

*6 HELPFUL
MINDSETS &
8 KEY PRAYERS
TO IMPROVE
MENTAL HEALTH*

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT COUNSELING?



DIVINE WISDOM + COUNSELING

Thank goodness times are changing and therapy is more acceptable, socially. It's a big mistake and deeply harmful, honestly, to believe or teach that God doesn't work through trained professionals in the mental health field. God does! All along, God has always partnered with people, (think about Moses, Mary, Paul, Lydia, the disciples of Jesus, and not to mention, so many followers of God throughout history), to bring healing and hope to the world.

*"Without counsel, plans fail, but with many advisers, they succeed."
- Proverbs 15:22*

TRUE HEALING

The Old Testament alone has almost 90 references to counsel - meaning advice, aid, or giving purpose. Because God loves all the parts of us, we know that He cares about our mental health. If you find yourself struggling with wholeness, anxiety, depression, or any type of mental health issue, there is no shame before God. He has given us the gift of trusted therapists and doctors to help guide us toward healing – and God wants us to thrive and know his wholeness.

6 VITAL MOVES TO ENHANCE YOUR MENTAL WELLNESS




1. TELL SOMEONE

Tell a safe person that you are struggling. Be honest and open. There is no shame!

2. REACH OUT TO A THERAPIST

Ask around for recommendations. Make sure the therapist is reputable, educated, and trained in their field. You might have to try more than one therapist; it's a bit like dating. Find someone you have chemistry with.



3. YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Remember that it is a normal part of being a human on earth to grapple with mental health. Statistics tell us that mental health struggles are on the rise now especially in the next generation.



“Mental illnesses are common in the United States. It is estimated that more than one in five U.S. adults live with a mental illness (57.8 million in 2021). Mental illnesses include many different conditions that vary in degree of severity, ranging from mild to moderate to severe. Two broad categories can be used to describe these conditions: Any Mental Illness (AMI) and Serious Mental Illness (SMI). AMI encompasses all recognized mental illnesses.”

- National Institute of Mental Health

4. BE KIND, GRACIOUS, & PATIENT WITH YOURSELF

Everyone is fighting some kind of battle, and if you grapple with your mental health, you are not doing anything wrong. You are not sinning. You are a limited human and you are so loved by God. Be gracious to yourself.



5. CALL FOR HELP

If you are struggling with any suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline immediately. That number in the United States is 988. You are worth that phone call.




US NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE

988



6. PRAY

Pray about your mental health and for loved ones who might be hurting. Perhaps you aren't struggling right now, but you have a loved one - a parent, a child, a spouse, or a neighbor who battles some form of chronic mental health struggles. See below for a prayer guide.



8 Prayers of Hope and Healing for Mental Health from Psalm 126



1. HEALING

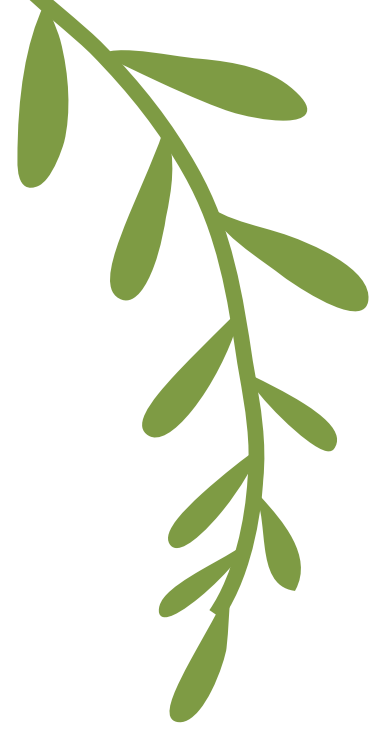
Lord,
Restore the health of my loved ones - their mental
and emotional health.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

When the Lord restored the fortunes
of Zion..."
-Psalm 126: 1

2. REDEMPTION

Lord,
Heal the pain of broken/lost dreams caused by
mental health battles and redeem what mental
unhealth has tried to steal.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"...We were like those who dream,
those who found health..."
- Psalm 126:1



3. JOY

Lord,
Fill our loved ones who struggle with new laughter
and joy with sweetness because of Your goodness.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"Then our mouth was filled with
laughter, and our tongue with shouts
of joy..."
- Psalm 126: 2

4. POWER OF GOD

Lord,
We pray that our loved ones and their community
will witness God's greatness.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"...then they said among the nations,
The Lord has done great things for
them...." - Psalm 126:2



5. GLADNESS

Lord,
We praise You! Even in mental health battles, You
are doing great things for us. Return gladness to our
hurting loved ones.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"The Lord has done great things for
us; we are glad." - Psalm 126: 3





6. THOUGHTS

Lord,
Restore thoughts and mindsets and end emotions
that are held captive by mental unrest.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**"Restore the captives, O Lord..." -
Psalm 126:4**



7. RELIEF

Lord,
Bring relief to those who struggle with sadness, grief,
and even depression- that they will experience
abiding joy.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**"Those who sow in tears shall reap
with shouts of joy!"
-Psalm 126:5**

8. RESTORATION



Lord,

Restore those in this generation and the next who struggle with emotional health that as they sow tears of weeping, they will hold onto the hope and the promise that one day, God will birth the seeds of life and healing.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

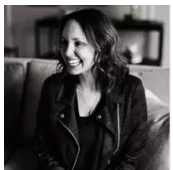
"He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him."
- Psalm 126:3



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ALLOWING US TO CONTINUE BRINGING HELPFUL AND
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