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WORSHIP- BASED PRAYER: *EVERYTHING CHANGES WHEN YOU SEEK GOD'S FACE*

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Worship-Based Prayer: Everything Changes When You Seek God’s Face

Lesson 1: The Importance of Prayer in the Local Church

Questions to consider as we begin this course:

- Who taught you to pray?
- Are you following a biblical model for prayer or just following what someone else was doing?
- Do you feel like you know how to pray effectively?
- Do you feel like you are equipped to teach someone else to pray?
- What are the primary purposes of prayer?
- Would you like to grow in your prayer life?

Sometimes we need to “unlearn” before we can begin to learn new approaches. The focus of this course:

1. Identify the importance of prayer in the local church and your personal life.
2. Develop a sound biblical theology of prayer.
3. Develop a biblical model for prayer that is God-honoring and life-changing.

Read Psalm 103 and make a list of the attributes, characteristics, and names of God in this Psalm.

Psalm 103	Attributes, Characteristics, and/or names of God
103:1	
103:2	
103:3	
103:4	
103:5	
103:6	
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103:22	

“My House will be called a house of prayer”

Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah when he said, “My house will be called a house of prayer”.

(Is 56:3-8; MT 21:12-13; MK 11:15-18; LK 19:45-48)

So, what exactly does it mean for a church to become a *house of prayer*?

The Bible doesn't say exactly what it means for a church to be a house of prayer. But we can assume that a house of prayer is a church where prayer is considered the means to access God's power and the real work of the ministry that is integrated into every facet of the life of the church.

To be a house of prayer, we must proclaim a passionate call to prayer. We must be intentional and relentless in our efforts to teach believers to pray. Prayer must be the expression of our hunger for divine companionship, of our desire for intimacy with our Creator, of our need to build a deeper relationship with our Lord.

“Prayer is seeking God: surrendering ourselves to God's will, receiving God's gifts and blessings, welcoming God's presence in our lives, expressing our gratitude to God and interceding on behalf of others in need. Prayer is not a means to an end. Prayer is not primarily a duty. It is the nourishment of a relationship - between heaven and earth, between God and people, between Savior and sinners, between Lord and servants, between Father and his children, between the Head of the church and its members. God calls us into relationship. God calls us to pray.” (Douglass A. Kamstra)

The ultimate mark of a praying church is that God's presence fills His house. Perhaps the single most distinguishing characteristic of a “house of prayer” is that it is filled with the tangible presence of God.

²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So, they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!” (1 Corinthians 14:24-25)

A lack of spiritual appetite in the congregation is replaced by spiritual hunger. Unbelievers' hearts are converted by the life-giving messages preached from the pulpit. The spiritual objectives of the church begin to move forward, not so much by human ingenuity and hard work as by the supernatural assistance of God's Holy Spirit.

By God's grace, may our churches be so much more than churches that pray (an activity) but rather praying churches (a lifestyle), churches that are filled with believers who are devoted to prayer.

- **Describe the role that prayer plays in your life and the life of your church?**
- **What do you think that a church committed to being a house of prayer might look like?**

Devoting Ourselves to Prayer

As we begin this course, may this be our prayer.

- **Read/pray through this prayer with a partner.**
Make note of the prayer points that encourage and/or challenge you.

Honest	<i>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)</i>
Teach me to pray	Father, as I come before You now, I'm so very aware of my own prayerlessness. I think and worry much but pray about so little in comparison. Forgive me, Lord. By the work of the Holy Spirit within me, teach me to pray and to do so continually.
Faithful in prayer	I ask also, Lord, for my church family. May my brothers and sisters in Christ be full of joy as they wait on You in the midst of trials that they are experiencing, and may they be faithful in prayer.
No limitations	Remove from our lives all things that hinder our prayers, unbelief, sin that we have not turned from, unforgiveness and, may we respond to every prompting of the Holy Spirit that we might be unfettered and pray with all of our hearts.
Fervent Passionate	Father, I ask that fervency in prayer and intercession be released on us that we might become a true "house of prayer for all nations." Replace any prayerlessness within our church with a passionate longing to see Your Church revived. May prayer become the fuel of the Holy Spirit among us.
Persistent	In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I ask that our church become one filled with those who always pray and never give up. May we be found faithful when You come, Lord Jesus! May we be those that you call upon by the Spirit to watch on the walls for Your Church, for cities and even nations!
Urgency	I ask that You stir our hearts with an urgency to pray and give us faith-filled, God-sized dreams and requests. Teach us to pray Your heart. Teach us to pray Your Word. May the men of our church lead their families on their knees in prayer. May our women humble themselves before You and be self-controlled so that they can pray with greater boldness. Raise up intercessors among the youth of our church. Grab hold of their hearts and fill them with great faith. May our hearts and minds be set on the things of Your kingdom. Teach us to pray, Lord! From youngest to oldest, teach us to pray!
Kingdom-focused	
Holy Spirit-led	Do these things I ask so that we, Your Church, might come alive by the Spirit and be allowed the privilege of participating in the harvest that is coming. Even this day, O God, call Your people to humility to turn from sin, to seek Your face. Wake us up from our slumber, O God, for surely time is short!
Scripture-fed	In the name of Him who lives and intercedes for me, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Luke 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 12:2; James 1:6-8; Matthews 6:14-15, 5:23; Psalm 66:18; 1 Peter 3:7; Isaiah 56:7; Mark 11:17; Luke 18:1-8; Isaiah 62:6-7; 1 Peter 4:7; Hebrews 11:13-16; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Romans 13:11-12; Hebrews 7:25) <i>Pray The Word for Your Church</i> by Teice L. King

Great Expectations Through Prayer

As we seek to grow in our personal prayer lives as well as within the life of our church, we can expect to face spiritual opposition on many fronts. This should not surprise us since we are engaged in a cosmic, spiritual battle between Light and darkness. Yet, from the promises of God's Word and church history, we should be encouraged as we understand all the Lord will do as we resolutely seek His face together in the context of life and ministry. Here is a list of just some of the "*great expectations*" we may realize through a life and church devoted to worship-based prayer. (*From Daniel Henderson – Fresh Encounter*).

Expect Spirit-provided direction

Many ministries seem to lack clear direction. The account of the early church in the Book of Acts inspires us as they obediently waited on the Lord, both prior to and after Pentecost, in order to receive the direction of the Holy Spirit for all of His blessings in, among, and through them. Today, we are still expected to seek the leadership and direction of the Spirit for His work (Romans 8:15; Galatians 5:25; Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13 & 22). He gladly provides it.

Expect authentic unity

The Spirit is the source and preserver of unity among God's people (Ephesians 4:3-6). As we seek the Lord in one accord, receiving grace and wisdom from the Spirit, we are united at the deepest level. We experience and express our oneness in Christ, while other loyalties and agendas are surrendered to His will (1 Corinthians 3:3 & 16; 12:13).

Expect individual transformation

Prayer is primarily designed to transform our lives and empower us as agents of transformation in the world. Paul described it this way: "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Expect personal encouragement

Our Lord is the "God of All Encouragement" (2 Corinthians 1:3). The early church faced many trials but continued to come to the Lord in prayer to receive divine enabling and encouragement in many situations (for example, Acts 4:23-31; 16:25-34). We can do the same.

Expect Spirit-empowered outreach

The Holy Spirit is a witness-bearing Spirit (see Acts 1:8). The story of Acts is the account of the Spirit of God filling His people as they sought the Lord and then empowering them with a burden and divine capability to share the Gospel locally, regionally, and beyond. In the same way, our lost and troubled world desperately needs His Spirit-empowered Gospel lived through us.

Expect growing trust

Nothing allows us to know the hearts of other believers like praying together. The love of the Spirit restores trust and health, even in broken situations (see Romans 5:1; 15:30; 1 Corinthians 13:7).

Expect the grace of humility

It has been said that the key to humility is a high view of God. Worship-based prayer cultivates a deep reverence and love for the Lord, according to His word. This diminishes pride and invites divine grace and wisdom. God blesses a humble people and grants them favor in their relationships (James 3:13-18; 4:16; 1 Peter 5:5).

Expect “glorious” church services

The New Testament reminds us that our goal in worship services is that participants (saved and unsaved) are compelled to declare, “God is truly among you!” (1 Corinthians 14:25). His “glory” (His honor and His manifest presence) is our aim (Ephesians 3: 21). United hearts, seeking His blessing, invite this kind of work.

Expect a spirit of thanksgiving

Paul noted that when believers pray together, it accelerates their recognition of His work through their prayers. This multiplies the expressions of thanksgiving to Him (2 Corinthians 1:11; 4:15). Nothing compares to the joy of a thankful church.

Expect joyful generosity

When the Spirit grips the hearts of people and invites them into His purposes, He also empowers a new level of giving. People drink deeply of the grace that empowers supernatural generosity by giving themselves first to the Lord. He naturally unleashes grace in their finances (see 2 Corinthians 8:5-8).

Expect spontaneous ministry mobilization

Like generosity, Spirit-empowered service flows from hearts that are calling on the Lord. When we seek Him, we are motivated to serve Him in the supernatural enabling of His spiritual gifting.

Expect God-ordained growth

Christ wants to build His church with a growth that is from God (Matthew 16:18; Colossians 2:19). When we declare our dependence on Him as the source of growth, He delights in advancing His work through us by His power.

Expect the potential of revival

Spiritual revival is a sovereign bestowal of the supernatural power of Christ upon His people. We do not manipulate it by our prayers, but when we pray, we are in a posture to catch the “wind” of revival when it blows. Even our extraordinary praying is often an indicator of the Lord’s prompting and His desire to prepare us for a special endowment of His power.

