

Prayer Sheet 10: God is the Forgiving God

Prepare Heart (Enter the Prayer Room 15 minutes prior, wait on God in praise and worship music)

I. Praise (12-15 minutes): Praise God for who He is, His attributes, His name, or His character (use short prayers with God's word, no intercessory requests during this time).

Attribute: God is the Forgiving God

Declaration: Our LORD God is merciful and gracious, abounding in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, saving all who call upon Him!

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Exodus 34:6-7] The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.'
- [Psalm 32:5] I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- [Psalm 130:3-4,7] If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities...who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
- [Isaiah 55:7] Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- [Micah 7:18, 19] Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? ... He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
- [Colossians 1:13-14] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- [Hebrews 8:10,12] This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel...declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts ... and they shall be my people. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

II. Confession (2-3 minutes): Confess and repent. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

III. Thanksgiving (8-12 minutes): Thank God for what He has done; also thank God for adversities, submitting to God's sovereignty. No intercessory requests during this time. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

IV. Intercession (30-40 minutes): According to the theme of the day, first pray the scriptures then pray for specific matters. Group 2-3 intercessors together.

Intercessory Scriptures:

For believers, choose a1 or a2

a1. Heavenly Father, please help ____ to obey the truth through the Spirit, so that ____'s soul may be purified and ____ may love others fervently with a pure heart. (1 Peter 1:22)

a2. Heavenly Father, thank You for loving ____ and giving ____ everlasting consolation and good hope by grace. May You comfort ____'s heart and establish ____ in every good word and work. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

For unbelievers

Heavenly Father, please give to ____ the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that ____ may know You. Open the eyes of ____, turn ____ from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, so that ____ may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:17; Acts 26:18)

Pray for schools/workplaces: (5-10 minutes) Use scriptures "a" or "b" to pray for principals, teachers/bosses, employees; pray for spiritual awakening and revival, protection, etc.

V. Pray for Nations, Churches/Organizations, and All People (5 minutes): Pray freely for the following points as the Holy Spirit leads. **1. Nations:** nations and governments, those in authority, peace, justice, the spread of the Gospel, and the salvation of people; **2. Churches/Organizations:** churches, ministries, missions, and their leaders; unity, holiness, wisdom, strength, protection, and faithfulness in fulfilling God's calling; **3. All People:** families, children, young people, and those in need. (Note: Keep the content of intercession in the prayer room, do not spread it out!)