

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Name of Jesus October 31, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

Philippians 2.8-11 NIV

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!**

⁹ **Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,**

¹⁰ **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

¹¹ **and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Hundreds of songs have been written about the Name of Jesus. We worship and honor the Father by exalting His powerful and mighty Name above the Heavens. The Name of Jesus is on our lips and in our heart. The most powerful and sweetest name that has ever been heard – the Name of Jesus. There is no other name in Heaven or on the earth or under the earth by which we can be saved, delivered, and made whole but the wonderful Name of Jesus! There is healing in the Name of Jesus. There is life in the Name of Jesus. Jesus is the Living Word. There is hope in the Name of Jesus and the promises of God reside in that Name. Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

Jesus has literally given His Name to us. We take on His Name when He becomes Lord of our lives. This Name holds incredible power that causes every demon to tremble. As Jesus was ready to ascend into Heaven and was giving His last instructions to His disciples, He said – in His Name we shall cast out demons! In the Name of Jesus, we present our prayers and petitions, we declare and decree that His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!

Mark 16.17-18 NIV

¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: **In my name they will drive out demons;** they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

- In the Name of Jesus, we cast out demons – out of ourselves, out of our family, out of our nation.
- The devil is a liar and a thief, always trying to kill, steal, and destroy. He wants to fill us with fear, harass, and terrorize us. Witchcraft and occult powers are real, and they are in operation in the earth. But at the Name of Jesus, they have to bow.
- The world calls today, Halloween.
 - The symbols of this day are witches, demons, and other occult representations.
 - This is the world’s normalization of things that are evil.
 - This is an occult holy night where those that are part of witchcraft will perform evil practices.
- Jesus is higher than everything that is evil and wicked. Scripture tells us that Jesus is seated far above powers and principalities, darkness, and all that is wicked. We speak the Name of Jesus over top of all wickedness. The Name of Jesus is governmental power.
- Jesus defeated satan, disarming rulers and authorities, putting them to open shame by triumphing over them in His death, burial, and resurrection.
- Jesus is light and in Him there is no darkness. His Name breaks every chain. His Name is power.
- It was on October 31 that Martin Luther nailed his thesis on the church door that brought about the Protestant Reformation. This is the reason to celebrate!

Proverbs 3.25-26 TPT

²⁵ **You will not be subject to terror, for it will not terrify you.**

Nor will the disrespectful be able to push you aside,

²⁶ **because God is your confidence in times of crisis,**

keeping your heart at rest in every situation.

- Terror is an intense or overwhelming fear or dread.
- One of the ploys of satan has been to release a spirit of terror.
- God says we, as His children, ARE NOT subject to terror.
 - Terror has no authority over us.
 - When God says we are not subject to terror, that means we do not have to listen to or obey the voice of terror.
 - Terror doesn't own us – we belong to the Lord.
- Our confidence and trust are in the God alone through the Name of Jesus.

Ephesians 6.16-18 TPT

¹⁶ In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the evil one! ¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken word of God. Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.

- All the armor of God is found in Jesus – in the Name above every other name.
- In the Name of Jesus our faith resides – He is the author and perfecter of our faith.
- Salvation and deliverance are in the Name!

Colossians 3.17 NIV

¹⁷ **And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,** giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Romans 10.12-13 NIV

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, **"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

Hebrews 13.15 NIV

¹⁵ **Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.**

1 John 5.12-13 NIV

¹² **Whoever has the Son has life;** whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things **to you who believe in the name of the Son of God** so that you may know that you have eternal life.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Thank You Father that you have given us the Name of Jesus. In the Name of Jesus, we bind the prince over the City of Detroit, all territorial spirits, all principalities and darkness, and wicked spirits in high places. We bind ruler spirits over individuals and families. We bind all watcher spirits, scanner spirits, divination and witchcraft spirits, all spirits of confusion and intimidation, persecution, prosecution, and opposition to the purposes of God. We bind sorcery, black magic, white magic, evil omens, curses, and voodoo. By faith we call the activity of darkness and its wicked plans cancelled, made null and void, cursed and destroyed at the root, and of no effect. We speak confusion into the enemy's camp.

In the Name of Jesus, we release the perfect will of God and the untapped power of Holy Spirit over Detroit and over every household. We lift up the Name of Jesus over our City. We thank God for Detroit and His love for this City. **We declare that this City belongs to the Lord and this City will advance in her God-given destiny!**