Expect eternal reward

When we stand before the Lord, He will not ask us about the “size” of our ministry but the “substance” (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). Ministry accomplished in the mere energy of human effort will be burned like wood, hay, and straw. Christ-reliant, Spirit-empowered, prayer-energized ministry will endure for His glory and our reward, like gold, silver, and precious stone.

May God give us conviction, perseverance, and great hope as we expect and experience His reward for a faithful, praying people.

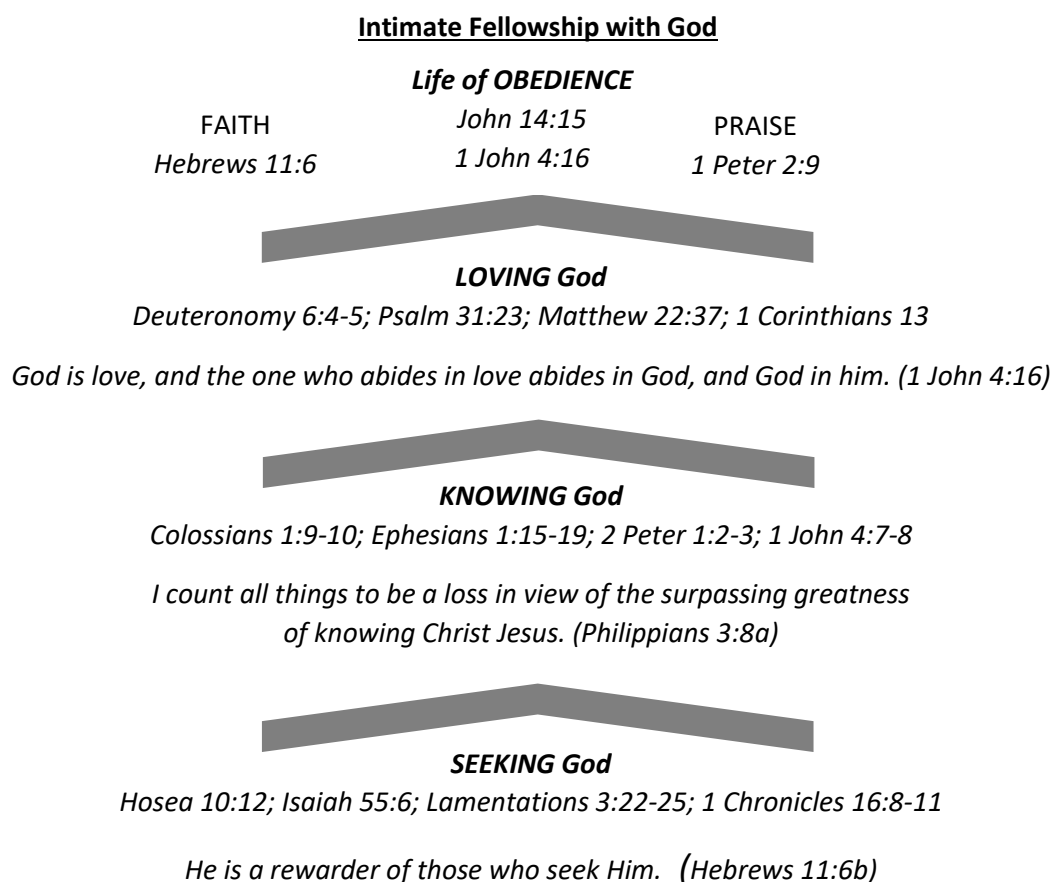
- **Which expectation(s) do you think are most helpful/important to remember?**

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Lesson 2: Intimate Fellowship with God

We cannot have intimate fellowship with one we do not love, and we cannot love one we do not know; therefore, we must press on to know God. The level of love for Him is directly related to our desire to seek Him. The word “love” is the pivotal word in the Bible. Whatever or whomever we love will motivate us. The greater our knowledge of God, the greater will be our love for Him, and likewise the greater our love for God, the greater the motivation.

Review the chart below, look up the verses, and discuss how you have experienced this ever-deepening desire to love and abide with God as you seek His face daily.



The Scriptures are clear that God desires his people to know and love Him. He is ready and responsive to restore His people, if they will seek His face (1 Chronicles 7:14; Hosea 5:15). God wants His children to know the blessing of seeking His face along with the intimacy and favor that comes with it: “Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face always!” (1 Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 105:4).

Here is the good news: The invitation to seek His face is offered to you, right now. The divine initiative of Psalm 27:8 says, “When you said, ‘Seek my face’, my heart said to You, ‘Your face, Lord, I will seek.’” He is saying to us, “Seek My face.” Now we must hear the call – and answer.

Observations from discussion of the chart explaining the process of developing intimate fellowship with God.

- How does having a desire to seek God’s face daily lead to “knowing” and “loving” God resulting in a desire to live a life of obedience in submission to the Lord?
- What does “seeking God’s face” look like in your life?
- How would you like to grow in greater intimacy with the Lord?

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Lesson 3: Problems with Prayer?

Why is there a need to teach the Church to Pray?

- Jesus **EXPECTS** his Church to pray.
 - Mark 11:17 "House of prayer for all nations"
 - Matthew 6:6 "when you pray"
 - Luke 24:49, Acts 1:14 "continuous prayer, with others"
- Jesus **MODELED** instruction on prayer.
 - Luke 11:1-4 "disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray"
 - Luke 9:18 "Jesus prayed alone with his disciples"
 - Luke 9:28 "mountain top prayer"
 - Luke 22:39 "habit to pray on the Mt of Olives"
- The Church **STRUGGLES** in prayer.
 - Research by Bruce Demarest: Average person spends 5 minutes a day in prayer; Pastors spend 7 minutes/day
 - Barna study: pastors pray less than 30 minutes/day
 - Prayer Connect Magazine: 5% of churches have a significant prayer ministry
- Prayer is essential to **SUPERNATURAL** impact.
 - What impact is the church making on our culture today?
 - Not the darkness of the world , but the lack of light.
- Prayer is the key to genuine **REVIVAL**.
 - "There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer." (Dr. A.T. Pierson)
 - Our problem is not the darkness in the world but the lack of light.
(Matt 5:14-16, Phil 2:14-16, 1 Peter 2:12, Eph 5:8-20)

Not praying much, Need for revival, No revival without united prayer → **Lord, teach us to pray!**

- Constant. passionate **PASTORAL** leadership is essential.
 - The prayer level of a church will never rise higher than its leaders.
 - Pastors, if we want to take the temperature of our church related to prayer, we should put the thermometer in our mouths.
 - Acts 6:4 (Devote yourself to prayer and the ministry of the Word)
 - Exodus 33:8-11 (Moses led by example)

"I would rather teach a man to pray than 10 men to preach." Charles Spurgeon

"The heart cannot taste what the eye has not seen." (Brazilian proverb)

What is Prayer?

If we are honest, prayer is somewhat mysterious. Most Christians say that they want to understand prayer and grow in this spiritual discipline. Often though, our prayers become nothing more than a “wish list” or a “list of needs”. We miss the relational connection with God.

Before refreshing and refocusing our prayer lives, it will be helpful to first develop a biblical understanding of ***what prayer is*** and ***what prayer is not***.

In small groups, discuss and write down your responses to the following questions.

- What is prayer?
- What prayer is not?
- How would you like to grow in your prayer life?
- How would you like to see your church grow in prayer?
- What questions do you have about prayer?

Prayer is ...

Prayer is communication with God

“Prayer is personal communication with God. What we call “prayer” includes prayers of requests for ourselves and for others (petition and intercession), confession of sin, adoration, praise and thanksgiving, and also God communicating to us indications of his response.” (Wayne Grudem)

Prayer is approaching God’s throne

“True prayer is an approach of the soul by the Spirit of God to the throne of God.” (Charles H. Spurgeon)

Prayer is directed to our heavenly Father

“All right-minded praying starts with a long look Godward and a deliberate lifting up of one’s heart to give thanks and adore, and it is just this that “Father” calls us to. Thanks for grace, and praise for God’s paternity, and joy in our Sonship and heirship should bulk large in Christian prayer, and if we never got beyond it, we should still be praying to good purpose. First things first!” (J.I. Packer)

Prayer is asking, seeking, petitioning

“Prayer is asking, seeking, petitioning God for help, rescue, grace, mercy, joy, hope or whatever you truly need. From God's perspective it is a loving father doing anything within his power to help his child/children. Since God is infinite, His capacity to help is infinite and therefore our opportunity to seek help is infinite. Prayer is the key that unlocks the infinite to finite man. Prayer is designed by God to allow finite man access to the infinite.” (Carl Green)

Prayer is an expression of our fellowship with God.

