

Prayer Sheet 72: God is the God of Joy

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 is the God of Joy

Declaration: I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.

Scriptures (ESV):

- [Psalm 4:7-8] You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.
- [Psalm 16:11] You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- [Psalm 43:3-4] Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me...Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
- [John 15:11] These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
- [John 17:13] But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
- [Romans 14:17-18] For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.
- [1 Thessalonians 1:5-6] For we know ... that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

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. Heavenly Father, You are the God of hope; we pray that You would fill ____ with all joy and peace in believing, that ____ may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

a2. Heavenly Father, please help ____ to rejoice in You always, to be gentle to all men. Please help ____ to be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let ____'s requests be made known to You, and Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard ____'s heart and mind through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

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!)