

Prayer Sheet 203: God Wants Us to Raise and Teach Children

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 Wants Us to Raise and Teach Children

Declaration: God wants us to instruct and nurture our children with His Word, guiding them to know God, follow His Word, and not depart from the truth!

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Genesis 18:17-19] And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do...? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children ... to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."
- [Deuteronomy 4:10] Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.'
- [Deuteronomy 6:6-7] And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
- [Psalm 78:5] He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,
- [Proverbs 22:6] Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
- [Ephesians 6:4] Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- [1 Timothy 3:4-5] He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

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, the Bible says children are a heritage from You, and our children shall be taught by You. Please fill ____ with peace. ____ is the heritage from You. Please grant ____ a humble and teachable heart. May ____ be a blessing to You, glorifying Your name. (Psalm 127:3, Isaiah 54:13)
- a2. Heavenly Father, please help ____ to obey Your voice and keep Your covenant, then ____ shall be a special treasure to You above all peoples; for all the earth is Yours. (Exodus 19:5)

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!)