

The Prayer of Jabez

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NLT)

9 There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful.

10 He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!" And God granted him his request.

NOTES

1 Oh, that you would bless me

- a) Good relationships
- b) Peace of mind
- c) A compassionate heart
- d) A gentle spirit
- e) Spiritual and material blessings

2 And expand my territory

- a) That I have a good influence over others
- b) Fulfil my potential beyond the day to day chores
- c) Be a good ambassador for Christ

3 Please be with me in all that I do

- a) Let your hand be with me
- b) My health and protection
- c) My conduct and those who influence me
- d) The things outside my control
- e) Godly wisdom

f) Lord, I look to you for all these.

4 keep me from all trouble

- a) Trouble is different from pain
- b) Our own conduct can often cause trouble
- c) Other people, can knowingly or unknowingly cause trouble
- d) Lord, keep me from trouble and troublemakers

5 Keep me from pain

- a) Jabez name meant pain
- b) There are some pains that can be inherited
- c) Others can be a result of sickness, hurt or wrong thinking
- d) Lord Jesus, keep me free from all pain.

And God has granted my request