

Prayer Sheet 168: God Can Change Hearts

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 Can Change Hearts

Declaration: Only God's power can change hearts and turn people back to Him; faithfully keeping and obeying God's word is the secret to victory for believers.

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Ezra 6:19,22] On the fourteenth day of the first month, the returned exiles kept the Passover. ... for the LORD had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.
- [Psalms 4:7-8] You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.
- [Psalms 19:7a,8a] The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.
- [Proverbs 21:1] The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.
- [Jeremiah 32:38-40] And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.
- [Ezekiel 11:19-20] And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

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. We declare in the name of Jesus Christ that our weapons of warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds in ____'s life, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought of ____ into captivity to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

a2. Heavenly Father, thank You for creating in ____ a clean heart and renewing a steadfast spirit within ____; please help ____ to put off the old man with the deeds and put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Psalms 51:10; Ephesians 4:22-24)

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!)