

## **Declarations help us call those things that are not as though they are —**

God's method of bringing life to places, people, nations, gifts and callings is for someone to say it is alive when it still looks dead. We see this in *Romans 4:17* "God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did".

It is important to note that when we speak a prophetic declaration, we speak in the present as if we already have it (*Mark 11:23-24*). It is with our present declarations that we create a future manifestation. It is what we declare today which creates our tomorrow. It is our voice that will determine a victorious life in Jesus (*Psalms 81:10*).

Since "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (*Proverbs 18:21*), declarations serve to remind ourselves of the promises of God. They allow us to participate with God in speaking His promises, hopes and purposes into existence. Through these declarations we are choosing to speak life and not hopelessness; Faith and not fear. We are speaking to the (figurative) mountains, and telling them to be cast into the sea, just as Jesus gave us the authority to do (*Mark 11:23*).

It is our deepest desire not only to see the lives of each child and family restored to God's intent, but also for radical healing and transformation for each of our praying families. These declarations were written with the foster children in mind, however we would encourage you to modify the verbiage and also declare each one over your own families. In Jesus Christ, we get to take ownership over our own destinies and over the destinies of our families. How beautiful it is to participate with our Father in building the Kingdom of God, speaking life and hope wherever we go.

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## HEALING EMOTIONS

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**1** **1 PETER 5:10** – And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

I declare that suffering will not be the end for this child! Thank you, Father, for the plans You have for this child's life. Plans to restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish him/her. I claim Your promises over this child's life and this child's family today in Jesus' name!

**2** **2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18** – So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

I declare that it is my choice today to stand with this child and his/her family. I will not lose heart, no matter what I see. I understand that this war I am waging in the Spirit is one that is unseen and eternal, and that my prayers are always heard by You, Father. I speak healing, in the name of Jesus, over this child's emotions today!

**3** **PSALM 147:3** – He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Thank You, sweet Father, that Your heart is to heal and restore the brokenhearted. Just as you told your disciples to speak to the mountain and it would be cast into the sea, I speak to the broken emotions of this child and his/her family today, and I declare that the brokenness and pain will be cast into the sea. Let no weapon formed against him/her prosper, in Jesus' name!

**4** **PSALM 73:23-26** – Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

I declare that Jesus, truly, is our only hope. There is nothing in heaven or earth that could ever satisfy. I claim this hope over this child's life today in Jesus' name. Declaring that God WILL be the strength of this child's heart and his/her portion forever!

**5** **ROMANS 8:2** – For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

I declare that there is freedom in Jesus for this child from whatever emotional trauma he/she has encountered in his/her past. I declare that no power of darkness could ever overcome the light that is in my Father, the same light which also dwells within me! I declare that the power of Jesus will break every chain and will set this captive child free. I stand and fight to see joy and laughter and life abound in this child's life, in Jesus' name.

## 6 **JEREMIAH 17:14 – Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.**

I declare that in this child's hour of need, that my Father will be there with him/her. I know that my Jesus is already with this child and has never left him/her. I speak hope over this child's life and declare that his/her eyes will be opened to the hope of glory that is dwelling among him/her. I declare that praise will be on the lips of this child and his/her family as Jesus completes His work in them! A work that is more powerful than any bad memory or negative emotion.

## 7 **1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 – No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

I declare the supernatural protection of Jesus over this child's life and the lives of this child's family. That no temptation will overcome this child as he/she becomes acquainted with the sound of his/her Father's voice. That negative emotions will flee and this child will be able to endure all things and hope in all circumstances! I declare that Jesus has already gone before him/her and knows what the future holds. I praise You, Father, that You always provide a way out. Thank You for holding this child's hand as You walk him/her forward into claiming new emotions and new strength in You.

## 8 **PSALM 18:2 – The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

I declare that no matter what circumstances this child may face, that the Lord is his/her rock and fortress and deliverer. I declare that any power of darkness that is trying to get to this child or his/her family will have to go through my Father first! I declare that emotional strongholds are being broken today in unseen places!

## 9 **PSALM 34:17-20 – When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.**

I declare that God hears every proclamation and cry for help from this child and will deliver him/her and his/her family. That this child is not abandoned, is not crushed beyond repair, is not unwanted. That any thoughts or emotions that come into this child's mind or heart will be taken captive and subjected to the authority of Jesus. I speak hope and restoration to the emotions of this child today in Jesus' name.

## 10 **JOHN 14:27 – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.**

I declare that the supernatural peace of Jesus, that surpasses all understanding, will rest on this child and his/her family today. Thank you, Father, that You have not made this child to be a slave to fear but a willing son/daughter of righteousness! I praise You, that this child will not have any reason to fear because of Your overwhelming peace over his/her life and emotions!

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## HEALING BEHAVIORS

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**1 PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7** – Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I declare that the spirit of anxiety has no place in this child's life! Thank you, Father, for beckoning this child to Yourself and for guarding his/her heart and mind, which will transform his/her behaviors in Jesus' name! Have Your way in this child, this child's biological family, and this child's foster family!

