

Prayer Sheet 189: God is Our Dwelling Place and Refuge

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 Our Dwelling Place and Refuge

Declaration: God is our dwelling place, where our body, mind, and spirit find rest; He is our refuge, our shelter from the storm, where we find stability and peace.

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Deuteronomy 33:27] The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. And he thrust out the enemy before you and said, 'Destroy.'
- [Psalms 27:5] For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- [Psalms 46:1,7] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- [Psalms 48:2-3] Beautiful in elevation, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her palaces God has made himself known as a fortress.
- [Psalms 90:1-2] Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- [Proverbs 18:10] The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe
- [Isaiah 25:4] For you have been a stronghold to the poor...to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall.

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. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we declare that ____ shall dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. We thank You, Heavenly Father, that You shall deliver ____ from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. Under Your wings ____ shall take refuge; Your truth shall be ____'s shield and buckler. ____ shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day. A thousand may fall at our side, And ten thousand at our right hand; But it shall not come near _____. (Psalms 91:1-7)

a2. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we declare that the Lord God is ____'s refuge, the Most High ____'s dwelling place. No evil shall befall ____, Nor shall any plague come near ____'s dwelling. (See [Psalms 91:9-10])

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!)