

## Prayer Sheet 217: God Ordains Light and Darkness, Blessing and Calamity

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 Ordains Light and Darkness, Blessing and Calamity

**Declaration:** God creates light and darkness, brings peace, and causes calamity. He ordains all things and governs everything. Even as we go through suffering, He promises us peace!

**Scriptures (ESV):**

- [Job 2:9-10] Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.
- [Ecclesiastes 7:13-14] Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.
- [Isaiah 45:7] I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.
- [Jeremiah 18:7-10] If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.
- [Amos 3:6-7] Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster come to a city, unless the Lord has done it? For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.
- [Amos 4:13] For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth— the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!
- [John 16:33] (Jesus says) I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

**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. Dear Heavenly Father, please help \_\_\_\_ to rejoice whether being lifted from a lowly position or brought down from a wealthy status, knowing that all these things will pass away like a flower of the field. (Reference: [James 1:9-10])
- a2. Dear Heavenly Father, please help \_\_\_\_ to remove and stay far from what You hate: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, and a false witness who pours out lies. (Reference: [Proverbs 6:16-19])

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!)