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Prayer Prompts

Prayer walking is a powerful way to focus your mind and heart as you intercede for a particular area. You can prayer walk anytime and anywhere, but today we will specifically pray for our worship center. Prayer walking can be done in a variety of ways; praying out loud with a partner, praying alone (aloud or silently) inviting the Spirit to join you and open your eyes to His working, and by praying Scripture.

As you begin your prayer time, take note of the worship center. Notice all of its windows and doors – where people who desperately need to hear from the Lord will come and seek His face. Notice the stained glass, the stories they tell with their colors, and the light that shines through them in order for their true beauty to shine. We are blessed with a beautiful space! Tune your heart to hear from the Lord, ask Him to show you who He is calling to himself and how this building will be used for that purpose!

- ROUTINE -

We all have the normal routine that moves us from place to place and appointment to appointment. Oftentimes, we get so caught in the routine and habit of our patterns, that we carve ourselves into a rut. In our movements, we are so focused on getting to the next thing that we miss opportunities right in front of us.

Pray that the Lord would bring to mind people along your path who need Good News. Pray that He would provide new areas of influence for you to expand your sphere. Ask God to help you see where your passions, interests, and giftings can be used to draw others into the family of God.

Read 1 Peter 4:8-11

- BUSYNESS -

Do you ever find at the end of your day that you are completely exhausted, and yet can't remember what you did that day? We are busy people! We can run ourselves so ragged that we don't make time for God or others. So often, in the process of running around trying to get everything on the to-do list accomplished, we miss opportunities to be present with those along the path.

Ask God to show you areas where you are too busy. Pray that He will give you His eyes to see those around you, and to provide the supernatural peace and awareness of slowing down to steward every opportunity.

Read Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 23

- PRIDE -

We all want to have nice things and to be able to see the bounty from our hard work and giving. This can become a trap when we value the things rather more than the one who gives us all things.

Pray that the Lord would help you see where your pride has become an obstacle. Pray that the Lord would guard your heart so that the pride we have towards our church and our community would not prevent us from loving on the community around us. Pray that we can hold these things with open hands, knowing that they belong to our Heavenly Father and that He has entrusted them to us as tools to influence our world for Christ.

Read Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 3:23-24

- FAMILY -

We love our family, both our immediate and our church family. It is easy to find ourselves drifting toward those with whom we are most familiar; our family. One of our measures is "Am I Close to Someone Far From God?". As you seek to have Gospel conversations with your "One", have you been drawn to someone in your immediate family? As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to expand the family by sharing what God has done for us to everyone.

Pray that the Lord would help you to have boldness to share with those in your family and with those who are seeking family. Pray also that we use our buildings to create a home for our family, and for those who are lost but seeking family. Pray that the Lord will draw the lost to Himself, and that we would get to be their family and this building their home.

Read Luke 15: 11-32; Matthew 18:10-14

- COMMUNITY -

Who is my neighbor? In Luke 10 Jesus was asked this very question. He explained to the Pharisees, and for us, that everyone is our neighbor! We tend to find community by looking around the places and activities where we spend the most of our time. But in doing so, we can overlook those right under our noses who most need relationship. Community is everywhere, not just in the places where we are most familiar.

Pray that the Lord will help you to find community, or fellowship, anywhere you go. Pray that we can open this space not just as a location for us to share, but for it to be a community space - where fellowship unites us and transforms us more and more into the image of Jesus. Ask God to give you the opportunity to be community for someone who doesn't know Jesus, and that this worship center would be an example to that someone of God's community, His family.

Read Luke 10:25-37; Psalm 146:5-10

- EVENTS -

The worship center is a beautiful space that serves as host for a variety of events. From worship services and conferences to concerts and weddings, the worship center is a gathering space for people of all backgrounds. We want this space to be welcoming to all people, but for the purpose of transformation.

Pray for God to draw people to himself through the events and gatherings in the worship center. Pray that all those who enter here feel welcome in a way that shatters their stereotypes and draws them to our Father. Pray also that this building will be a vehicle for our church family to influence our world for Christ.

Read Hebrews 10:19-25; Jeremiah 31:31-34

- SELFISHNESS -

What are you waiting for? – quite possibly the most difficult question from our mission statement measures. While we want to think the barriers that keep us from reaching our world for Christ are external, most often the largest barrier is us. We want what we want, we have our routine, our schedules, and ourselves at the forefront of thought and consideration. Over the past months as we have engaged in Bible reading and gospel conversations, the Lord has shown us the need for us to put ourselves aside. Pray that the Lord would continue showing you the fields that desperately need workers for the harvest.

Pray that the joy you find in God's Word and in gospel conversations with your 'One' will spur you to dive in further. Pray that you will be sensitive to who the Lord puts along your path, and that you will have the boldness and courage to share what God has done for you!

Read Philippians 3:12-16; Mark 8: 34-36