“This is the inner meaning of prayer. It is more than asking, it is communion, fellowship, cooperation, identification with God the Father and the Son by the Holy Spirit.” (Samuel Chadwick)

Prayer is dependence on God

“With respect to God, prayer is but a sensible acknowledgement of our dependence on him to his glory. As he hath made all things for his own glory, so he will be glorified and acknowledged by his creatures; and it is fit that he should require this of those who would be subjects of his mercy.” (Jonathan Edwards)

Prayer is to be fervent

“Heart, soul, and life, must find place in all real praying. Heaven must be made to feel the force of this crying unto God. Prayers must be red hot. It is the fervent prayer that is effective and powerful. Coldness of spirit hinders praying; prayer cannot live in a wintry atmosphere. Chilly surroundings freeze out petitioning; and dry up the springs of supplication. It takes fire to make prayers go.” (EM Bounds)

Prayer is thankful

“Thanksgiving must be an integral part of prayer. It should be inseparably related to our petitions and intercessions; otherwise, thanksgiving is illegitimate. The Scriptures tell us to come to God and make all of our requests known with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is an acknowledgment of God and his benefits.” (R.C. Sproul)

Guidelines for Effective Prayer

(From Prayer Changes Everything by Bennie Mostert, Carpe Diem publishers)

Pray with perseverance

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.
(Luke 18:1)*

Pray with confidence

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Pray in God's power as you resist the devil

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (Ephesians 6:10-13)

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

Pray specifically

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ... And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6, 19)

Pray in Jesus' Name

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:13-14)

Pray in faith

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:22-24)

Pray in the Spirit

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.
(Romans 8:26-27)*

*But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit ...
(Jude 20)*

Pray according to God's promises

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so, through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Pray according to God's will

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15)

Pray with expectation

'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'
(Jeremiah 33:3)

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. (Psalm 5:3)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Pray with praise and thanking

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalm 100:4)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and^[a] knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)

Pray out of an abiding, obedient life

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. (1 John 3:21-22)

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)

Pray fervently and earnestly

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

Pray from your position of authority in Christ

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus ... (Ephesians 2:6)

Wait upon the Lord so that He can answer you

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Obstacles to Effective Prayer

(From Prayer Changes Everything by Bennie Mostert, Carpe Diem publishers)

Sometimes we feel as if our prayers just bounce off the ceiling and are not breaking through. There can be many reasons for this. Listed below are only a few of them. Ask the Lord to show you other things that may also hinder your prayer life.

Conscious unconfessed sin

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; (Psalm 66:18)

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. (Isaiah 59:1-2)

Idolatry – occult involvement

“Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all? (Ezekiel 14:3)

Stinginess and covetousness

Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered. (Proverbs 21:13)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

Unbelief and doubt

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. (James 1:6-8)

Unforgiveness and bitterness

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:14-15)

A wrong attitude toward your spouse

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (1 Peter 3:7)

Pride

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” (James 4:6)

Selfish motives

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (James 4:3)

Ingratitude

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Love for the world

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father^[a] is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

Trying to impress others

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.” (Matthew 6:5)

Disobedience to God

When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:15-17)

Not abiding in Christ

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)

"The leaders of the early Church knew that the ministry was received, not achieved. Their understanding was not that they should reach the world for Christ, but that Christ was ready to reach the world through them. The former depends largely on human effort, talent, strategy and programming. The other is experienced by the power of the living Christ and the Holy Spirit who lives and works supernaturally in accordance with the Scriptures. It is promoted for the sole glory of God, advancing the Gospel. Prayer was not an escape from the thorny situations of the ministry. Prayer was a commitment with the one who alone had the wisdom, direction, power and unifying grace to enable the apostles to approach these concerns as opportunities—opportunities for the glory of Christ, as they demonstrated his strength through their human weakness.

(Daniel Henderson | Old Paths, New Power)

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Lesson 4: A Life of Great Influence in Prayer

Conviction, Commitment, Captivation, Concern and Conclusion

Prayerlessness is my declaration of independence from God.

Prayer = Dependence on God

An uncompromising **CONVICTION** about the priority of prayer.

- In the life of Christ
 - 40 days of prayer and fasting to launch His public ministry
 - Prayer at His baptism
 - Habitually rose early to pray (Mark 1:35)
 - Slipped away to remote places to pray (Mark 6:46, Luke 5:16)
 - Prayer all night before a major decision (Luke 6:12)
 - Modeled prayer for His disciples (Luke 9:18, 28-29, Luke 11:1)
 - The Garden was His go-to place (Luke 22:39-40)

Jesus was the only person who didn't need to pray but did, to help those who do need to pray but don't, learn how to do it.

- In the life of the early Church
 - *The Church was birthed in prayer, nurtured in prayer, preserved by prayer and directed by extraordinary seasons of prayer.*
 - *New Testament prayer passages:*
Acts 1:13-14, 24, Acts 2:42, Acts 3:1, Acts 4:24-31, Acts 6:4, Acts 9:11, 40, Acts 10:9, Acts 12:5, 12, Acts 13:1-3, Acts 14:23, Acts 16:16, 25, Colossians 4:12, James 5:13-18
- In the life of the Apostle Paul
 - *Paul was on his knees from conversion to execution.*
 - *Acts 14-23, Acts 16:25, Acts 20:36, Acts 21:5: Romans 1:9, Romans 15:30-33; Ephesians 6:18-20; Philippians 1-4; Colossians 1-3, 4:2-6; 1 Thessalonians 3:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; 2 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 4*
 - *Prayer is not a preface or an addendum to the work of the ministry.*
Prayer IS THE WORK of ministry.

An extraordinary **COMMITMENT** towards the ministry of Corporate Prayer.

- God has called us to pray together.
- Prayer ministry can be discouraging and difficult due to the supernatural nature of it.
- Develop a vision to die on your knees!
- There is no greater commitment that to lead your people into the presence of our Savior in prayer.



A lasting **CAPTIVATION** with the worthiness of God.

- The Lord has invited us to seek His face (Psalm 27:4-8)
- Exodus 33:8-11 – Moses in the presence of the Lord
- Romans 15:30 - Paul's motivation for prayer
- Revelation 4 :11
- Wrong motives: guilt, seeking approval from others, church growth
- What are your true motives in prayer (James 4:1-3)
- The only enduring motivation for prayer is that **God is WORTHY to be SOUGHT.**

A constant **CONCERN** for the glory of God in the Church.

- “The glory of the Father must be the aim and end, the very soul and life of our prayer.” (Andrew Murray)
- John 11:4, John 13:31-32, John 17:1-5
- Result of God's salvation plan: Philippians 2:10-11
- Focus on glory: Galatians 1:3-5; Ephesians 1:6, 11-14, 3:20-21; Philippians 1:9-11, 2:10-11, 4:20; 1 Corinthians 6:20, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12, 2:13-14; 1 Peter 5:10-11; Jude 24-25; Revelation 4,5,19

A firm **CONCLUSION** on the supernatural nature of the Church.

- Matthew 16:18 (I will build my church)
- Acts 4:13 (They took note that they had been with Jesus)
- Acts 4:31 (Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit)
- 2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:1-2, 6-7 (Transformed from glory to glory, treasure in jars of clay)
- Sailboat versus a motorboat



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Lesson 5: Jesus said, "Pray this way and not that way".

Read Matthew 6:5-13.



- Who are the three groups that Jesus is addressing in this passage related to prayer?



- How would you describe each of the three prayer approaches that Jesus highlights?
- Because Jesus said to "go into your room to pray in secret", is it appropriate to pray with others?



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Windsor Castle*

- Why do you think Jesus gave us this model or format for praying?
- What questions do you have about prayer?

“God is worthy, and we are needy!”

When Jesus said, “Pray like this”, it was not just a suggestion or one of many options. It was a command for our good and His glory as we pray. We are not permitted to freelance with traditional alternative approaches or override this model with our own clever “improvements.” The prayer pattern described on the following pages is based on a very basic premise. The first half of Jesus’ model prayer is entirely Godward (or upward). The second half is manward (or downward).

This can be summarized by the phrase: **“He is worthy. We are needy.”** Even when there is only a short amount of time to pray, starting with a passage of Scripture then engaging in a pure articulation of worship captures the participants with His worthiness. Then, moving to a time of trusting Him with our needs is natural. Our requests are informed and inspired by our worship.

⁹ *“This, then, is how you should pray:*

(A. God is worthy)

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

(B. We are needy)

¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.¹³ And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.’ (Matthew 6:9-13)

In reviewing Jesus’ teaching on prayer from Matthew 6:5-13, I think we realize that our own traditions and bad theology can also land us in a rut of prayer that just does not work. As we prepare to clearly understand and apply a pattern that can enliven our prayer life and give us a biblical, balanced approach to prayer, let’s review once again the list of “pray this way, not that way” principles:

- Pray to seek God’s face, NOT just His hand.
- Pray with your heart fixed on God’s glory, NOT just your personal satisfaction.
- Pray from the treasury of God’s Word, NOT from a list of your own ideas.
- Pray according to the Spirit’s instruction, NOT only from human reason.
- Pray with a heart completely surrendered to His will, NOT with a hurried personal agenda.
- Pray in anticipation of living triumphantly in the war zone, NOT in satisfaction with your comfort zone.
- Pray that God would change you, NOT simply change things.

In which ways listed above do you most need to transform your prayer life?

Are we seeking God's
FACE
and not just His
HAND?

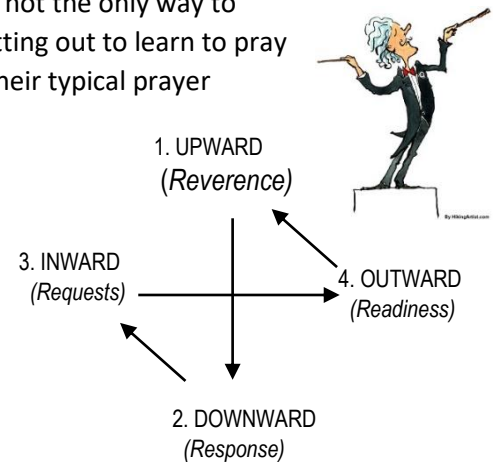


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Lesson 6: What is Worship-based prayer?

One challenge that many believers face today is a total lack of discipleship or training in prayer, especially with leading others in prayer. While there are several helpful models and approaches, many have found the concept of Worship-Based Prayer to be a very powerful and practical approach to implementing prayer into their churches, small groups, and even their own lives. It is certainly not the only way to pray, but we have found it to be especially helpful for groups just setting out to learn to pray corporately, or for congregations that may have grown stagnant in their typical prayer routines. This is largely because:

1. It is Scriptural. It is based on the "Lord's Prayer" or the model prayer in Matthew 6.
2. It draws people's focus toward God, as opposed to their own needs or requests.
3. It provides a model to experience life giving prayer that can be applied to nearly any passage of Scripture.



