

# Invoice Collection Prompt Pack

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Owners, office managers, admins, and operators handling AR follow-up

## GUIDE

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## WHAT THIS ASSET COVERS

- Prompt structures for friendly reminders, overdue nudges, and final follow-up
- Tone guidance for relationship-based businesses
- A simple input template for invoice amount, age, and service context

## USE THIS WHEN

1. Open invoices keep aging because the follow-up language is weak or inconsistent
2. You want better payment reminder drafts without starting from zero each time
3. Your admin team needs a repeatable AR follow-up framework

## WORKING ASSET

Use these prompt structures to draft payment follow-up messages that are calm, clear, and commercially serious. The goal is not to sound aggressive. The goal is to shorten payment delays without weakening the company's position.

## VARIABLES

Fill these before prompting:

- <business\_name>

- <client\_name>
- <invoice\_number>
- <invoice\_amount>
- <invoice\_due\_date>
- <days\_past\_due>
- <work\_scope>
- <payment\_link\_or\_method>
- <relationship\_tone>: warm, standard, firm, or final

## FRIENDLY REMINDER LANE

Use when the invoice is due soon or only lightly overdue.

Draft a payment reminder for <client\_name> from <business\_name>.

Context:

Invoice number: <invoice\_number>

Amount: <invoice\_amount>

Due date: <invoice\_due\_date>

Work scope: <work\_scope>

Payment link: <payment\_link\_or\_method>

Requirements:

warm and professional

under 120 words

assume good intent

make payment friction low

## FIRM FOLLOW-UP LANE

Use when the invoice is materially overdue and previous light reminders did not move it.

Draft a firm but professional payment follow-up for <client\_name>.

Context:

Days past due: <days\_past\_due>

Amount: <invoice\_amount>

Payment method: <payment\_link\_or\_method>

Requirements:

clear and direct

no apology for following up

request a specific payment date or confirmation

preserve the relationship while making the expectation explicit

## FINAL CLOSE-THE-LOOP LANE

Use when the business needs a decisive response.

Draft a final close-the-loop payment message for <client\_name>.

Requirements:

concise

professional

state that the account now needs a clear update

invite reply with payment timing or issue resolution

avoid threats or legal claims unless provided by the business

## COMPLIANCE GUARDRAILS

- do not invent contractual language
- do not imply legal action unless the business explicitly authorizes it
- do not shame the client
- do not use passive, apologetic wording that weakens the ask
- always include the payment path or next required action

## FAILURE MODES

Watch for:

- messages that are too vague to create movement
- over-explaining or sounding defensive
- no payment link or no next action
- accidental escalation that is too harsh for the relationship stage
- copy that feels personal instead of procedural

## SUGGESTED TEAM WORKFLOW

1. pick the lane by severity
2. fill the variables
3. draft with the prompt
4. review for facts and tone
5. send from the right person and track reply timing

## DEPLOYMENT NOTES

## HOW STRONG TEAMS ACTUALLY USE THIS ASSET

- Assign one accountable owner instead of letting "Invoice Collection Prompt Pack" become shared but unmanaged work.
- Use it with owners, office managers, admins, and operators handling ar follow-up in a weekly rhythm so the asset drives decisions rather than sitting in a folder.
- Decide in advance what counts as green, watch, and red performance so the team knows when to escalate.
- Capture learnings directly in the document every week so the asset becomes smarter over time instead of resetting to zero.

## HOW TO GET STRONGER OUTPUTS FROM MODERN AI MODELS

- Start with a compact context packet: business type, customer situation, service offered, tone guardrails, and any facts the model must preserve.
- State the deliverable shape up front: channel, word count, required fields, and the exact output format you want back.
- Use variables and clear delimiters so the prompt can be reused safely by staff without rewriting the entire instruction every time.
- Include one strong example when tone and structure matter, then ask for a final answer only rather than hidden reasoning.
- Add a final self-check step for compliance, specificity, and whether the response actually sounds like a real operator wrote it.

## BEST DEPLOYMENT SEQUENCE

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## WHAT SEPARATES A SERIOUS VERSION FROM A BASIC TEMPLATE

- Clear ownership for every step, not generic advice without accountability.
- Targets, thresholds, or decision rules that tell the team what good looks like.
- Specific working components: Prompt structures for friendly reminders, overdue nudges, and final follow-up, Tone guidance for relationship-based businesses, A simple input template for invoice amount, age, and service context.
- A built-in review cadence so the document becomes part of operations rather than a one-time download.