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Power for Living Writers Guidelines

Freelance Submissions

Power for Living is a weekly publication and part of the David C Cook adult curriculum line. Every eight-page issue includes one feature article and several shorter pieces such as a column, devotional, or poem that portray the power of God in our daily lives.

Our readership consists primarily of adults, aged 50 and older. Our readers are interested in stories that offer encouragement, insights, or a new perspective on how a personal relationship with God impacts every aspect of life, including relationships, careers, health, parenting (or grandparenting), ministry, finances, overcoming fears or challenges, pursuing personal growth, and more. Pieces that we publish must reflect (or at least cannot contradict) a biblical perspective and worldview.

We are currently accepting the following.

Feature Articles. Word count: 1200 to 1500. We are looking for first-person or third-person stories that portray the power of God in someone's life. Stories might describe a dramatic out-of-the-ordinary experience, or divine intervention or insight in the midst of every-day-circumstances. Our freelance-written feature articles are about real experiences of real people. We are not looking for how-to articles, doctrinal essays, book reviews, biographies, transcribed sermons, opinion or expository pieces. We often publish three or four photos related to the story. This is not a requirement, but if you have photos you are encouraged to submit them with your story. We publish around 20 stories each year written by freelancers. Payment for feature articles is $300.

Poetry. 20 lines or less. We publish 6-12 poems a year. Payment for poems is $50.

Columns. Word count: 750. Columns might describe a dramatic out-of-the-ordinary experience, or divine intervention or insight in the midst of every-day-circumstances. Our freelance-written columns are about real experiences of real people. Columns can be poignant or humorous in nature, and quality of writing matters. We publish between 5 and 8 freelance-written columns a year. Payment for columns is $150.

Devotionals. Word count: 400 words. On rare occasional we will publish freelance-written devotionals. Include a Bible verse related to your devotional. Payment for devotionals is $100.

Tips to help you get published in Power for Living

- We are often on the lookout for well-written seasonal pieces related to holidays and special days including Christmas, Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.
- We typically work on issues 12-18 months in advance of publication.
- We highly recommend that you read past issues of Power for Living before submitting your work. Go to shop.davidccook.org and type Power for Living in the search bar, then click on the SEARCH button. For a small fee, you can purchase a set of 13 issues published during a recent quarter.

Contact Information

Submissions, inquiries, and questions regarding these guidelines should be sent to powerforliving@davidccook.com

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

All submitted work must be original content created by the writer or another human being. Submissions may not contain content generated by artificial intelligence (AI) or other automated tools, including text, artwork, music, images, video, audio, software, or other creative content.

Unless otherwise communicated by Cook through its policies, AI-generated and machine-generated content is not considered original work.
Disclosure of AI Use: Writers must disclose any use of AI tools in creating their submissions when delivering their work to Cook, even if the final submitted content was not generated by those tools.

Cook reserves the right to request additional information about the use of AI tools and to reject any submission involving AI-generated content or AI tools if, in Cook's reasonable judgment, the use raises concerns.