

# A Prayer Walk Through the Bible

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## **A Prayer Walk Through the Bible**

### Introduction

#### I. The Extent of Prayer in the Bible

1. The pages of the Bible are....
2. The men and women of the Bible are.

#### II. The Patterns of Prayer in the Old Testament

1. The earliest pray-ers spoke with God in...
2. Pray-ers appealed to God on the basis of his...
3. Prayers of supplication focused primarily on...
4. Prayer was closely associated with.
5. Prayers were often in the form of....
6. Prayer was often coupled with....
7. Pray-ers sometimes expressed negative...
8. Pray-ers sometimes asked for.
9. Prayer involved a variety of times, places...

#### III. The Patterns of Prayer In the New Testament

1. Believers were invited to come in.
2. Pray-ers have the personal promise of Christ..
3. Believers have the assurance that Christ....
4. Believers have the promised help of the....
5. Believers have the corporate life of the....
6. New Testament pray-ers are especially encouraged to pray for and seek after....

#### IV. The Practices of Prayer In the New Testament Church

1. The New Testament Church was....
2. The leaders of the New Testament Church....
3. Much of their praying was....
4. Many \_\_\_\_\_ happened when people prayed.
5. New Testament believers sometimes heard....

## V. Jesus' Practice of Prayer

1. Jesus was a man of prayer.
2. Jesus ordinarily addressed God as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to pray.
4. All the \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer are found in Jesus prayers except \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Prayed at different...
6. Jesus prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ more than he did for \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus not only talked to the Father, he also \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jesus prayed earnestly and....
9. Jesus asked for prayer....
10. Jesus prayed with....

## VI. Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

1. Jesus underscored \_\_\_\_\_ as a prerequisite to prayer.
2. Jesus condemned \_\_\_\_\_ prayers.
3. Jesus gave us a pattern for prayer in the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus underscored the importance of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus urged us to pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus challenged us to pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus taught the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.
8. Jesus urged \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer as a way to receive \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Jesus underscored the importance of praying in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus called the temple a....
11. Jesus promised to answer those who ask in \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Jesus promised to answer those who would remain in him and....

## VII The Apostle Paul's Practice of Prayer

1. Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.
2. Paul taught and practiced \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Bursts of \_\_\_\_\_ are found throughout Paul's letters.
4. The prayers of Paul dominate his \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Paul's prayers reflect his concern for....
6. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ on the prayers of others.

- for.

- for....

7. Paul knew what it meant to pray in \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Paul's prayer practices are intended as a model for us.

#### VIII. The Apostle Paul's Teaching on Prayer

1. Paul urged prayer as \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Paul challenged believers to pray \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Paul taught his followers to pray for the....

4. Paul informed us of the role of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.

#### IX. The Triune God's Involvement In Prayer

1. When we pray all three persons of the trinity are involved.

2. Whom should we address in prayer?

3. Effective prayer is made possible by...

4. Praying in the name of Jesus means....

5. The role of the Holy Spirit in prayer is....

# Prayer Is For Intimacy With God

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## Introduction

- Prayer is...

**Theme: God has given us prayer so that we can live in a close, personal, intimate relationship with him.**

### 1. God Wants To Have an Intimate Relationship With Us

- He \_\_\_\_\_ us for intimate friendship Gen. 3:8
- He wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ him—Ps. 16:8,11
- He takes great \_\_\_\_\_ in us—Zeph. 3:17
- He has always taken the initiative in this — Exodus 29:43

### 2. God Has Provided for an Intimate Relationship With Us

- He has removed the \_\_\_\_\_ through the work of Christ
- He lives with us and in us by his Holy Spirit — John 14:17
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the practical way in which intimacy is realized — Ps. 145: 18

### 3. God Doesn't Force An Intimate Relationship Upon Us

- The degree of intimacy we have with God \_\_\_\_\_ us — Gen. 3:8, Rev. 3:20
- God asks us to \_\_\_\_\_ with him constantly — I Thess. 5:17, etc.
- God constantly communicates with us — Isa. 58:9,11, John 10:27
- \_\_\_\_\_ to God and \_\_\_\_\_ him are crucial to intimacy.

## Conclusion

## Prayer Is For Enrichment From God

### Introduction

- What I learned from 1 John 5:14-15
- The prayer of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Chron. 4:10).
- A simple principle by which God operates.