The 4/4 Pattern of Prayer

Worship-based prayer is built on a "4/4" Pattern, like a musical conductor would use, which is taken directly from the Biblical text we often refer to as "The Lord's Prayer" in Matthew 6.

Upward: Reverence

In the prayer pattern Jesus gave His disciples, He instructs us to begin with a focus of worship ("*Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name . . .*").

We call this upward focus the "Reverence" stroke. This is the principle of "worship-based" rather than need-based prayer. It begins with the character of God as we take time to focus our entire being on the wonders of who God is. Ultimately, prayer is my response to the character of God, which leads to praise and thanksgiving. As I get to know the God Who is, I will naturally respond to Him. This response is called prayer.

"...Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed by Your name." Matthew 6:9

Helpful Prayer Focuses:

- Praising God for His attributes/character: praise is my response to the person, presence, position, power, greatness, majesty, and the love of God. Praise is glorifying God for Who He is and what he is affects you. It is the most appropriate way to enter into His presence. Since its source is God Himself, praise centers on the excellencies, perfections, and glories of His nature, His character, and His role in human affairs.

"Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable." (Psalm 145:3)

"Yet Thou art holy, O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises of Israel." (Psalm 22:3)

- Thanksgiving is my response to the goodness, the graciousness of God. Thanksgiving is thanking God for what He has done and for what He is going to do. Since its source is the actions of God, thanksgiving declares positively both that He is the Giver of every good and perfect gift and that to the believer every gift is good, perfect and acceptable.

"What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" "To Thee I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving..." (Psalm 116:12,17a)

"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name...for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

- Not asking for anything, just worshipping God!

Begin with a Psalm or another portion of Scripture, as you read, ask yourself: What does this passage reveal about God and His character? Invite the Holy Spirit to give you understanding of what the text tells you about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Discover truths about God's nature, names and person in the text you are reading. Begin your prayer time seeking His face in worship in your own words.

- I praise you because you are
- I have seen your power in
- Thank you for showing me your grace when ...

Prayer Tools in Appendix

- Pray 5 Psalms a Day (Appendix I)
- Praying God's Names and Attributes (Appendix II, III)
- Who I Am in Christ (Appendix IV)

Downward: Response/Surrender

Jesus taught a second element of biblical prayer when He said, "***Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven . . .***" This speaks of our response to God's character in prayer as we consider His will, from His Word and for the sake of His purposes on earth. This also involves yielding to the control of the Holy Spirit as I respond to His invitations to a fruitful and obedient life. Introspection and surrender mark this time of response. It is a season of pledged obedience to the will and Word of God, desiring the accomplishment of His will in our lives.

The will of God is not only the highest good, the greatest achievement and the best any person could hope for in this life, it is also the command of God. Therefore, because God is God, and God is our loving Heavenly Father, prayer becomes that time when I seek Him, not to bring Him to my viewpoint, but to bring myself to His, by the discovery of His will and way.

Helpful Prayer Focuses:

- Worshipful response to who God is.
- Acknowledge and Surrender to God's Will.
- Listening, allowing God's Spirit to speak; then obeying.

Inward: Requests

Now that we have rightly worshipped the One True God--- and we have wholly surrendered to His will for our lives --- We can now boldly bring our requests before Him, knowing that we are asking "in His name" and for His glory.

"Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."
Matthew 6:11-12

This involves a period of heartfelt requests with the themes of resources and relationships.

Of course, Jesus had just said our Father knows our needs before we ask (Matthew 6:8). This is not a time of informing God of our needs as much as it is a conscious trust in God as the perfect definer and provider of our needs. It involves prayer about personal requests and the concerns of others. This focus also includes corporate concerns, such as congregational challenges or broader issues in the body of Christ. In all this, we recognize that, "...God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

Helpful Prayer Focuses:

- Offering requests in accordance with God's will
- Passionate petitions of personal needs

Prayer Tools in Appendix

- Prayers of the New Testament (Appendix VI)
- Praying God's purposes for His church (Appendix V)
- Praying for the Lost (Appendix VII)
- Praying for Revival (Appendix VIII)
- Who I am in Christ (Appendix IV)

Outward: Readiness

“And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:13 NIV

This outward stroke reminds us of the spiritual battle before us, and more importantly, reassures us of the spiritual resources within us, the Holy Spirit. When we pray, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we recognize our own inability to overcome the temptations and attacks of daily life. We entrust our welfare for the warfare to the delivering force of our Divine Enabler, through the power of His presence and promises. We pledge ourselves to walk in obedience and victory as the fruit of our praying. Look for promises to guard you against temptations, toils and snares that await you beyond the door of your prayer room. This is a great way to integrate Scripture memory into your prayer time as you become battle ready.

Ephesians 6:10-20 provides us with a clear understanding of our enemy and the mighty power of God available to us for this spiritual battle. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world, but instead, our weapons have divine power for demolishing strongholds that are set up in direct opposition to God (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

Paul challenges us to “fight a good fight” as he himself did (I Timothy 6:12), to be a “soldier of Christ that pleases the One who enlisted us as soldiers.” (II Timothy 2:4), to put on the “full armor of God” (Ephesians 6:11, 13).

Christians will not be able to prevail unless we know who our adversary is: “For our fight is not against any physical enemy: it is against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil.” We need to know our enemy's strategies and methods:

“Be careful – watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart.” (I Peter 5:8)

“...able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan.” (Ephesians 6:11)

Telling what we have experienced in the grace of God is a powerful weapon for the glory of God. Speak up – tell what God has done for you. Say aloud, “God has done this in the past, and He will do it again.” Confess the mighty works of God, the past victories you have received, and what you expect Him to do.

Let us always remember that we reign in life through Jesus. All authority has been given to Christ; and we share the authority with Him because He has given it to us.

Helpful Prayer Focuses:

- Putting on the "Full Armor of God".
- Claiming God's Promises for the battle.
- Knowing He will answer.
- Focusing on His glory above all else.

Prayer Tools in Appendix

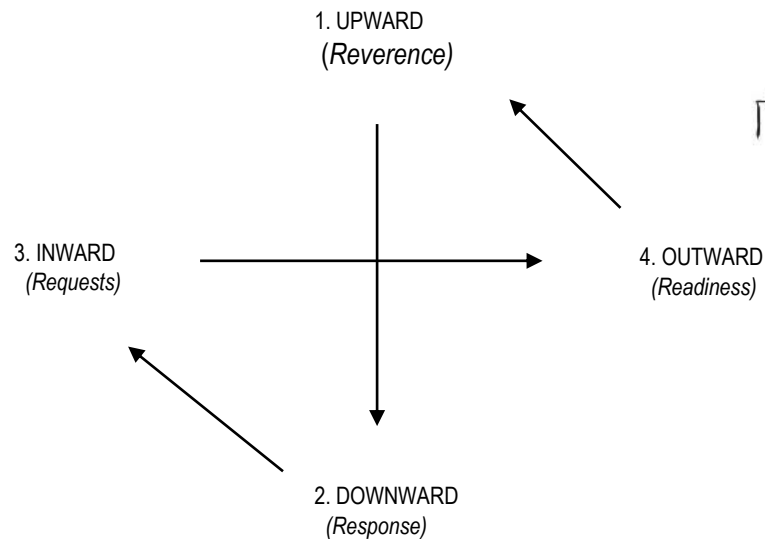
- Praying the Promises of God (Appendix IX)

Upward: Reverence

"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen."

End where you began, with your eyes on Him in adoration and praise, focused on His Lordship, power and glory.

Explain the 4x4 prayer model based on Matthew 6:9-13 with a partner:



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Lesson 7: Let's give it a try!

Psalm 46

Don't pray just to be heard; no sermons.

Listen and build upon what others are praying.

Follow the Spirit's leading.

Read Scripture, sing a chorus, allow for silence, not too long.

Reverence: Who is God?

Read and prayerfully extract truths about God: Refuge and strength (v1); All-present (v1); Helper in trouble (v1); Holy (v4); Most High (v4); Powerful voice (v6); Lord of Hosts (vv 7,11); With us (vv 7,11); Refuge (vv7,11); Judges the earth (v8); Brings peace (v9); defeats His enemies (v9); Exalted (v10)

Prayer prompts:

- I praise you Lord that you have been my refuge when _____
- I praise you that you gave me strength when _____
- I praise you that you have been (or are) present when _____

Response: How should I respond?

- Lord, I confess and surrender my fears (v2) about _____
- Lord, I welcome your very present help (v5) in _____
- Lord, I submit my thoughts and plans about _____ to the power and authority of your voice (v6)

Requests: What should I pray about?

Resources:

- I ask for your strength (v1) in order to _____
- I pray for your gladness and joy (v4) in the midst of _____

Relationships:

- I pray for your presence and help (v1) in _____ (relationship)
- Because you make wars cease (v9), I ask you to work in _____ to bring peace and reconciliation.

Readiness: Where do I go from here?

- I trust in your presence and protection (vv7, 11) today as I _____
- I will trust you to overcome my struggle with _____

Reverence: Who is God?

