

DAY & NIGHT PRAYER

*Fire Will Burn on the Altar
Until the Return of King Jesus*

LUKE 18:1-8
ISAIAH 62:6-7
COLOSSIANS 4:2, 12
LEVITICUS 6:13

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INTRODUCTION

We offer this booklet as a tool to help sustain day and night prayer. It is our conviction that the Holy Spirit is calling us to a multi-layered prayer strategy with the foundation of hourly intercession. We have and will develop praise and worship meetings, thematic corporate prayer meetings, prayer walks, etc. But at the core of this prayer ministry is a day and night prayer chain that will not stop until King Jesus returns.

Jesus asked, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" (Mt. 26:40). We want to answer a resounding, "Yes!" In the Luke 18 context of calling His chosen ones to day and night prayer for justice against the adversary, Jesus asked, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (v. 8). Again, we want to answer, "Yes!"

The power of teamwork in anything is exhilarating because God made us to work, play, and love together. But a unified effort of this type, exercising the key of agreement (Mt. 16:19, 18:19), will bring not only joy but a release of power and presence.

We plan to communicate with this team of prayers through multiple avenues: weekly e-mail updates, texts for immediate needs, and monthly gatherings for inspiration and training. We also plan to provide resources to inspire, such as this booklet, the Operation World book, worship music, teachings, and websites.

This booklet is filled with helps to empower the prayers' hourly intercession. Obviously, we want the intercessor to be led by the Spirit, but we know it is helpful to have a track to run on as we steward the hour. In the spirit of the Lord's prayer, we have suggested a seven-phase movement during the hour. We have listed many verses and commentary to foster growth in your ministry of intercession. We have purposefully left blank space in each section for your own notes.

This ministry is worth our sacrifice. God has ordained prayer to be our first priority. Our Bibles and church history testify that prayer proceeds powerful moves of God. And oh, how we need a powerful move here and in the earth! What is at stake here is the glory of God in the testimony of the Church, the salvation of souls, and the destruction of God's enemy. The power is here to accomplish all things; the only question is our resolve to lay hold of it in this war zone. So here we go, crying, "As it is in heaven, let it be here on earth."

PHASE 1: PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR THE GLORY OF HIS NAME

Our God is the highest value, the greatest worth, the most beautiful Being in existence. An enemy rejects that truth and blinds unbelievers to it. God created us and recreated us in Christ that we might be for the praise of His glory (Eph. 1:12, Isa. 43:7, 1 Pet. 2:9).

First things first, we want to start every hour glorifying His Name. We encourage intercessors to sing with instruments or even iPods. We want to be mindful of the time and discern when the Spirit wants us to stop singing and move on to praying through the others phases. But it is altogether fitting that we begin in praise. We will agree with the Spirit in us, who is given to glorify Jesus (Jn. 16:14).

The Lord taught His disciples to begin, "May Your Name *be* holy on earth as it is in heaven" (Mt. 6:9 paraphrase). We want to declare His Name *is* holy in our hearts and then pray that it *be* holy in all the earth. We want to become deeper lovers of God (Mk. 12:30) and pray against an age in which love of God is growing cold (Mt. 24:12, 2 Tim. 3:1-5). As we gaze upon His beauty, His Spirit transforms us into His Image from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18, Ps. 27:4).

Along with songs and the overflow of our hearts, we encourage intercessors to praise and pray the content of the Scriptures. The Spirit greatly endorses what He has already written! Here are simply a few suggestions:

Ps. 1 - Ps. 150	Rom. 11:36
Ps. 113:3	Rom. 15:6, 9
Isa. 6:3	Col. 1:12-20
Isa. 11:9	1 Tim. 1:17
Isa. 26:8	1 Tim. 6:15-16
Hab. 2:14	Heb. 1
Mal. 1:11	Rev. 1:5-6, 13-18
1 Chr. 16:7-36	Rev. 4:8, 11
2 Chr. 20:21-22	Rev. 5:9-10, 12-13
Jude 25	Rev. 15:3-4

PHASE 2: THE READINESS OF HIS CHURCH

The Church is people gathered into Christ (not a building, institution, or a meeting). The Church is the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23, 5:29-30), as though Jesus is still on the planet (cf. Mt. 18:20, 28:20). The Church is to be the primary manifestation of the Lord's glory on earth (Jn. 17:21-23, Eph. 2:10, Mt. 5:14-16, Phil. 2:15). Jesus' letters to the seven churches in Revelation show the condition of mixture and the need to overcome. The end goal is a Church who "has made herself ready" to marry Christ (Rev. 19:7-8; 21:2, 9-21; cf. 2 Cor. 11:2-3).

