the world.

Grant us discernment to recognize and courageously step away from environments, relationships and influences that would pull us away from your truth and towards sin.

Give us hearts of impartiality and genuine love for all people including the poor, marginalized, broken and those people struggling towards sin.

In Jesus name, Amen

We need to stop thinking and being takers of the world because we must understand that God is the creator of everything and what we get on earth daily is not ours. Our wealth is not ours to hold onto daily. The worship thing to do is give and live as a cheerful giver, not as a tax collector or mammon. We must understand that God put us through situations for a reason. We must not be ashamed and be embarrassed to live in suffering. God is the only one that can help us with our trials and tribulations. That's why the wealthy need to start giving ten percent of their personal wealth to help the poor, homelessness, organizations, churches and people that are struggling in our communities. We must do it to show our love unconditionally for God and must do it in a proud and good heart kind of way. Do not give to the poor and help people that are struggling because of the laws of our politicians and governments. One thing we need to do in our communities is look out for one another as good stewards and disciples. We need to start trusting God as our source, not the world. Say to the person next that the world is not your source. I used to be a taker to the world before I got saved in 2011 because I used to take care of the world and never gave back to the community. I started volunteering to help the needy and homeless in the Detroit and Oakland County area like I did last month to feed the homeless and poor by helping feed our 300 homeless and needy people. I plan to stay disciplined and motivated for that because I said that I am not moving around to places no more like I did in the past. I lived in the south, Northeast and Midwest. We must be weary Christian and disciples that should not get tired of

living in righteousness and doing the right thing for God's kingdom. The right thing to do is live as a cheerful giver and help others in need. I believe what one Detroit resident was saying about the current mayor race, that more taxpayers money needs to go to churches and nonprofits without any strings attached and tough regulations. I believe foundations should be giving organizations and businesses money and seed funding when they need it for helping out in the community. Foundations have to obey funding and program guidelines in order to award money to organizations and businesses.

Households need to stop living their lives based on mammon and start budgeting their personal financial spiritually to start putting God first in the center of their life. Households need to start providing spiritual budgets to put God first in their life each month by giving money to their home church or a church in a community. We need to stop listening to sinners and the devil to live as a tax collector or mammon. I will talk to Sunday school teachers in this series to make sure they have this as a part of their lesson to help guide more members to budget their personal financial way to budget their money, build an emergency fund for themselves to stay out of debt. The church plans to expand the Credit Repair Program that is managed by the Prison Ministry to help more people in the community and families that are struggling with debt and managing their personal finances. When I think about people that live on SSI and SSDI are not budgeting their personal finances, I believe most people are living and accepting the payments as a tax collector. We must understand in this world that God is the creator of everything including human life on earth and we must oppose abortions. Abortions damage God's creation of human life on earth. We need to stop making decisions by pride and leaning on our own understanding by starting to lean on God for his wisdom. We need God to help guide us and provide a vision for our life daily, not leaning on the world that can cause us to live in sin, bondage, wickedness, abomination and temptation. Possessions we want to achieve and accomplish in our life must come from God and the Holy Spirit. Turn to the person next to you and say you must live with the spirit to live a righteous and spiritual life for God. We must avoid being tormented and going to hell after we die on earth. Wealth is not for selfish accumulation. Wealth must be used for the establishment of God's kingdom and spread the Gospel to believers, ungodly and unbelievers. Believers are encouraged to be in a position of faith and obedience to receive this transfer. It can be a call to action for believers to live righteously and be prepared for God's blessings, which may come in unexpected ways. It emphasizes the transient nature of earthly possessions and the ultimate futility of accumulating them for oneself.

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory."-Psalm 24

The psalm is a processional hymn with three main parts: a declaration of God as the creator and owner of all things, a question about who can stand in God's presence, and a final triumphant welcome for the "King of glory" as the gates open to him. The scripture was written during the journey of the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. The Ark of the Covenant symbolized God's presence among his people. This psalm was sung at the temple on Mount Zion by the pilgrims in Jerusalem. The psalm is an important scripture for us to read and understand in the bible because it explains to us about God's greatness as the creator of everything and humans on earth. I say that people that want to continue to listen to the Democrats on abortion and reproduction will need to repent because the Democrats are telling you wrongdoing and leading you to sin and living a sinful life so you can end up tormented and go to hell

when you die on earth. God has created the rivers, seas, weather on earth. The weather does not come from climate change. God is in control of everything on earth. Weather, seas, rivers and other living things on earth from the creation of God and his kingdom. God controls our mind, body and soul because he has the say so for us to make the christian walk through the gates of heaven if he chooses to accept us after we die on earth. We must be honest, righteous and have a pure heart to get into heaven after you die on earth. If you catch yourself being dishonest listening to the devil and the world, you must repent and confess that sin, wickedness and form of temptation.

When we read this scripture and apply this scripture to our life, we must live our life as good stewards for God and his purpose. We must understand God created everything and the universe. We get our skills and talents from God. That's why I say that I believe it is God that helps me determine my talents and skills to serve for his purpose, not be a lawyer and go to law school and run for elected office. I do not believe why Pastor Solomon Kinloch is running for mayor of Detroit because I believe he should continue to use his gifts, skills and talents in the community like what God has guided him to do. It is the same with me in Chicago that some family members and friends wanted me to run for elected office as Governor or mayor of Chicago, but I believe in my heart that is not the path that God wants to go and pursue in my life. I think that Pastor Kinloch should continue to help the needy and homeless through his congregation and serve the community like I do as the Bishop continues to serve the community for God to help the needy, poor and live as a cheerful giver. I do not know why Raphael Warnock decided to run for elected office because he is better off staying out of politics to serve communities in Atlanta as pastor of his congregation. All I see is that career politicians in the Democratic Party are trying to influence him and their values to cause him to be a sinful politician by listening to their values and their beliefs. Pastors and religious leaders only have one belief is living as steward to God under his covenant and his beliefs from this kingdom.