- You are exalted (v10) among _____

Praying Through Ephesians

Reverence (Upward)

- Eph 1:3-14 Praise for the work of our Father, Son and Spirit
- Eph 1:20-23 We praise You Jesus as the head of Your church
- Eph 2:1-10 Thank You, Lord that You made us alive in Christ

Response (Downward)

- Eph 1:19 Rely on the Spirit's power
- Eph 2:19-22 Live like citizens of heaven and members of God's household
- Eph 3:10-13 The church is called to make known the mystery of the gospel
- Eph 4:11-16 Every member of the church is a minister
- Eph 4:17– 5:2 Put off the old self, be made new, put on the new self
- Eph 5:15-20 Be filled with the Spirit

Requests (Inward)

- Eph 1:17-19 Filled with wisdom, understanding, know Christ better
- Eph 3:14-19 Captivated by God's love and grace
- Eph 4:1-6 Unity within the body
- Eph 4:11-16 Every member is a minister
- Eph 4:25-32 Live and love more like Jesus
- Eph 5:21-6:9 Transformed relationships
- Eph 6:19-20 Fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel

Readiness (Outward)

- Eph 5:3-14 Walk in purity, walk in the light
- Eph 6:10-18 Stand strong in His mighty power, clothed in Jesus

Reverence (Upward)

- Eph 3:20-21 All glory goes to God—He is able!
- Eph 6:23-24 Peace, love and grace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus

The Fruit of Worship-based Prayer

God is glorified! — One of the great results of transforming prayer is that people recognize God at work because they have joined Him in that work through their prayers. Their hearts are sensitized to His presence, His power, and His purposes. Their lips are free to recognize Him as the source of all good things. Their souls are eager to cry out, “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory!” (Psalm 115:1).

For people who fail to pray, everything is a coincidence that has little recognition of God at work. For those who pray, everything is a co-incident, as they have joined the Lord in His work through the privilege of prayer. The principle is simple. When we pray, God gets the thanks and the credit for what happens.

We are sanctified! — *Sanctified*. Did you notice that word in the morning paper today? Of course not. It is not a word in common use, but it packs a powerful meaning. It means to be “set apart” to God. It means God is working in me, around me, and through me to make me holy, more like Jesus. The great fruit of transforming prayer is that praying Christians, while not perfect, are growing every day to the point that they act, think, speak, and serve like Jesus.

The church is edified! — When transformation occurs within hearts, ignited by the truth and presence of Christ, everything else begins to change for the sake of the health of the church and the fulfillment of the mission. Jude 20 says, “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. . . .” The Amplified version elaborates, “But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit.” To say that the church is “edified” means that the lives, marriages, families, and ministries of the church are built up, made strong and healthy — through biblical prayer, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The world is mystified! — Over the years, we have heard significant debate about the best way to reach the unchurched and what influences the hearts of unbelievers who attend our church services. First Corinthians 14:25 is the only verse in the New Testament that speaks specifically to the experience of an unbeliever coming into a church service. In essence, when the Spirit is working among God’s people and the truth is honored in their midst, it says that the unbeliever sees this in the lives of believers and “the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.” I believe this is a clear description of the glory (manifest presence) of Christ among His people.

The early disciples, who “filled Jerusalem” with their doctrine and “turned the world upside down” (Acts 5:28; 17:6), truly mystified the religious people of the day. When the Jewish leaders interrogated Peter and John, it was said, “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

The world is not transformed by relevant Christians, strategic Christians, visionary Christians, leadership-savvy Christians, wealthy Christians, attractive Christians, educated Christians, active Christians, or articulate Christians. These are all interesting qualities and might be helpful on occasion — especially in building big religious organizations and selling books. Ultimately, the world is transformed by sanctified Christians through whom the life of Jesus becomes a mystifying manifestation.

The enemy is notified! — Satan is not omniscient. He is supernatural and powerful, and supported by myriads of demonic forces, but he cannot read our thoughts. The best he can do is observe our behavior, eavesdrop on our conversations, and implement a strategy to send his fiery darts against our minds — based on his understanding of our vulnerabilities and habits.

When we are in the habit of experiencing transformation as we seek God's face, the enemy's efforts to defeat, discourage, distract, or destroy us are met with the reality of our Christ-ward focus and the victory that comes from intimacy with Jesus. To Satan's dismay, he sees us praying, trusting God, and becoming more like our Lord as we do so. He is notified that we are engaged in a pursuit of the promises of transformation and impact for the Savior.

God's Word makes it clear.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray continually

Both are commands ... This means too little time, too many responsibilities, too many kids, too much work, too little desire, too little experience, etc., do not exempt us from the expectation to pray. God expects every Christian to be devoted to prayer and to pray without ceasing.

Other references: Psalm 32:6, Isaiah 55:6, Jeremiah 33:2-3, Matthew 7:7, Luke 18:1, John 16:24, Romans 12:12, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6, 1Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:13,16

Prayer is not just commanded but it is a royal invitation.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions (James 4:3). To ask "rightly" involves transformed passions. In prayer, real prayer, we begin to think God's thoughts after Him: to desire the things He desires, to love the things He loves, to will the things He wills. Progressively we are taught to see things from His point of view.

References about God's will and prayer: Matthew 26:36-42, John 14:13-14, John 16:23, 1 John 5:14-15

This quote by Oswald Chambers summarizes much of what we have been discussing throughout this course. May we remain focused on seeking God's face and not just His hand.

"At the beginning of the Christian life we are full of requests to God. But then we learn that God wants us to get into relationship with Himself, to get us in touch with His purposes."

Now it came to pass, as He (Jesus) was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. (Luke 11:1)

May this be our continual request and prayer, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Let us close in worship as we *consider the privileges, explore the possibilities, and imagine the provision* available to us because of God's gift of prayer. (From *Transforming Prayer* by Daniel Henderson, Appendix 1, pages 207-210)

Prayer has its privileges

Consider the privileges available to us in prayer:

- In prayer, we experience the most intimate and powerful spiritual exercise known to humanity (Psalm 131; Romans 8:14; Galatians 4:6).
- In prayer, we talk freely about our secret struggles, frustrated feelings, and our hidden motives with words that are raw and unfiltered, yet understood by an all-knowing, all-powerful God (Psalm 62:8; Hebrews 4:16).
- In prayer, we find protection when we are vulnerable and experience security when we are unsure (Psalm 34:4; 56:3; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11).
- In prayer, we accept our weakness, surrender our rights, and ask for help from the only One who can create permanent change (2 Chronicles 20:12; Psalm 40:17; Luke 22:42; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10).
- In prayer, we abide through intimate connection to the life-giving power of the risen Christ (John 15:4-5; Ephesians 3:16-19; Colossians 1:9-10).
- In prayer, we trade in our anxieties for the peace that passes all understanding (Psalm 29:11; Philippians 4:6-7).
- In prayer, we receive wisdom for the perplexities and doubts we face (2 Chronicles 1:10; Proverbs 2:3-6; James 1:5).
- In prayer, we cast our burdens on the One who has the power to work all things out for our good and His glory (Psalm 55:22; Romans 8:26-28; 1 Peter 5:7).
- In prayer, desperate and lost people receive mercy and grace that saves and transforms (Luke 18:13; Romans 10:13).
- In prayer, faith grows and God's people arise to call on Him boldly for miraculous exploits from His hand (Jeremiah 33:3; Mark 9:23-24; 11:23-24; Acts 12:5-8).
- In prayer, we receive grace to become like Christ, even when the problems persist and the burdens remain (2 Corinthians 3:18; 12:9-10).
- In prayer, we find the power and perseverance to defeat Satan and overcome his schemes (Luke 22:32; Ephesians 6:18; James 4:7).
- In prayer, we discover the beauty and power of intimacy and satisfaction in God (Psalm 27:4, 8; 73:25-26).

Explore the Possibilities

Consider the possibilities available through prayer:

- Through prayer, believers discover a level of trust and unity of heart that is truly supernatural, given our many differences in perspective and personality (Acts 1:14; 13:1-2).
- Through prayer, families receive grace, health, and persevering love to sacrifice and stay together (Psalm 127; Acts 16:31-34).
- Through prayer, God prompts, prepares, and propels Christians to become actively engaged in His evangelistic mission in this world (Matthew 9:28; Acts 4:31; 13:1-3).
- Through prayer, leaders receive supernatural insight into the truth of God's Word and wisdom for shepherding His people (Acts 6:2-4; 13:1-2).
- Through prayer, major revivals have been birthed, leading to dramatic and lasting transformation of lives, churches, communities, and nations (Acts 6:7).

- Through prayer, we receive boldness, wisdom, and opportunities to share the truth of the gospel (Ephesians 6:18-20; Colossians 4:3-4).
- Through prayer, God works powerfully to bring glory to Himself, not through human efforts but through humble dependence (2 Chronicles 20:18-23; John 17; 2 Corinthians 1:10-11).

Provision in Abundance

Consider the provision God has made for us to pray:

- For prayer, Christ went to the cross, offering His life and blood, demonstrating the price that was paid for the privilege of prayer (Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 10:12-14).
- For prayer, the Temple veil was miraculously torn in two to demonstrate the availability of the presence and power of God through the finished work of Christ (Matthew 27:50-51; Hebrews 6:19-20; 10:19-22).
- For prayer, sinful hearts are cleansed and become permanent temples of the Holy Spirit, who teaches and guides us into deeper intimacy and greater power (Romans 8:15-17; 26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:9-12).
- For prayer, Jesus now lives, making perpetual intercession for us before the Father, as our sympathetic High Priest, that our prayers might be heard and answered (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2).
- For prayer, the very Holy of Holies is now open 24/7 with a welcome sign that says to every true believer, "Enter boldly!" (Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:19-22).

As you meditate on these privileges, possibilities, and provisions related to prayer, I pray that you have been refreshed through this course with a sound, biblical theology of prayer. But more importantly, your sense of worship and intimate relationship with God has been strengthened as a result of seeking Him, knowing Him, and loving Him. May this result in a life of abiding and obeying for His glory.

Thank you for your commitment to work through this course on *Worship-based Prayer: Everything Changes When We Seek God's Face*.