Let us pray for the Church global, regional, and in our city, including intercession for specific people and situations here (cf. Acts 1:8). "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you are also in the body" (Heb. 13:3, cf. 1 Cor. 12:26). Persecution.com/newsroom and christianheadlines.com post updates on persecuted believers.

Please pray for the anointing and acceleration of the equipping ministry (Eph. 4:11-16, 2 Thess. 3:1, Col. 4:3-4) as it serves the Church. We labor for her to see her true identity and position in Christ (Col. 1:24-28, 1 Cor. 3:9-17), in order to move from a business to a Body, from an audience to an army. May trust in the world's methods and man-made organization become trust in the Spirit. We pray for maturing and activation of spiritual fathers and mothers (1 Cor. 4:15-17), so discipleship will become less information-based and more cross-bearing lifestyle. We long to see an undivided, aligned, and coordinated Church (1 Cor. 12, Eph. 4:16), exercising the keys of the Kingdom (Mt. 16:16-19, 18:18-19), operating all the gifts of grace (Rom. 12:3-8), loving the Lord and neighbors (Acts 2:42-47), and fulfilling the great commissions (Gen. 1:28, Mt. 28:18-20).

Let us also pray God-breathed apostolic prayers:

Eph. 1:16-19

Eph. 3:14-21

Col. 1:9-12

Phil. 1:9-11

1 Thess. 3:12-13, 5:23

2 Thess. 1:11-12

Acts 4:29-31

In transition to the next phase of prayer for the lost, we should obey Jesus' command, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:37-38, cf. 10:1-15, Isa. 6:8).

PHASE 3: THE SALVATION OF THE LOST

Every human being is created in the Image of God for His glory and His delight (Gen. 1:26-28, Isa. 43:7, Prov. 8:31). Every human has sinned and fallen short of that glory (Rom. 3:23). The Son of God became Man and died for the forgiveness of all sin – even for those who deny Him, even for those who crucified Him (Jn. 1:14, 2 Cor. 5:14, Ti. 2:11, 1 Tim. 2:6, 1 Jn. 2:2, 2 Pet. 2:1, Lk. 23:34). Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost (Lk. 19:10).

Our prayers and missions for the lost are central to the advance of the Kingdom. Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so they can not see the glory of God in Christ (2 Cor. 4:4-6). Satan has deceived the whole world and taken unbelievers captive to do his will (Rev. 12:9, 1 Jn. 5:19, Eph. 2:2, 2 Tim. 2:26, Mt. 13:38). Yet Jesus is able to bind Satan and plunder his possessions (Mt. 12:28-29), transferring believers from the dominion of darkness to the Kingdom of the beloved Son (Col. 1:13-14, Acts 26:18). Salvation is a battle in Kingdom warfare.

On the day of God's vengeance, all who refused to believe in Jesus will be slain by the sword of His word (Isa. 61:2; Rev. 19:21; 2 Thess. 2:10, 1:8-9). Upon judgment, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:15, Mt. 25:41). God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to knowledge of the truth, repentance, and salvation (2 Pet. 3:9, 1 Tim. 2:4). God is delaying the end of this evil age until the gospel of the Kingdom is preached to all nations (Mt. 24:14). And every tribe, tongue, and nation will be represented before the King's throne in worship (Rev. 5:9, 7:9).

Let us pray for the equippers to do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5, Eph. 4:11), so the Church will all learn to share the good news of Jesus Christ in purity, simplicity, and power (1 Cor. 1:17, 24; 2:1-5). May repentance and submission to the Lordship of Christ be restored to all evangelism (Lk. 24:47; Mt. 7:21; Acts 20:21, 26:20; Rom. 10:9). We pray for discernment and grace in our relationships with unbelievers (Col. 4:2-6, 1 Pet. 3:15-16). We pray for Spirit-empowered boldness and signs and wonders to confirm the message (Acts 1:8, 4:29-31; 1 Cor. 2:5, 4:20). We pray for the normalcy of daily multiplication of disciples (Acts 2:47, 5:13-14, 6:7, 11:21). Let us ask the Lord of the harvest for thousands and thousands in El Dorado alone, tens of thousands in Butler County, and hundreds of thousands in Sedgwick County.

We cry, as the two young Moravians selling themselves into slavery to witness to slaves, "May the Lamb who was slain receive the rewards of His suffering!"