These are the list of things we need to do daily to hold onto the grace of God and make sure we get into heaven when we die on earth:

1. We need to examine our life daily and what we do in our life to make sure we are living for God in the center of our life.
2. We need to confess our sins to our life with integrity to God.
3. We need to confess and repent for our sins to live our life with a pure heart and truth.
4. We need to seek God's power and live our life with heavenly wisdom, not earthly wisdom.
5. We need to let God of things and everything in our life that lead us to sin, bondage, abomination, idolatry and temptation.
6. We must continue to do what is right and not get tired of doing the right thing in our life daily. This means we must continue to move the devil out of the way in our life to protect our mind, body and soul from the devil and hell.

I want to tell you a true story to let you know that my plans got disrupted when I did a lot of traveling and moving around in 2015-2024. I was told by people that I did not let God work in me and it is hard for God to work in you when you do not settle in one place. When I lived in Chicago up to 2015, I was highly motivated and committed to help the homeless. When you read my resume, some of my volunteer experience was disrupted and cut short for a period of time because I always moved around from place to place within 4-6 months. I ended up back and forth in Michigan since 2017 after I lived in the south for a short period of time. That's why I say that I am not moving no more and let God settle me here in Michigan. I think I did a lot of moving around because I was trying to think where do I see myself living and myself long-term. I moved to Cleveland in 2017 thinking I wanted to settle myself there, but I decided that I did not like it and wanted to settle myself there after being there for four months. When I

moved back and forth to Detroit, I lived in different areas of Detroit, such as Southwest near River Rouge, Westside near Dearborn and Dexter-Fenkell, Highland Park, Sherwood and Chandler Park. I moved to Philadelphia in November 2018 thinking I may want to settle there, but I decided not to at the last minute in December 2019 after living out there for fourteen months. I moved to Louisville twice thinking that I may want to settle there, but I changed my mind on that to the last minute after spending only one month in 2025 and 2020. I moved to Atlanta twice because I wanted to try to settle there, but I changed my mind at the last minute and decided not to stay there after living there for several months in 2020 and 2021. My volunteer service was cut short in these cities as a cheerful giver and gave back to the community because I decided to move at the last minute and not settle in those places. After I moved back to Michigan, I can settle myself here long-term and do what I do personally and through the congregation to give back to the community to help the homeless, poor and needy families. I moved to Houston like I wanted to try to settle there, but I decided not to at the last minute and it was at times that I wanted to leave Houston by thinking too fast. I am grateful for the staff helping me with some of my weaknesses while being in the Spiritual Recovery Program and the people I met and became friends with while being in the program. When I think about this scripture, I need to realize that God controls my mind, body and soul. I needed to let God guide me and help me settle by stopping leaning on my own understanding and thinking too fast.

The only struggle I still have is my honesty because I still go around the bush to be honest with people. I just do not come out and say stuff with honesty. I go around the bush until I get to the point. It is like I stutter when I go around the bush to be honest with people on things and everything. I need to discipline myself to stop doing that. Another struggle is to stop harming my body while I have the autoimmune pancreatitis disease because I need to discipline myself more and start sticking to a sugar-free and low-fat diet daily. When I eat foods that are high in fat and snacks, these food items run through my immune system and cause me to go to the restroom. Doctors in Philadelphia told me that it means that my body is getting rid of the fats and sugars in my body that may be bad for the pancreas. I am used to eating foods on a daily basis like everyone else like I did before August 2014.

After I moved back here to Michigan, I can start using my time, skills and talents to serve God in the community like I started doing recently by preaching to members during services in Oakland County, feeding the homeless and helping the homeless dealing with food insecurity. Now, I can start using my time, skills and talents here in Michigan long term over one year and more. My volunteer experience was cut short and disrupted because I only volunteered at homeless shelters in other cities for one year or less, one month, and two months.

1. What does it mean to you to say that nothing is yours?
2. What are you currently trying to control in your life that you know belongs to God?
3. Is there anything in your life that, if asked to give it up, you're not sure that you could?
4. Why do we so often feel the need to control things ourselves?
5. How might you align your prayers with what God desires for you and for the world?
6. How can God use your material possessions to bless others?
7. What are specific ways we can steward what God has given us to further his kingdom?
8. What was your initial thought or takeaway from today's message on divine transfer?
9. How does the concept of God being the owner of all things change your perspective on your own plans and ambitions?
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Heavenly Father,

Help the homeless and needy living in poverty while living in overcrowded shelters and with family. Bless those people that live in shared room housing with other people that are dealing with mental health problems and struggling.

Protect our children and people in the community from crime and violence.

We ask you to help us meet our needs by providing warmth, nourishment and safe refuge. Help the homeless with personal housing and employment to open doors and opportunities for them to get back on their feet.

I ask you to provide healing for people with mental health, substance abuse issues, and anger to help them become peacemakers in our communities.

Help provide wisdom and guidance to people to prosper the right way by moving the devil out of the way to align their life with your will to live obedient and have strong contentment to God.

Help us, people, friends and family seek the kingdom of God in their life to live in the path of righteousness and stop loving the world more than we love God.

We believe the devil is a liar and evil.

You are our personal savior and rock of our salvation that we need to obey as the true authority over us to help us through our trials and tribulations.

Guide us to live by our plan and purpose.

I ask you to eliminate our enemies around us daily in the workplace, churches, schools, public places and households that continue to tear us down and criticize us with negative stereotypes.

I ask you to give us freedom from all negative influences in our life.

Restore hope and destroy the seeds of despair in our communities.

In Jesus name, Amen