

## Prayer Sheet 204: God Wants Our Lips to Be Clean

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 Our Lips to Be Clean

**Declaration:** God is holy and perfect, and we should also be holy and perfect, with no fault in our speech, speaking words that edify and benefit others!

**Scriptures (ESV):**

- [Psalm 34:12-13] What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
- [Proverbs 13:2-3] From the fruit of his mouth a man eats what is good, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence. Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- [Proverbs 18:21] Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.
- [Proverbs 21:23] Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.
- [Isaiah 6:1,5] In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; ... And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"
- [Ephesians 4:29-30] Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- [James 1:26] If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.
- [James 3:2] For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

**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, please help \_\_\_\_\_ to refrain from speaking evil and deceitful words; help \_\_\_\_\_ to turn away from evil and do good and pursue peace, so that \_\_\_\_\_ may enjoy life. (1 Peter 3:10-11)

a2. Heavenly Father, please help \_\_\_\_\_ to be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Please help \_\_\_\_\_ to lay aside all filthiness and wickedness, and receive with meekness Your Word, which is able to save souls. (James 1:19-21)

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!)