PHASE 4: THE NATIONS

The Father bid the Son, “Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession” (Ps. 2:8 NIV). Jesus will indeed be King over all nations, and He has promised to share this inheritance and rule with overcoming believers (Rev. 2:26-27).

We want to pray for:

1. All nations
2. Featured nation in Operation World book
3. Israel
4. United States
5. Our missions

May the Lord make His Name great in all the nations (Mal. 1:11, Ezek. 36:23, Ps. 96). May the blessing of Christ come to all nations through the Holy Spirit by faith, as God promised our father Abraham (Gal. 3:8, 14, 16; Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

May Israel repent and believe in the King she crucified. Anoint those who evangelize among Jews to save them from the coming Tribulation. Magnify ministries to the Gentiles to provoke Israel to jealousy (Rom. 11:11-14). We long for the day that the Lord pours upon Israel “a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy” (Zech. 12:10, 13:1), that all Israel would be saved (Rom. 11:25-26) and the world blessed with “life from the dead” (11:12, 15). Give our nation’s leaders (1 Tim. 2:2) wisdom to bless the nation of Israel (Gen. 12:3); give the American Church such wisdom. Empower our witness to the kings of the earth to be warned (Ps. 2:10-12) that King Jesus is coming on the clouds to reign over all the earth, and He will again choose Jerusalem (Zech. 1:14-17, 2:8-13).

May the Church in our nation reject the American Dream and give up everything to treasure Christ (Lk. 14:33). We repent on behalf of our nation (cf. Dan. 9) for the wickedness we are inventing, monetizing, and propagating in all the earth (Rom. 1:18-32). May we have nothing to do with the deeds of darkness, but rather expose them (Eph. 5:11).

Please also pray for our personal assignments, about which we will send specific updates: Ghana (Father’s House in Keta, Disciple Training Center in Accra), Haiti (Balan), Nicaragua, India, nine nations in the Middle East (Egypt, Sudan, Chad, Mauritania, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Jordan), and for discernment about invitations from other nations.

PHASE 5: MONEY

Jesus preached repeatedly about money because of its practical connection to our selfishness and independence. In our cashless, credit-card culture with abundance of “stuff,” we do well to note that Jesus used a Semitic word (*mammon*) that defined both money and possessions. It competes against our affection and service for God (Mt. 6:24). In these last days, many are lovers of money, pleasure, and Self, rather than lovers of God (2 Tim. 3:1-5). “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evils...” (1 Tim. 6:10). Greed, or covetousness, is idolatry (Col. 3:5). The deceitfulness of riches and desires for other things are thorns, choking out the life of the word in many believers and stunting fruitfulness (Mk. 4:19).

Garden our hearts, Father; uproot these thorns. May the Church be free of the love of money and possessions and free from the fear of lack. May we seek first God’s Kingdom and His righteousness (Mt. 6:33) and trust God to supply our every need (Phil. 4:11-13). May we have “godliness with contentment” (1 Tim. 6:6). Give us this day our daily bread and lead us not into temptation from this culture’s marketing that we deserve everything it offers (Mt. 6:11, 13).

May we excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7), even in our poverty (Lk. 21:1-4, 2 Cor. 8:1-3). Press down and spill over reward (Lk. 6:38, 2 Cor. 9:6), floodgates of heaven (Mal. 3:10), so that we can give even more (2 Cor. 8:14-15). Raise up a testimony through a Church who does not have to raise her standard of living, but her joy in giving (cf. Acts 20:35). Multiply our seed for sowing and our submission in generosity for Your glory, as it overflows in many thanksgivings (2 Cor. 9:10-13).

The enemy has enticed such hoarding of wealth, such waste, such unjust disparity. Bind up idolatrous greed, and let loose the cattle on a thousand hills. Release the wealth of the Gentiles (Prov. 13:22) and the treasures of darkness hoarded in secret places (Isa. 45:3), for You are worthy of all wealth (Rev. 5:12). May our ministries have enough to accomplish Your commissions – and more – so we can give to those in need and to other ministries.

May the poor in body and the poor in spirit be filled with the blessing of the Kingdom of Christ (Mt. 5:3, Lk. 6:20), who though He was rich, became poor that we may share in His riches of glory (2 Cor. 8:9).

PHASE 6: SPIRITUAL WAR

We are in a war – in enemy territory. We see no Biblical precedent to speak to spirits in the air to engage in spiritual warfare. Our Lord only addressed the enemy horizontally, when it manifested before Him. Our prayers are toward our Father in heaven (Jn. 16:23-24, cf. Jude 9).

