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PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

January 22, 2019 – Prayer Guide

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praise the Lord and again I say, Praise the Lord!! I thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for continuing to allow us to be a part of this prayer journey. The privilege to worship God through the vehicle of prayer is amazing and you have the ability to seek and know the will of God by spending intimate time in prayer with Him. The prayer guide below is simply this: a prayer guide. We have designed this guide to assist you into entering into the presence of God. Use it to help you get started, but by no means allow it to limit your time or worship to God. Talk to the Lord in the realness and sincerity of your heart, while trusting in Him with everything that is within you. Once again, Praise the Lord and I am excited to see what God is going to do in us and through us!



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SECTION 1: REVERENCE (suggested time: 10 minutes)

This section is to focus on the character of God by praising and thanking Him. Begin by reading the following verses:

“And the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is the judge.” - Psalm 50:6

- **Praise and thank God for who He is.** Select an attribute of God in these verses, and enter into a time of praise and thanksgiving. For example, God has all

power. This verse says our God is the judge. Begin this time of prayer today like this:

“God You are a righteous Judge. You never convict people of things they did not do nor do you sentence us for things we did not commit. I acknowledge and agree with You today about what You have said about my sin. You judge me perfectly every single time!”

Continue praying along this thought that God is a perfect judge. Tell the Lord what you believe that statement means.

SECTION 2: RESPONSE (suggested time: 5 minutes)

This section is about surrender. In response to who God is, this is an opportunity to yield yourself to Him.

- **Reflect on the attributes of God in Job 42:2:**
 - *How do those attributes impact the way you see the world?*
 - *What is your response to God’s purposes always coming to pass?*
 - *Do you believe God is able to all things?*

As the Holy Spirit speaks to you, let that lead you to pray. For example, *“God, you have great and awesome plans for your people. I ask that you would lead me in your will today. I lay my life before you understanding that it’s your purposes that will stand for years to come.”*

Read these verses and respond as God speaks to you:

“so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

- Colossians 1:10

SECTION 3: REQUESTS (suggested time: 10 minutes)

This section is to lay requests before God. You may want to use a journal to make notes for each area provided. During

this time, if the Lord directs you to pray about other needs, follow His leadership. Begin by reading this verse:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. – Matthew 7:7

▪ **Seek the Lord about each of these specific areas:**

1. *Personal and/or Family Needs: What is on your heart to pray on a personal level?*
 - Recommendation: Pray for God to renew yours and your family’s strength.

2. *Ministry Needs: What is on your heart to pray for those you serve or influence?*
 - Recommendation: Pray for open doors for the Gospel via yourself as well as other believers around you.

3. *Hope Church: What is on your heart to pray for Hope Church?*
 - Recommendation: Fostering Hope

Pray for more churches to partner with our newly launched initiative: “Every Church, Every Child.”

Pray for children in the foster care system to have peace while transitioning from home to home.

Pray for God to divinely place the right children with the right families to come to know Him.

SECTION 4: READINESS (suggested time: 5 minutes)

This final section is intended to remind you of the spiritual battle before you and, more importantly, your new identity in Christ in the midst of the battle.

- **Ask God to give you the desire to use everything you are and have for His glory.** Ask for fresh eyes to see opportunities around you.

Everything we do, from the food we eat, to the beverages we drink, should be for the glory of God (Colossians 3:17). Everything we do should abound in thanksgiving to the Father. How can you give thanks in everything today?