

Prayer Sheet 21: God is Our Loving Father

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 Loving Father

Declaration: God is our loving Father who leads us and protects us with cords of love.

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Isaiah 43:5-7] Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; 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.
- [Jeremiah 31:8-9] (God says) Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth ... With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble... For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.
- [Romans 8:14-16] All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
- [2 Corinthians 6:18] I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.
- [Galatians 4:4-7] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.
- [1 John 3:1a] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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, You are the Lord of heaven and earth, we thank You! For You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Please make us _____ turn and become like a little child, wholeheartedly relying on You!" (Matthew 11:25)

a2. Heavenly Father, _____ is Your beloved child, in whom You are well pleased. Please make _____ a true worshiper who worships You in spirit and truth! (2 Peter 1:17; John 4:23)

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!)