Appendix I: 5 Psalms

Pray Five Psalms a Day

Day	Psalms				
1	1	31	61	91	121
2	2	32	62	92	122
3	3	33	63	93	123
4	4	34	64	94	124
5	5	35	65	95	125
6	6	36	66	96	126
7	7	37	67	97	127
8	8	38	68	98	128
9	9	39	69	99	129
10	10	40	70	100	130
11	11	41	71	101	131
12	12	42	72	102	132
13	13	43	73	103	133
14	14	44	74	104	134
15	15	45	75	105	135
16	16	46	76	106	136
17	17	47	77	107	137
18	18	48	78	108	138
19	19	49	79	109	139
20	20	50	80	110	140
21	21	51	81	111	141
22	22	52	82	112	142
23	23	53	83	113	143
24	24	54	84	114	144
25	25	55	85	115	145
26	26	56	86	116	146
27	27	57	87	117	147
28	28	58	88	118	148
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Appendix II: Names of God

There are hundreds of names, titles, and descriptions of God in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. These are a small sample of names. May these bring depth and joy to your praying. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He said we should begin “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.” We should begin with our focus on God rather than on the people or concerns we are praying for.

“Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.” Psalm 9:10

Elohim: The Creator

Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Deuteronomy 10:17; Isaiah 43:7; Col 1:16

Adonai – Lord and Master

Genesis 15:2; Psalms 123:2, 145:14-15; Matthew 10:34-40; Luke 14:25-27; John 13:13-16; Romans 10:8-10

El Elyon – The God Most High, Sovereign Ruler

Genesis 14:19-20; 1 Samuel 2:6-10; Isaiah 14:24, 27, 46:9-11

El Roi – The God who sees

Genesis 16:13; Psalms 9:1, 139:7-12; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

El Shaddai – The All-Sufficient One, Our Sufficiency, Our Sustainer

Genesis 17:1-8; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Jehovah – I Am Who I Am, The Self-Existent, Ever-Revealing One

Genesis 2:4; Exodus 3:13-15; 34:5-7; Hebrews 13:8; Revelation 1:8, 22:13

Jehovah-Jireh – The LORD Will Provide

Genesis 22:8, 22:14; Isaiah 31:1; Matthew 6:11; John 5:21; Romans 8:32, 10:13; Philippians 4:19; Hebrews 9:27-28

Jehovah-M’Kaddesh – The LORD Sanctifies You

Exodus 19:2-6, 31:13; Leviticus 20:26; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 10:10-14, 12:14

Jehovah-Nissi – The LORD our Banner

Exodus 14:13, 17:15-16; Deuteronomy 20:3-4; Hebrews 7:25

Jehovah-Qanna – The LORD Who is Jealous

Exodus 20:1-6, 34:12-17

Jehovah-Raah – The LORD my Shepherd

Psalms 23:1-6, 100:3; Isaiah 53:6; Ezekiel 34:11; John 10:1-17, 10:27, 21:17

Jehovah-Rophe – The LORD Who Heals

Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Kings 20:1-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 19:22, 53:5; Luke 4:18; 1 Peter 2:24-25

Jehovah-Sabaoth - The LORD of Hosts

1 Samuel 1:1-3, 17:42-47; Jeremiah 20:11-13; Malachi 1:10-11, 1:14

Jehovah-Shalom – The LORD is Peace

Leviticus 26:2-6; Isaiah 26:3; Jeremiah 29:11; Psalms 119:165; Romans 5:1-2, 15:33; Philippians 4:4-7

Jehovah-Shammah – The LORD is There

Exodus 13:20-22, 23:20-22, 33:12-15; Joshua 1:5; John 14:2-3

Jehovah-Tsidkenu – The LORD our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:6; Matthew 5:20; Romans 3:21-22, 6:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Light of the World (John 8:12)

Bread of Life (John 6:35)

The Gate (John 10:7,9)

The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

The Way, the Truth, the Life (John 14:6)

The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25-26)

The True Vine (John 15:1, 5)

The Alpha and Omega (Revelation 22:13)

Bright Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)

Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)

Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)

Son of God (1 John 4:15)

Son of Man (Matthew 20:28)

Savior (1 John 4:14)

Redeemer (Galatians 3:13-14)

Lord of the Harvest (Luke 10:2)

King eternal, immortal, invisible (1 Timothy 1:17)

Appendix III: Attributes of God

Just as God in the Bible introduces Himself by His meaningful names, He also is described in terms of His nature and character. While His attributes are familiar to us, and we are comfortable when we speak of His holiness, His righteousness, and His unfailing love, the reality of His nature is impressive, and we stand in awe as we consider it.

We do well to understand and meditate upon the character of God. What is He like? In what ways is He like us, and in what ways infinitely different? Even more to the point, in what ways are we like Him? And it is our desire and deep ambition to grow more and more into a life that is truly “in His image” as He originally intended.

We draw near to Him and get to know Him better as we allow the Scriptures to guide our prayers – and learn to use the Word as the content of our praying. Focusing on God’s nature and character will guide our times of praise and adoration of Him.

Eternal: God has no beginning, and He has no end. He is not confined to the finiteness of time or of man’s reckoning of time. He is, in fact, the cause of time.
(Deuteronomy 32:40; Isaiah 57:15; Revelation 1:8)

Faithful: God is always true to His promises. He can never draw back from His promises of blessing or of judgment. Since He cannot lie, He is totally steadfast to what he has spoken.
(Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalms 146:6; 2 Timothy 2:13)

Good: This attribute of God causes Him to give to others in a way which has no motive and is not limited by what the recipients deserve.
(2 Chronicles 5:13; Psalms 106:1; Nahum 1:7)

Gracious: Our God is a forgiving God. His goodness and compassion cause Him to not treat us as our sins deserve; but instead to provide the way for our salvation.
(Nehemiah 9:31; Isaiah 30:18; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 1:6)

Holy: God is a morally excellent, perfect being. His is purity of being in every aspect.
(Leviticus 19:2; Isaiah 47:4, 57:15; 1 Peter 1:15)

Immutable: God is always the same in His nature, His character, and His will. He never changes and He can never be made to change.
(Numbers 23:19; Psalms 102:25-27; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8)

Impartial: The Lord of the universe does not show favoritism nor partiality. He does not treat any one of us as our sins deserve, but freely offers His grace to all.
(Deuteronomy 10:17; Job 34:19; Romans 10:12; 1 Peter 1:17)

Incomprehensible: Because God is God, He is beyond the understanding of man. His ways, character, and acts are higher than ours. We only understand as He chooses to reveal.
(Job 11:7; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33)

Infinite: The realm of God has no limits or bounds whatsoever.
(1 Kings 11:7; Psalms 145:3)

Jealous: God is unwilling to share His glory with any other creature or give up His redeemed people. His holiness does not tolerate competitors or those who sin against Him. (Exodus 20:5, 34:14; Joshua 24:19)

Just: In all His actions, God acts with fairness. Whether he deals with man, angels, or demons, He acts in total equity by rewarding righteousness and punishing sin. Since He knows all, every decree is absolutely just. (Numbers 14:18; Psalms 89:14; Romans 3:25-26)

Long-Suffering: God's righteous anger is slow to be kindled against those who fail to listen to His warnings or to obey His instructions. The eternal longing for the highest good for His creatures holds back His holy justice. (Exodus 34:6-7; Psalms 78:38; 2 Peter 3:9)

Loving: The attribute of God which causes Him to give Himself for another, even to the laying down of His own life. This attribute causes Him to desire the others highest good without any thought for Himself. This love is not based upon worth, response, or merit of the object being loved. (1 Chronicles 16:34; Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:7-11)

Merciful: God is an actively compassionate being. In His actions, He responds in a compassionate way toward those who have opposed His will in their pursuit of their own way. (Deuteronomy 4:31; Psalms 62:12; Micah 7:18; Romans 9:14-16)

Omnipotent: God possesses all power. He is able to bring into being anything that He has decided to do, with or without the use of any means. (Genesis 18:14; Job 42:2; Jeremiah 32:27; Ephesians 3:20-21)

Omnipresent: God is present everywhere, in all the universe, at all times, in the totality of His character. (Psalms 139:7-10; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Hebrews 4:13)

Omniscient: God knows all. He has perfect knowledge of everything that is past, present and future. (Job 37:16; Psalms 139:1-6; Proverbs 5:21; Romans 11:33)

Righteous: God is always good. It is essential to His character. He always does the right thing. Ultimately, since He is God, whatever He does is right. He is the absolute. His actions are always consistent with His character, which is love. (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalms 119:142; Hosea 14:9; Matthew 5:48)

Self-Existent: There is nothing upon which God depends for His existence except Himself. The whole basis of His existence is within Himself. There was a time when there was nothing but God Himself. He added nothing to Himself by creation. (Exodus 3:14; John 5:26)

Self-Sufficient: Within Himself, God is able to act – to bring about His will without any assistance. Although He may choose to use assistance it is His choice, not His need. (Psalms 50:7-12; Isaiah 40:14; Acts 17:24-25)

Sovereign: God is totally, supremely, and preeminently over all His creation. There is not a person or thing that is not under His control and foreknown plan. (Job 9:12; Psalms 99:1; Daniel 4:35; Acts 4:24-28)

Transcendent: God is above His creation, and He would exist if there were no creation. His existence is totally apart from His creatures or creation. (Isaiah 43:10, 55:8-9)

Truthful: All that God says is reality. Whether believed by man or not, whether seen as reality or not; if it is spoken by God, it is reality. Whatever He speaks becomes truth as we know it.
(1 Samuel 15:29; Psalms 31:5; Titus 1:2; John 5:20)

Wise: God's actions are based on His character which allows Him to choose righteous ends and to make fitting plans to achieve those ends. (Job 12:13; Isaiah 40:28; Daniel 2:20; James 3:17)

Wrathful: There is within God a hatred for all that is unrighteous and unquenchable desire to punish all unrighteousness. Whatever is inconsistent with Him must ultimately be consumed.
(Exodus 34:6-7; 2 Chronicles 19:2; Romans 1:18; Hebrews 10:30-31)

Appendix IV: Who I Am in Christ

As we intercede for one another, look for opportunities to pray these truths into the hearts and minds of those who know Christ as Savior.

