

Prayer Sheet 119: God Turns Weeping into Laughter

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 Turns Weeping into Laughter

Declaration: We take refuge in God; though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will eventually taste the abundance of God's house and drink from the river of God's joy.

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Isaiah 61:1, 3] The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor... to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
- [Jeremiah 31:12-13] They shall come and sing aloud ... and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD... Their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more... I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
- [Psalms 30:11-12a] You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
- [Psalms 94:19] When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.
- [Luke 6:20-21] And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.'
- [Revelation 21:3-4] I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'

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, because You are at ____'s right hand, ____ shall not be moved. Thank You for making ____'s heart glad and letting ____'s flesh dwell securely in hope. (Psalms 16:8-9)

a2. Heavenly Father, thank You for never leaving nor forsaking ____, thank You for guiding ____ in the path of life, thank You for always being with ____, in Your presence, there is fullness of joy, in Your hands, there is eternal pleasure. (Psalms 16:10-11)

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!)