

Calvary Christian Church – All-Night Prayer Meeting – January 27, 2012

Introduction

- A. Tonight's prayer agenda will follow the pattern or manner of prayer that Jesus gave us as recorded in **Matthew 6:9-13:**

"...Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts [trespasses], as we forgive our debtors [those who trespass against us]. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." (KJV)

- B. As we pray through our agenda tonight we will discover that this "prayer model" as given by Christ addresses seven very distinct but very real needs in our lives. Open your heart, soul and spirit in each of these areas as we join together in prayer.

I. Paternal Need – "Our Father which art in heaven..." (11:00 – 11:30)

- A) **"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father'" (Romans 8:14-15, KJV).**

1. Many have not known the joy and privilege, the security and comfort, of a loving and earthly father to protect and provide for them.
2. Thank God that as a Christian believer you can call Him Father, He is our heavenly Father **"...who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created" (James 1:17-18, NIV).**
 - a) Thank God that He is a Father who does not waver or turn aside from us and our needs.
 - b) **"He chose to give us birth"** – we have not been born of His kingdom by mistake! We were His idea and He loved us so much that He gave us His Son, before we were even born!

- B) Enjoy this beginning of our prayer time by resting in the comfort, peace, and security of having a heavenly Father who has even numbered the hairs on our head!

- C) What confidence this should bring to us as we begin to pray.

II. Presence Need – "...Hallowed be Thy name..." (11:30 – 12:00)

- A) This also involves our "praise need" which we will conclude our prayer time with a little later.

- B) The Word teaches us that God literally inhabits ("sits upon" or "rests upon") the praises of His people!

1. **"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (Psalm 22:3, KJV).**
2. **"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name" (Psalm 100:4, NIV).**
3. Nothing quite compares with the manifest presence of God in our midst and within our lives. Invite His presence now by magnifying His name!
4. Praise Him for all the provision that is available through His Hebrew names:
 - a) Jehovah-Tsidkenu: "Our Righteousness"
 - b) Jehovah-M'Kaddesh: "Our Sanctification"
 - c) Jehovah-Shalom: "Our Peace"
 - d) Jehovah-Shammah: "He is Present!"
 - e) Jehovah-Rophe: "Our Healer"
 - f) Jehovah-Jireh: "Our Provider"
 - g) Jehovah-Nissi: "Our Banner"
 - h) Jehovah-Rohi: "Our Shepherd"

C) **“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus” (Hebrews 10:19, NIV).**

1. Finally, we actually make that final step into the presence of God through the blood of Christ. It is our “entrance pass” into His presence; you can only enter through the blood!
2. “Focus-in” on the blood of Christ and thank our Savior for shedding His blood so that we might enjoy the fullness of His presence in our lives.

III. Priority Need – “...Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” (12:00 – 1:00)

A) Put your foot down today!

1. God in heaven has a will for you and I on earth. Do not let anyone or anything convince you otherwise! Commit to His perfect will, plans and purposes for you (See **Jeremiah 29:11-13**).
2. God votes for you, Satan votes against you – YOU cast the deciding vote!!!
3. When you pray, **“...Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done...”** – the literal meaning of the Greek words there is “to put your foot down!”
4. You are saying, “Father, not my will but thine be done!”

B) Spend the next hour putting your foot down and declaring with your mouth that His will be done in the following areas:

1. Yourself
 - a) Consider any area where you have not surrendered your will to the will of the Father....
 - b) Commit yourself right now to pursuing nothing but the Father’s will for your life.
 - c) Consider the “Prayer of Jabez” in **1 Chronicles 4:10**.
2. Your Family
 - a) Call each of them by name and intercede until you feel a release, especially for those who are not presently following Christ.
 - b) Pray a hedge of protection around you and your family (See **Psalm 91**).
3. Your Church
 - a) Pray for the pastoral staff and their families.
 - b) Pray for all those in leadership positions and places of ministry in the church.
 - c) Use the ministry manual to pray for each of the ministries of the church; and pray that God will use His people to raise up many new ministries in 2012.
 - d) Join Pastor Tim who prays for the following to happen in every church service:
 - Save the lost, heal the sick, fill the hungry & thirsty with the overflowing power of Your Spirit, and raise up leaders and ministers of the gospel
4. Join Pastor Tim in “praying in the harvest” – note these scriptures:
 - a) **“Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made” (Isaiah 43:5-7).**

- b) **“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left...” (Isaiah 54:2-3a).**
- c) **“The day for building your walls will come, the day for extending your boundaries. In that day people will come to you...” (Micah 7:11-12a).**

BREAK: 1:00 – 1:30

- Feel free to use this time to stretch, grab some refreshments in the MPR, and spend some moments encouraging one another in the Lord.
- You may remain in the Prayer Chapel if you prefer to continue praying

III. Priority Need – Continued (1:30 – 2:00)

C) Your Missionary Staff

1. Use the missionary staff prayer manuals to pray for the Lord’s will to be done in the lives of each of our missionaries, their families and the mission fields to which they have been called.
2. Pray that young men and women will respond to God’s will for them to serve in missions.