I Am Accepted

- I am a brand plucked out of the fire (Zechariah 3:2)
- I am a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ (John 1:12)
- I am Christ's friend, he calls me by name, and my name is written in heaven (John 15:15)
- I have been justified freely by his grace; therefore, I have peace with God (Romans 5:1)
- I am an heir of God, joint heir with Christ (Galatians 4:7)
- I have been bought and paid for by Christ, redeemed from the enemy (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- I am included with the saints (Ephesians 1:1)
- I have been adopted into God's family (Ephesians 1:5)
- I have been seated with Christ in heavenly places above Satan's power (Ephesians 2:6)
- I have direct access to God (Ephesians 2:18)
- I have been translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Colossians 1:13)
- I have been redeemed to God and forgiven (Colossians 1:14)

I Am Secure

- I am not condemned before the throne (Romans 8:1-2)
- I know all things work together for me because I am called to his purpose (Romans 8:28)
- I am free of all accusations of the enemy. No one lays any charge on God's elect (Romans 8:31)
- I cannot be separated from God's love by anything (Romans 8:35)
- I have been sealed by God (2 Corinthians 1:20-22, Ephesians 1:13-14)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)
- I am confident God will complete the work he began in me (Philippians 1:6)
- I am a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- I have been given a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I have boldness before the throne of God (Hebrews 4:16)
- I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me (1 John 5:18)

I Am Significant

- I am salt and light in this world (Matthew 5:13-14)
- I am a branch on the True Vine (John 15:1, 5)
- I have been chosen to bear fruit that remains (John 5:16)
- I am a witness to the reality of Christ (Acts 1:8)
- I am a temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in me (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- I am God's co-worker (2 Corinthians 6:1)
- I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- I am God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:10)
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)
- I have Christ in me. Greater is he in me than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4)

Appendix V: Praying God's Purposes for His Church

- That we pursue lost people as Jesus did. (Luke 19:10)
- That we evangelize our circles of influence. (Acts 1:8)
- That we worship God in Spirit and Truth. (John 4:22-24)
- That we love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5/Luke 10:27)
- That we all become more like Jesus. (1 Peter 2:21)
- That we all be radical followers of Jesus. (Luke 9:23-26, 57-62)
- That we grow strong in faith believing God for great things. (Romans 4:20-21)
- That we be disciple makers, teaching all things that Jesus taught. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- That we learn to pray, fervently and effectively.
(Hebrews 4:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- That we preach "the Word." (2 Timothy 4:2)
- That we "admonish" one another daily. (Hebrews 10:25)
- That we surrender our bodies as living sacrifices. (Romans 12:1-2)
- That we henceforth be no longer children but grow up. (Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:1-3)
- That we henceforth live no longer unto ourselves but for Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:15)
- That we cease loving the world. (1 John 2:15-17)
- That we be a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. (Ephesians 5:27)
- That we be sanctified, holy. (Matthew 5:48, 1 Thessalonians 4:3,7; 1 Peter 1:16)
- That we be sexually pure. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- That we share, break bread, have fellowship in homes. (Acts 2:42-46)
- That we challenge, train, equip, send, support missionaries. (Acts 13:2-4; 16:5-10)
- That we are filled with the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
- That we bring our children up in nurture of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)
- That we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together. (Hebrews 10:25)
- That we aggressively minister to "little ones." (Matthew 19:14)
- That we identify and exercise our gifts. (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4)
- That we sing to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16)
- That we give thanks in everything, good or bad. (1 Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 6:20)
- That we give to the Lord cheerfully and liberally. (2 Corinthians 9:6-10)

- That we trust God to heal our bodies. (James 5:14-16)
- That we confess our faults, failures, and weaknesses, one to another. (James 5:16)
- That we are able to give a reasoned answer to our faith. (I Peter 3:15)
- That we resist the devil, and he flees. (I Peter 5:8-10, Ephesians 6:10-18)
- That we forgive one another and make restitution. (Matthew 6:14-15, Ephesians 4:29-32)
- That we partake of the Lord's table worthily. (I Corinthians 11:26-30)
- That we follow the Lord in baptism. (Matthew 3:14-17)
- That we love one another so intensely the world sees and believes. (John 13:35)

When we pray God's purposes, we are safe. His promises will never fail. His purposes will always be accomplished. When we pray His purposes, we pray "in the will of God" and according to the Spirit. There is no better way to enter into the heart of God.

Appendix VI: Prayers of the New Testament

There are wonderful prayers in the New Testament that we can pray back to God and then make them our own. These are some of the prayers recorded by Paul in his letters.

Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 30-33

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there, so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed. The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:10-11

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

2 Corinthians 13:7-9

Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. We are glad whenever we are weak, but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored.

Ephesians 1:17-19a

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe ...

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family^a in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ^{to} him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 6:19-20

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:3-4

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. At the same time, pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:12

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

I Thessalonians 1:2-3

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 3:10-11

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

I Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

I Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act promoted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Philemon 6

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Appendix VII: Praying for the Lost

Praying for our unsaved friends is the best way to begin reaching them for Christ. The following verses give us a biblical outline for these prayers.

- I pray, Lord, that you draw _____ to yourself.
"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him . . .". (John 6:44)
- I pray that _____ will hear and believe the Word of God.
". . . faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ".
(Romans 10:17)
- I ask you to prevent Satan from blinding _____ to the truth.
"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God". (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Holy Spirit, I ask you to convict _____ of his/her sin and his/her need for Christ's redemption
"When he [the Holy Spirit] comes he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness . . . But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth". (John 16:8,13)
- I ask you to send someone who will share the Gospel with _____ (Matthew 9:37-38).
Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38)
- I also ask that you give me and other believers opportunity, the courage and the right words to share with _____.
Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (Ephesians 6:19-20)
- Lord, I pray that _____ will turn from his/her sin.
In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.
(Acts 17:30-31)
- Lord, I pray that _____ would place his/her trust in Christ and receive Your free gift of eternal life.
Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— (John 1:12)
- Lord, I pray that _____ will confess Christ as Lord of his/her life, that his/her faith would take root and grow, and that he/she would bear much fruit for your glory
"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved". (Romans 10:9-10)

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness". (Colossians 2:6-7)

Appendix VIII: Prayers for Revival

Ask God to bring deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people. There will be no revival without these elements and only God can produce them in His people. After all we cannot program or work up genuine brokenness and repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Pray for deep cleansing, genuine repentance, and spiritual power to engulf pastors and Christian leaders. Revival and spiritual awakening are extremely unlikely without a mighty move of God in pastors and Christian leaders. Renewed pastors are absolutely crucial to a move of God in our day! (Ephesians 6:14-20)

Pray for God to bestow spiritual hunger in His people and draw them to fervent intercession. God has to grant people the genuine faith and the fervent desire for prayer. With all our promotion and programming, we cannot “produce a genuine prayer movement. (Philippians 2:13)

Pray that God will bring loving unity in our churches and a deep harmony between our churches. Many churches need healing among members and many churches need to stop competing jealously with other churches. (John 13:34-35; Romans 12:9-16; 1 Cor 13:4-8)

Pray for God to fill His people with a passion to see people saved. (Only God can give a genuine burden for souls.) Until God’s people intensely pray for the lost and do aggressive soul winning revival will tarry. Be sure you are constantly praying for many lost people by name. (Romans 9:1-3)

Pray for God to give His people a passion for missions and starting churches. Great revivals produce an explosion of mission projects, new ministries and new church starts. Only God can grant a genuine passion for missions. (Matthew 28:19)

Pray that God will call thousands into ministry, missions and Christian service. Many churches are dying for lack of soul winners, teachers and church workers. Furthermore, we can start only as many churches as we have church planters to start them. (Matthew 9:37)

Pray that God will pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood. Ask God to purify our “motives as we pray for revival. After all it is possible to pray for revival for selfish or ambitious reasons. Our motives must be solely for: (a) the glory of God, and (b) the increase of the kingdom of God. We must not pray for revival just to solve our own problems or make our church successful in the eyes of men. (James 4:2)

Pray for a mighty move of conviction and salvation upon communities of cultural influence. Some key examples are Hollywood actors and producers, government officials, educators, teachers, and college professors, news and media people, talk shows hosts, comedians, homosexual activist groups, and the music industry. (1 Timothy 2:1-2) Provide specific lists for your congregation.

Specifically pray for God to pour out His Spirit in a fashion even greater than He did in America in 1858 and Wales in 1904. (Ten percent of Wales’ population was saved in five months!) Ask God for a modern day of Pentecost in the United States and Canada. (Mark 11:22-24; John 14:13-14.)

Appendix IX: Praying God's Promises

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"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so, through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the Glory of God" (2 Cor.1:20). Read this verse carefully. All promises are YES in Christ, but they must become AMEN through us. Amen means: it is true and certain. We must take God at His Word because His Word is true and just, and we must use those promises in faith when praying. We add the AMEN with our lives because a promise means. nothing if we do not claim it for ourselves.

According to Everet E. Storms there are 7959 promises in Scripture made by God. If we use one promise each day it will take us 22 (twenty-two) years to use each of the promises once. Caleb lived 40 (forty years) on one promise. How many years can we live on 7959 promises? Armin Gesswein said: Promises predict the answers to prayer. They are the molds into which we pour our prayers. They foretell what to expect. They shape our praying. They motivate, direct and determine our supplication. This makes Christian praying different! How? In a very real sense, we pray from the answer, with the answer in mind, from the answer to it. This is the way of The Lord, the way of faith. He promises - we believe. We act on His Word. In this way answered prayer not only satisfies us; it delights the Heart of God by fulfilling His Own Word. And this is a most important thing with God."

