

Prayer Sheet 268: God Delights in Those Who Wait for Him

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 Delights in Those Who Wait for Him

Declaration: God delights in those who wait patiently for Him. In the waiting, He shapes our character and teaches us to rely on His timing and will!

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Isaiah 26:8] In the path of your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.
- [Isaiah 30:18] Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.
- [Isaiah 64:4] From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.
- [Psalm 27:13-14] I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
- [Psalm 37:7] Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
- [Psalm 130:5-6] I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- [Micah 7:7] But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.
- [Acts 1:4] And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me."
- [Romans 8:24a, 25] For in this hope we were saved... But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 make it a goal to lead a quiet life, mind their own business, and work with their hands, so that ____ may behave properly toward outsiders and lack nothing. (Ref. [1 Thessalonians 4:11-12])

a2. Dear Heavenly Father, please help ____ to return to rest and be saved, to find strength in quietness and trust. Help ____ to remain silent and wait on You, for ____'s hope comes from You. (Ref. [Isaiah 30:15], [Psalm 62:5])

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!)