D) Your Nation

1. Let us ask God for a “new awakening” that far exceeds any previous awakenings or revivals that New England has ever known. May God send a revival and let it start with us!
2. Intercede in behalf of our nation with the hope that the Church of Jesus Christ will be revived and become a powerful tool for reaching the lost of America.
3. Pray for our President and all those in government and leadership positions.

IV. Provision Need – “Give us this day our daily bread” (2:00 – 3:00)

- A) **“Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, ‘Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant’ (Psalm 35:27).**
 1. If you are living your life according to His will, following His priorities as discussed above; then you need to understand and believe that your heavenly Father takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servants – that’s YOU!
 2. God blessed Abraham and made him rich, so that he could be a blessing.
 3. “God does not put us in the gravy to drown in the gravy; He puts us in the gravy to pass it around!”
 4. Our heavenly Father’s hand is outstretched to you this day. Jesus said, **“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matt. 7:7-8).**
- B) **“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19)**
 1. Petition your heavenly Father now for the various needs of you and your family.
 2. Be specific & tenacious, **“...the prayer of a righteous man is powerful & effective” (James 4:16)**
 3. Do not be afraid to ask God to meet your financial needs; He knows that it takes money to live and function in today’s society.
 4. Remember to pray for the financial needs of our church as we endeavor to increase our ministry and missionary outreach in the year ahead.

BREAK: 3:00 – 3:30

- Feel free to use this time to stretch, grab some refreshments in the MPR, and spend some moments encouraging one another in the Lord.
- You may remain in the Prayer Chapel if you prefer to continue praying

V. Pardon Need – “...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (3:30 – 4:00)

A) “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

1. Thank God that we have been “redeemed” (bought back) with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, imparting to us the gift of everlasting life, with all of our previous sins cleansed and washed away!
2. But isn’t it good to know that even though we try our best not to sin, on those occasions when we “fall short of the mark,” that is – when we sin; we have an advocate (lawyer) with the Father, Jesus Christ our Lord.
3. You may have done this already during an earlier part of our prayer time, but spend the next few moments in “vulnerable prayer” as you pray the prayer of psalmist in **Psalm 139:23-24**, “**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**”
 - a) Open up to the spotlight of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to search your heart.
 - b) If sin is discovered, confess it and ask His forgiveness, knowing that He is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

B) Jesus said, “But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins” (Matthew 6:15).

1. Out of love, joy and gratitude for the forgiveness you have already received from your heavenly Father...forgive in the same way.
2. Forgive those who have trespassed against you!
 - a) This is one of the greatest stumbling blocks for professing Christians.
 - b) Do not let your offences be stumbling blocks – make them stepping stones.
3. Set your will right now and every morning in prayer, committing yourself to forgive anyone and everyone who might trespass against you that day.
4. If you are still holding someone captive in your heart through unforgiveness, release them NOW before the torment destroys your life and testimony.

VI. Power & Protection Need – “And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” (4:00 – 4:30)

A) “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes” (Ephesians 6:10-11)

1. Understand that “the devil’s schemes” are designed to lead you into temptation so that at a weak moment you will fall.
2. The Apostle Paul’s exhortation to the Ephesians was given so that we would remember that we have a part in committing to stand, and not fall, using the full armor that God has given to us.
3. **“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57).**

- B) Make your “faith declaration” that you are going to walk in victory through Jesus Christ as you put on the full armor of God as explained in **Ephesians 6:10-18**.
1. Belt of TRUTH
 2. Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS
 3. Feet fitted with the readiness of the GOSPEL OF PEACE
 4. Shield of FAITH
 5. Helmet of SALVATION
 6. Sword of the Spirit which is the WORD OF GOD
 7. **“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).**
- C) Remember that it is **“...not by might [army], nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6)**.
1. Ask for the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire for your life, to the extent that the power of the Holy Spirit becomes so infused with your spirit that you become a shining torch in His hands!
 2. We fight the good fight of faith, and it is a good fight – because we win!
 3. Thank God that He does not lead us into temptation but delivers us from every temptation and leads us into the paths of everlasting life (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).

VII. Praise Need – “For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever” (4:30 – 5:00)

- A) It would be inappropriate to begin or to end our time of prayer without giving praise to Him who is worthy of all the glory and honor!
- B) **“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name” (Hebrews 13:15).**
1. Set the rudder of our life, that is – your tongue – so that it is continually offering up the sacrifice of praise to the Lamb of God who is worthy.
 2. Develop and nurture an attitude and atmosphere of praise that you continually live and walk in.
 - a) So that you continue to “retain” all that God has done and is doing in the previous six categories of prayer and needs.
 - b) The moment you stop praising God and giving Him the glory, you run the risk of aborting the flow of God’s grace in your life and witness.
- C) So - Praise Him, Praise Him
Praise Him in the Morning,
Praise Him at the Noontime,
Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him when the Sun goes down!