**Theme: God will give spiritual riches to those, and only to those, who unceasingly ask him for them.**

### I. The Conditions for Those Who Petition God

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ ask (Matt. 7:7-1 John 5:14-15).
2. We can ask for anything \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:14-15).
3. Askers must have a clean heart and be \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:21-22).
4. Askers must ask \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:6).
5. Askers must \_\_\_\_\_ in him and have his word in them (John 15:7).
6. Askers must \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:16).
7. Askers must be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ asking (Luke 18:1-8).
8. Those who do not ask do not receive (James 4:2).

### II. The Promise to Those Who Rightly Petition God

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ us (1 John 5:14-15)
2. God will give us the \_\_\_\_\_ we ask for (Matt. 7:7, 1 John 3:21-22, 5:14-15).
3. God does not promise a \_\_\_\_\_ life (James 1:2-5).

### III. The Confidence of Those who Rightly Petition God

1. Our confidence is based on \_\_\_\_\_ God is and \_\_\_\_\_ he has promised.
2. We are confident that God will \_\_\_\_\_ at his throne (Heb. 4:16).
3. We are confident that we will \_\_\_\_\_ what we ask (1 John 5:14-15)
4. Our confidence gives rise to \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 4:6-7).

### Conclusion

- God has given us petitionary pray so that we can be \_\_\_\_\_ by asking.
- Ask , receive little! Ask \_\_\_\_\_, receive some! Ask \_\_\_\_\_ receive much!

# Prayer Is For Partnership With God

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## Introduction

- There is a worldwide movement of prayer.
- Intercessory prayer is prayer for others. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ for God.

**Theme: By means of intercessory prayer, believers partner with the exalted Christ in doing the work of ministry.**

## I. Intercessory Prayer Is Important to God

1. It releases his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 17:8-13).
2. By means of it God \_\_\_\_\_ the world (Ezek. 22:30-31, Ps. 106:23).
3. It is the key to \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14: 12-14)

## II. Intercessory Prayer Is God's Powerful Way of Working

1. It moves the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
2. It operates in the \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the natural realm.
3. It reaches every kind of \_\_\_\_\_ ...
4. It reaches \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
5. It is not subject to time. It is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

## III. Intercessory Prayer Defeats the Powers of Darkness

1. Our struggle is against \_\_\_\_\_ of darkness (Eph. 6:12, 1 Pet. 5:8).
2. Prayer is our \_\_\_\_\_ in the war against the devil (Rom. 16:20, Eph. 6:18).
3. The devil \_\_\_\_\_ our prayers (2 Thess. 3:1-3).

## Conclusion

- What would God like to accomplish through your prayers.
- No prayer, no power. Some prayer, some power. Much prayer, much power.

# Leading Your Church to Vibrant Prayer

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## Introduction:

- A prayer experiment
- What I observed at 14 churches with strong prayer ministries.
- “A church without an intelligent, well-organized, and systematic prayer program is simply operating a religious treadmill.”
  - Paul Billheimer, Destined For the Throne

## I. The Marks of a Church Vibrant in Prayer

1. Most of the members are \_\_\_\_\_ pray-ers.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer undergirds the church’s prayer ministries.
3. Leaders effectively \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.
4. Prayer is integrated into \_\_\_\_\_ of church life.
5. A majority of the members are involved in one or more prayer ministries.
6. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ as well as reactive.
7. All members may pray in the church’s corporate meetings.

## II. Factors That Hinder Prayer in Local Churches

1. Over \_\_\_\_\_ in human ability.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ praying
3. Ingrained \_\_\_\_\_ prayer habits.
4. Disunity.

## III. Coordinating a Vibrant Prayer Ministry

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the current state of prayer in your congregation.
2. Identify and use your church’s existing \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Create prayer \_\_\_\_\_ systems.
4. Provide \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer at all levels.
5. Provide a \_\_\_\_\_ of opportunities.
6. Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ prayer opportunities, requests, and answers.
7. Integrate prayer into all \_\_\_\_\_ activities.
8. Work for a balance between \_\_\_\_\_ directed prayer.



9. Encourage \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ devotions.

10. Plan to cooperate in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ prayer activities.

#### Conclusion

- Building a church prayer ministry is a challenging, long-term task.
- Remember that Jesus said, “Always pray and never give up” (Luke 18:1).

# Prayer Is For Worship Of God

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## Introduction

- A personal experience of meditating on God's attributes
- Keeping eyes fixed on God, Pilgrims Progress

**Theme: Believers, to whom God has revealed himself, become aware of his incredible worth and are moved to respond to him with praise and thanks**

## I. Praise Dominates Scripture Prayers

1. "Praise the Lord" is....
2. The Psalms are over \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.
3. The saints of Scripture regularly...