**2 2 TIMOTHY 1:7** – For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

I declare that this child will be given a spirit of power, a spirit of love, and a spirit of self-control. That this child will no longer be moved to dread of danger or shrinking from fear of any kind including man's displeasure. I speak a sound mind over this child and this child's family in Christ Jesus. That he/she will not allow negative thoughts to affect his/her behaviors and emotions any longer, in Jesus' name.

**3 ISAIAH 41:10** – Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

I declare, in Jesus' name, that this child will not gaze at, consider, or allow fear to overwhelm him/her. I am encouraged and know that You are with this child. I declare that this child's courage will not break down when he/she experiences sudden danger or trouble. That You choose to always be with him/her. I declare freedom from fear and bondage for not only this child but also his/her biological and foster parents!

**4 ROMANS 8:6** – For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

I declare that this child is Yours, Father. This child's mind is Yours. This child's memories are Yours. I ask for new thought patterns and behaviors over this child's life and the lives of his/her parents! You replace death with life and weeping with joy! I set my hope in Your ability to give this child Spiritual vision, regardless of what circumstances he/she may face.

**5 1 SAMUEL 16:23** – And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

Thank you, Father, that worship is warfare! I declare with thankfulness that no weapon formed against this child or this child's family members will prosper in Jesus' name! That this child will be refreshed by You for all his/her days!

**6** **MATTHEW 9:12-13** – But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

I declare that this child is free from all guilt and shame resulting from his/her past or his/her parent’s past. That You are the true physician and the only One who can heal. Thank you, Father, that it is not Your desire to give any of us “what we deserve” but for all of us to know Your gentle mercy and compassion! I declare the truth, that “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”—all of us. Thank you for calling this child AND his/her family to a beautiful purpose and identity IN You!

**7** **JONAH 2:5-7** – The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

I declare that there is always hope in You Jesus. There’s no shadow You light up, mountain you won’t climb up, coming after this child. No wall You won’t kick down, lie You won’t tear down, coming after this child. I declare a new life for this child and his/her family, no matter how dark this season appears. I thank You for new thoughts and behaviors over this child’s life!

**8** **2 CORINTHIANS 10:5** – We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ

In You, Jesus, all things are possible. I declare that every opinion that is not Yours be destroyed in Jesus’ name. That your thoughts are never to harm this child or this child’s family but always to give him/her hope and a beautiful future!

**9** **MATTHEW 11:28-30** – Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Thank you Father, that this child was made by You, to rest in You. I declare peace and new behaviors in this child’s life in Jesus’ name, and I ask that You place Your gentle yoke of redemption around this child and his/her family in Jesus’ name!

**10** **1 JOHN 4:16** – So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Thank you, Father, for Your unending and overflowing love for this child’s life. I declare that every stronghold over this child’s life and the lives of his/her family members will be broken today in Jesus’ name. That the Spirit of God would abide inside of this child’s heart, bringing forth new, transformed behaviors in Jesus’ name!

## HEALING MEMORIES

**1** **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17** – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Jesus, I declare newness over this child's life. Thank you that this child was made by You and for Your glory. I declare that You are working to transform him/her into a new creation. And I speak healing and redemption over this child's memories and over the memories of his/her family.

**2** **1 CORINTHIANS 6:12** – “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

I declare that this child will not be dominated by anything except for Your supernatural peace and joy that surpasses all understanding! Not even the past will have power over this child or his/her family starting today.

**3** **REVELATION 21:3** – And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

I declare that the Spirit of God is dwelling among this child and his/her family. That HE is this child's advocate and will always be with him/her even in the darkest of places!

**4** **PROVERBS 4:1-27** – Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching. When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.” Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

I declare that the spirit of wisdom will guard this child's heart and mind. That every conscious or subconscious hurtful memory will be replaced with the truth of how You have always protected and fought for this child AND this child's parents/siblings. Father, make clear the way of righteousness that leads to life for this child!

**5** **MATTHEW 13:1-58** — That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'

He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

I stand with this child and declare that You are making the soil of this child's and his/her family's hearts soft to receive Your hope. That You are healing every past wound. That every seed planted would not be in vain. Thank You, Father, that Your word never returns void but accomplishes everything it has set out to do!

**6 HEBREWS 12:1**— Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

I declare that this child has all the strength and endurance he/she could ever need in You. That every chain, and bad memory, would fall off of this child and his/her family's life in Jesus' name!!

**7 MATTHEW 18:15**— If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

I declare healing over this child's and his/her family members' memories and past relationships. Thank You, Father, for showing this child how to love and forgive. I ask that you put people in this child's life who will show him/her how to forgive the way you have forgiven all of us!

**8 LUKE 10:25-37**— And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live. But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

I declare that there is overflowing mercy for this child and his/her family coming from Your mercy seat and trickling down onto others. I thank you that You will teach this child also to have mercy on others. Show this child and his/her family how deep and how wide Your love is for him/her.

**9 PSALM 23**— The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

I declare that goodness and mercy will follow this child ALL the days of his/her life. And that this child and his/her family will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Thank you that no past memory is stronger than the freedom that You have for this child. He/she was made for You!

**10 MARK 10:17-31**— And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

I declare that ALL things are possible with God! I declare that not only this child's life would be transformed but also the lives of this child's entire biological family and foster family! Thank you that in Your kingdom that the last will be first!