

Prayer Sheet 321. God Wants Us to Be Watchful

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 Us to Be Watchful

Declaration: God is the all-knowing and all-wise Watcher; He observes the whole earth. He calls us to stay vigilant so that we do not fall into deception and temptation!

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Matthew 24:42-44] Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ... Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- [Matthew 26:40-41] And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'
- [Mark 13:32-33] But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.
- [Luke 12:35-37] Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast ... Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.
- [1 Corinthians 16:13] Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
- [1 Peter 5:8] Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- [Revelation 3:1-3a] And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die ... Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent.'

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 please You, whether living in the body or away from it. For ____ must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive what is due for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (Ref. [2 Corinthians 5:9-10])

a2. Dear Heavenly Father, may the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit be manifested upon _____. Fill _____ with the Holy Spirit, grant _____ a hunger and thirst for righteousness, and lead _____ to fully submit to Your will. May _____'s service be pleasing and acceptable to You. (Ref. [Acts 2:1-4])

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!)