

Prayer Sheet 167: God Makes All Things Suitable for Their Purpose

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 Makes All Things Suitable for Their Purpose

Declaration: "Suitable for their purpose" is the "philosophy" bestowed by God upon His creation, transcending human utilitarian and moral perspectives, humbling us and turning us towards God.

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Exodus 9:13-16] Then the LORD said to Moses, '...present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, "Thus says the LORD ... 'Let my people go, that they may serve me ... But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.'
- [Proverbs 16:4] The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.
- [Isaiah 43:6b-7,21] Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made... the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.
- [Romans 9:17] For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, 'For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.'
- [Ephesians 2:10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- [2 Timothy 2:20-21] Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

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, thank You for calling ____ by Your glory and goodness and giving ____ exceedingly great and precious promises; please help ____ to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust, and partake of Your divine nature. (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- a2. Heavenly Father, please help ____ to give all diligence to add to faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness love, so that ____ may be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-8)

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!)