We obediently pray, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” (Mt. 6:13, cf. Jn. 17:15). May Christ’s Church hate darkness and discern when the enemy is masquerading as an angel of light (Rom. 12:9, 2 Cor. 11:14). Break the spell that has bewitched many believers to living by law instead of the Spirit (Gal. 3:1-3). Demolish strongholds in minds that keep us from intimately knowing our God (2 Cor. 10:4-5). May the Spirit teach us to put on the armor of God by faith to stand against the schemes of the devil (Eph. 6:10-20). May our faith in all circumstances manifest Your manifold wisdom and silence the enemy who slanders Your worth (Eph. 3:10, Ps. 8:2, Job 1:9-11).

Father, grant us justice against our adversary (Lk. 18:1-8). The enemy is starving, selling, drugging, raping, and killing Your Images (Jn. 10:10). Expose networks of darkness and break their pipelines; set the prisoners free (Isa. 9:4, 61:1, Lk. 4:18).

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to undo the works of the devil,” (lit., 1 Jn. 3:8). We praise Jesus, who disarmed the enemy and triumphed over them through the Cross (Col. 2:15). May the Church be overcomers who conquer the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, not loving their lives even unto death (Rev. 12:11, 15:2). Teach us our authority (Mt. 16:18-19; Lk. 9:1, 10:19) that 1 John 3:8 may continue manifesting through us. We want to be able to discern spirits, cast out demons, and heal the oppressed in scriptural manner that exalts Christ alone. Jesus said, “If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Mt. 12:28). Bring Your Kingdom in our midst!

PHASE 7: THE RETURN OF KING JESUS

The Kingdom is forcefully advancing, but it will not come in fullness until the return of the King. The ultimate justice against our adversary will come only at the appearing of the glory of Jesus Christ, who will destroy every enemy, even death (1 Cor. 15:24-28; Ps. 45, 110), making all things new (Acts 3:21; Rev. 19-21). May God make us a people who love His Son's appearing (2 Tim. 4:8). Every hour, we want Him to hear our voice (S.S. 8:13), wooing our Bridegroom to come back to marry us. May our prayers and their fruit hasten the day of God (2 Pet. 3:12).

We cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (1 Cor. 16:22, Rev. 22:20). Come reward Your saints and destroy Your enemies (Rev. 11:15-18). We long to see Your Face! We groan for the redemption of our bodies (Rom. 8:23). We want to be transformed like Your glorious body to see You and know You as You are (Phil. 3:21, 1 Jn. 3:2). In our light and momentary trials, give us perspective of the hope they are producing and the glory they are achieving for us at Your return (Rom. 5:2-5, 8:17-18; 2 Cor. 4:17).

Unfold Your revelation of end-times prophecies, so we can understand them clearly, according to your promise (Jer. 23:20, Dan. 12:4, Eph. 4:13-14). Anoint us to teach many to understand and to take action (Dan. 11:31-35) in partnered agreement with Your plans, not offense (Ps. 149; Mt. 11:6, 13:21, 24:10).

Great God and Savior (Ti. 2:13), Yours is the Kingdom, power, and glory (Mt. 6:13, Dan. 7:14, Rev. 1:6). Come reign! We long to see the unending increase of Your government and peace (Isa. 9:6-7). We long to reign with You on the earth (Rev. 2:26-27, 5:10, 20:4).

"Make haste, my beloved" (S.S. 8:14).

CONCLUDING EXHORTATION TO ENDURANCE

The soul's initial enthusiasm for new teamwork will fade. Only love for Jesus will motivate us to endure in prayer until He returns (1 Cor. 13:7). Watch your hearts to guard against law-based performance, and remind yourself of your first love.

Jesus encouraged us to pray and keep on praying, to never lose heart (Lk. 11:8, 18:1). Let us consider the great cloud of witnesses and run this race, fixing our eyes on the Author and Perfecter of our faith; He endured the Cross, and His love empowers us to endure in prayer and in all things (Heb. 12:1-3, Jas. 5:11, 1 Tim. 6:11, 2 Tim. 2:10).

Let us consider that perseverance makes us mature and increases our hope of glory in Christ (Rom. 5:4, Jas. 1:4, 1:25; Col. 1:27). We must prepare now to endure through the Tribulation (Rev. 1:9, 2:19, 13:10, 14:12), for endurance promises protection (3:10).

Thank you for joining us. It is an honor to serve the Lord beside you in His Temple.

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5).

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58).

"...if we endure, we will also reign with him" (2 Tim. 2:12).

Glory to God in Christ!

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