

Prayer Sheet 354. God Wants Us to Be Diligent and Not Lazy

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 Diligent and Not Lazy

Declaration: God Calls Us to Do Good in Our Lives; He delights in our acts of goodness and calls us to be the light and salt of the world, manifesting His glory!

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Proverbs 6:6-11] Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.
- [Proverbs 10:4-5] A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.
- [Proverbs 12:24] The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.
- [Proverbs 13:4] The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.
- [Proverbs 18:9] Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.
- [Proverbs 19:15] Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger.
- [Proverbs 24:30-34] I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.
- [Romans 12:11] Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
- [Hebrews 6:11-12] And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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 be diligent and not lazy, serving the Lord with a fervent spirit. May _____ always be zealous for good works, bringing glory to Your name in all that _____ does. (Ref. [Romans 12:11], [Titus 2:14])

a2. Dear Heavenly Father, please strengthen _____ to be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that labor in You is never in vain. May _____ be faithful in every task, big or small, and bring honor to You. (Ref. [1 Corinthians 15:58], [Colossians 3:23])

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!)