

Prayer Sheet 317. God Delights in Our Hospitality

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 Our Hospitality

Declaration: God welcomes us with His eternal and selfless love, and He calls us to be generous in welcoming others with joyful hearts.

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Leviticus 19:34] You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.
- [Deuteronomy 10:18-19] He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.
- [Isaiah 58:6-7] "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"
- [Matthew 25:31-36] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him ... Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'"
- [Romans 12:13] Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
- [Titus 1:7-8] For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach ... a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.
- [Hebrews 13:2] Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
- [1 Peter 4:8-9] Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

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, thank You for granting ___ grace in Christ Jesus, making ___ rich in all things, in speech and knowledge. Please help ___ to use these gifts humbly in serving others. (Ref. [1 Corinthians 1:4-5])

a2. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for strengthening ___ to the end so that ___ may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You for making Christ ___'s wisdom, righteousness, holiness, and redemption. Please help ___ to serve You humbly and boast only in You. (Ref. [1 Corinthians 1:30-31])

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!)