## II. Praise Is a Response to Who God Is and What He Does

1. Worship in the Psalms is set in the context of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Worship in the Psalms is set in the context of \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Praise Must Be Personal & From the Heart

1. Praise prayer in the Psalms is full of personal \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You cannot praise in an apathetic \_\_\_\_\_.

## Conclusion

# Light Your World

## A Lighthouse Training Seminar

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### Introduction

- The worldwide movement of prayer
- Prayer in the United States
- An individual Christian who prayed

### 1. What is a *Lighthouse*?

- A *Lighthouse* is a person, family or small group committed to \_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ with family members, friends, classmates, coworkers and neighbors, especially those who do not know him.
  - Praying, caring, sharing
  - Relational sphere of influence
  - Especially those who don't know him
  - Why a light" house?

### 2. Who can be a *Lighthouse*?

- Every believer \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Lighthouse.
  - Fear, lack of experience, lack of time or lack of opportunity need not deter us.
  - Being a *Lighthouse* is a natural part of a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ that will fit every Christian in a unique way.
  - Where is my light especially needed? How is it most likely to shine?
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### 3. Why should I be a *Lighthouse*?

- All Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ to PRAY for those around them — 1 Tim 2:1-8, Eph. 6:18.
- All Christians are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ CARE for those around them —Matt. 22:39, Matt. 25:31-46, Rom. 12:21.
- All Christians are commanded to SHARE the good news with those around them — Matthew 28:19-21, 1 Peter. 3:15, Col 4:6

4. Why do *Lighthouses* work effectively?

- God is moved through prayer to act in the lives of those we pray for.
- People \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. People need loving care.
- Praying, caring and sharing \_\_\_\_\_: the pray-er, the relationship, the recipient.

5. As a *Lighthouse* who should I reach out to?

- First, unsaved or hurting persons with whom you have a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship
- Second, those with whom you have a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship
- Third, those with whom you have a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship

Write down the names of unsaved or hurting persons with whom you are

Close \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Casual \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Cautious \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

6. How should I PRAY for those on my *Lighthouse* list?

- Pray a BLESSING on them. Use the letters of the word “bless” to remember five important ways to intercede for others:

B \_\_\_\_\_ - health, protection, strength

L \_\_\_\_\_ - work, income, security

E \_\_\_\_\_ - joy, peace, hope

S \_\_\_\_\_ - love, marriage, family, friends

S \_\_\_\_\_ - salvation, faith, grace

- Get specific prayer requests with a comment and a question like:

- (In a casual situation) “I have learned that prayer really works. Is there some way that I could pray for you this week?”

- (If someone has shared a problem) “I like to pray for the people around me. Would it be okay if I prayed about that?”

- (In a restaurant to a waitress) “We’re going to pray before we eat this meal. Is there some way we can pray for you?”

7. How do I get started?

- Start by making a \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- Set a \_\_\_\_\_ to pray for those on your list. Be consistent.
- Begin immediately to pray for those on your list.

8. How should I CARE for those in my *Lighthouse* world?

- Do some real or virtual \_\_\_\_\_
- Learn all you can about them. Record pertinent information.
- Do acts of kindness. Love people \_\_\_\_\_.

9. How should I SHARE Christ with my *Lighthouse* neighbors?

- Use an evangelism tool such as a book, a booklet, or a video that focuses on Christ.
- Take them to an \_\_\_\_\_, an evangelistic Bible study, or a gospel-preaching church.
- Use a \_\_\_\_\_ you have learned or give your own personal testimony.

10. How can I increase my effectiveness as a *Lighthouse*?

- Be sure you have a clean heart and an obedient mind.
- Ask God to \_\_\_\_\_, deepen your prayer life, and increase your faith.
- Build \_\_\_\_\_ with people around you. Create times to be together. Listen attentively.
- Involve other Christians.

11. How do I keep on going even if I don't see results?

- Take a long-term view.
- Memorize and hold on to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ask others to pray with you and for you.

12. What will I experience over time?

- Your prayers will move God's hand, your caring will touch lives of many, and the good news will break through to them. \_\_\_\_\_
- Praying, caring and sharing will turn into a \_\_\_\_\_
- You'll want to multiply your ministry by inviting others to become *Lighthouses* too.

Conclusion

- A letter written by an 18-year old girl.
- When we get to heaven.