We must go to God with His own promises. When we pray for revival or a person's salvation, we must look in Scripture for God's Will and then look for any promise in that connection. Stand on those promises, add an AMEN to the promise. In Jeremiah 33:19-27 the Lord says that His promises (to David) are as steadfast as sunrise and sunset: "If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time then my covenant with David my servant.. can be broken.." See what it says in Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man that He should lie nor a son of man that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?"

Sample Promises

- God keeps His promises

God is not a man that he should lie, nor a son of man that He should change His mind (Num.23:19). Heb.10:23; Isa.46:11; Ps.89:34-36; Isa.30:18

- God listens to our prayer

For the Eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His Ears are attentive to their prayer (1 Pet.3:12). Ps.34:17; 1 John 5:14; 2 Cron.16:9; Ps.4:4; Ps.102:17

- God answers our prayer

Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear (Isa.65:24). Jer.33:3; Mark 11:24; John 16:24; John 15:7; Isa.58:9; Eph.3:20; Matt.7:7

- Promises about salvation

For God did not send His Son into the World to condemn it but to save the World through Him (John 3:17). Rom.10:9-10; 10:13; Eph.2:8-9; 1 Tim.2:3-4; Heb.6:18

- Promises about new life

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone the new has come! (2 Cor.5:17).
John 10:10; 1 Pet.2:24; Gal.2:20; Rom.6:4; 1 John 3:9; 2 Cor.3:18; Ezek.36:26

- Promises about freedom

Then you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free... So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:32,36).

Rom.6:14,22; Rom.8:1-2; 2 Cor.3:17; Acts 13:38

- Promises about forgiveness

If we confess our sins, He is Faithful and Just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Ps.32:1-2; Isa.43:25; Ps.103:12; 1 John 2:12; Eph.1:7; Rom.8:33

- Promises about justification

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor.5:21).

Rom.8:10; 1 Cor.1:30; Rom.3:21-22; Rom.4:4-5; Rom.5:17

- Promises about the Holy Spirit

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give The Holy Spirit to those who ask Him (Luke 11:13).

Isa.44:3; John 14:16-17; John 16:7; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38-39 Gal.4:6; Gal.3:14; 1 John 4:13; Matt.3:11; Ezek.36:27; Eph.1:13

- Promises about faith in God

Think of yourself... in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you (Rom.12:3).

Eph.2:8; Heb.11:6; James 1:3; 1 Pet.1:7; Rom.1:17; 1 John 5:4; Mark 9:23; Eph.6:16; John 20:29; Matt.21:21-22; John 16:24

- Promises about The Word

All Scripture is God-Breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim.3:16-17).

1 Pet.1:25; Isa.40:8; Matt.4:4; Deut.29:29; Jos.1:8; Isa.55:11; Heb.4:12.

- Promises about protection from the Evil One

But the Lord is Faithful and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one (2 Thess.3:3).

2 Tim.4:18; Col.1:13; Col.2:15; 1 John 5:18; Rom.8:38,39; Ps.91:9-13; Heb.2:14-15

- Promises about His presence

And surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age (Matt.28:20).

Isa.43:5; James 4:8; John 14:15-16; Matt.18:20; Ps.23:4; Heb.13:5

- Promises about Spiritual growth

Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil.1:6).

John 17:18-19; 2 Pet.1:3-4; 2 Cor.3:18; 1 Cor.1:8; Eph.3:17-19; Phil.1:9-10

- Promises about Spiritual gifts

God's gifts and His call are irrevocable (Rom.11:29). Rom.12:5-8

- Promises about the Truth

When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me (John 15:26).

John 8:31-32; John 16:3; Eph.5:9

- Promises about the Love of God

But God demonstrates His own Love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom.5:8). Jer.31:3; Isa.54:10; 1 John 4: 9-10; John 15:9; 1 John 3:1

- Promises about joy

I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete (John 15:11).

Ps.16:11; Rom.14:17; Isa.55:12; Isa.35:10

- Promises about the Peace of God

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed (Isa.53:5).

John 14:27; Rom.5:1; Phil.4:7 Rom.5:22

- Promises about the Hope of the Christian

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope (Rom.15:4).

Col.1:27; 1 Pet.1:3; Heb.6:18-19; Rom.5:2; Rom.15:13

- Promises about eternal Life

For God so loved the World that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal Life (John 3:16).

1 John 2:25; Rom.6:23; John 10:27-28; John 5:24; 1 John 5:11-13

- Promises about the Second Coming of Christ

In my Father's House are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will Come Back and take you to be with Me (John 14:2-3).

John 14:28; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess.4:16-17; Col.3:4; Heb.9:28; Rev.1:7

- Promises about Heaven

saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud Voice from the Throne saying: "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people and God Himself will be with them and be their God (Rev.21:2-3).

1 Pet.1:4-5; 2 Pet.1:10-11; 2 Pet.3:13; Luke 23:43

- God promises power

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak (Isa.40:29).

Ps.29:11; Isa.26:4; Neh.8:10; Eph.6:10; Phil.4:13; Isa.58:11

- We can trust in God

Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared (Prov.3:25-26).

Prov.14:26; Isa.30:15; 1 John 3:21; 1John 5:14-15

- God promises wisdom

To the man who please Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness (Eccl.2:26).

Prov.2:6-7; Prov.9:10; Job 12:13; Dan.2:20-22; 1 Cor.1:30;

- The Lord will teach us

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His Way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant (Ps.25:8-10).

Ps.25:12-14; Ps.32:8; 2 Tim.3:16-17; Prov.15:33

- The Lord will guide us

Whether you turn to the right or to the left your ears will hear a Voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it" (Isa.30:21).

Ps.48:14; Ps.23:1,3; Ps.139:9-10

- The Lord will make us prosperous

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. (Prov.3:5-6).

Jos.1:8; 2 Chron.20:20; Prov.16:3; 2 Cor.3:5b; 1 Chron.22:12-13

- God will comfort us

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted (Matt.5:4).

2 Cor.1:3-4; 2 Thess.2:16-17; Isa.49:13; John 14:18

- God will give us the desires of our heart

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed (Ps.20:4).

Ps.21:2; Prov.10:24; Ps.103:4-5; Mark 11:24

- Promises about the family of the believer

The Lord blesses the house of the righteous (Prov.3:33).

Prov.12:7; Deut.12:28; Isa.54:13; Ps.112:1-3; Prov.22:6; Ps.128:1,3; Deut.4:40; Eph.6:2-3

- Promises about health and healing

By His wounds we are healed (Isa.53:5c).

Jer.30:17; Deut. 7:12,15; Ps.91:5-6,10; 3 John 1:2; Jer.33:6; Ex.15:25-26; Ps.103:3; Mal.4:2; 1 Pet.2:24; James 5:13-14,16; Matt.8:16-17

- Promises about the protection of God

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe (Prov.18:10).

1 Sam.2:9; Ps.125: 1-2; Ps.91:3-4,11-12; Ps.34:19-20; Ps.121:1-8; Prov.29:25

- Promises about practical/physical needs

And my God will meet all your needs according to His Glorious Riches in Christ Jesus (Phil.4:19).

Matt.6:25-26,31-33; Deut.28:1,11,12; Luke 12:30-31; Deut.29:9; Ps.111:5; Isa.1:19; Zech.10:1; Lev.26:3-5

- Promises for times of fear and doubt

So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My Righteous Right Hand (Isa.41:10).

Isa.41:13; Isa.43:1; 2 Tim.1:7; Luke 12:6-7; 1 John 4:18; Rom.4:21; Ps.112:7; Isa.58:9

- Promises for times of depression

Why are you downcast O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him my Savior and my God (Ps.43:5).

Ps.73:26; Ps.37:23-24; Ps.34:4-7; Isa.49:15; Heb.13:5

- Promises in times of failure and helplessness

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; Trust also in Me (John 14:1).

Isa.61:1-3; Ps.147:3; Rom.8:28; Isa.41:13; 2 Cor.12:9; Rom.8:26; Heb.13:6; 1 John 4:4

- Promises in times of anxiety

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith...Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself (Matt.6:30,34).

Phil.4:6-7; Luke 12:25-26; 1 Pet.5:6-7; Gal.5:1; Matt.11:28-30.

- Promises in time of temptation and demonic attacks

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is Faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it (1 Cor.10:13).

2 Pet.2:7-9; Heb.4:14-16; 1 Thess.5:22-24; James 4:7; Gal.1:3-4; Rom.16:20; John 16:33; 1 John 4:4

- Promises in suffering, difficulties and attacks from people

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; He is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in Him (Ps.37:39-40).

James 1:12; Rom.5:3; 1 Pet.1:4-7; Jer.15:21; Ps.27:1-2; 1 Pet.3:9; Rom.8:31; Ex.14:13-14; Matt.5:10-12; Luke 21:12-15; Rev.2:10

- God gives power for His service

This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" says the Lord Almighty (Zech.4:6).

Acts.1:8; Isa.40:31; Eph.6:13; Phil.2:13; Eph.3:16; Col.1:11

- Promises about financial and material provision

Consider the ravens; They do not sow or reap; they have no storeroom or barn yet God feeds them and how much more valuable you are than birds! (Luke 12:24).

Phil.4:19; Luke 11:9; Ps.84:11-12; Matt.6:32; Ps.37:3,25; Luke 12:30-31; Luke 6:38