

Session 8: 60 Minutes

What we will cover today:

Part 1: Introduction and First Prayer

Part 2: Entering His Gates with Thanksgiving

- Reading and meditation of Psalm 103:1-13

Part 3: Confession

- Reading: II Chronicles 7:13-14
- Book of Common Prayer
- Daniel's Prayer for the Nation

Part 4: Laboring in Prayer

- Hymn Mumbling
- Prayers we are told to pray
- Praying for Senators
- Prayer for Church members and Helping Organizations
- The Commands of Christ

Part 5: Summary

Part 6: Benediction

- Hebrews 13:20-21

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Bible
- Pencil or Pen
- List of U.S. Senators or Heads of State from the country where you live (www.senate.gov)
- Your Church Member list or list of local churches and helping organizations, etc from web or phone book
- Battle Hymn of the Republic or patriotic hymn of your country

LABORING IN PRAYER FOCUS:

- Our Nation
- Local Churches

Part 1: Introduction and First Prayer

(Leader tries to start on time and keep session to 60 minutes)

1. **Leader:** Who will be the “Note Reader”? You interrupt (in a courteous manor) and read the line headed “Note”.

- “Note Reader” selected

2. **Leader:** Just to briefly review rules:

1. When you give thanks or pray, don’t tell us about it first; instead say it to the Lord and we’ll join you by saying “Amen”.
2. When reading scripture, if someone asks a questions, the Leader says “That’s an excellent question, we’ll discuss it right after this prayer session”.

3. **Leader:** Now let us pray the prayer that the Lord told us to pray from Luke 11:1-4

- All read/pray Luke 11:1-4 below

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.³ Give us day by day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. (Luke 11:1-4)

Part 2: Entering His Gates with Thanksgiving

4. **Leader:** Now we see how the apostles prayed and worshipped. In the following example, you’ll see how they did it by quoting from an Old Testament scripture. Who will read Psalms 2?

- Volunteer reads Psalms 2

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,³ Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.⁴ He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.⁶ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, O

ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

5.

Leader: Now who will read the apostles praying and worshipping from that same Pslam 2 after they had been persecuted?

- Volunteer reads Acts 4:23-30

²³And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.²⁴And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:²⁵ Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?²⁶The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.²⁷ For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,²⁸ For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.²⁹ And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,³⁰ By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

6.

Leader: Now let us all look at this great messianic Pslam 2 and worship Christ who will be given power over all nations by God the Father.

- All make attempt to ask and thank Christ for overcoming wicked men and nations from Pslam 2 or any other passage.

Part 3: Confession

7.

Leader: Our confession of sin is both for us and for our nation. Who will read II Chronicles 7:13-14?

- Someone read II Chronicles 7:13-14.

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

8.

Leader: Let us now pray together for our President from the Book of Common Prayer, #3.

- All pray together from the Book of Common Prayer, #3. (Facilitators, Page 1, Book of Common Prayer, #3)

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant THE PRESIDENT, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9.

Leader: We have slightly modified Daniel’s prayer for his nation to fit praying for our nation. Shall we pray together for our nation by all reading Daniel 9:4-14 as modified.

NOTE: Remember what we’re asking for from 1 Timothy 2:2, that we lead quiet, peaceable lives in godliness & honesty.

- All read/pray together Daniel 9:4-14 as modified. (Portfolio of Scripture, Page 10a)

4 - And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; 5 - We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: 6 - Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 - O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; (to us, our forefathers and our nation) (because of our trespasses.) 8 - O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, (to our president, our rulers, and our forefathers), because we have sinned against thee. 9 - To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; 10 - Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 - Yea, all (our nation) have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. 12 - And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: 13 - As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. 14 - Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

Part 4: Laboring in Prayer

10.

Leader: Lets sing the Battle hymn of the Republic. (or patriotic hymn from the country where you live)

- All sing out loud The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

11.

Leader: I need two volunteers to pray these two prayers we are told to pray in I Timothy 2:1-2 and 1 Chronicles 16:35.

- Two volunteers read/pray 1 Timothy 2:1-2 and 1 Chronicles 16:35. (Portfolio of Scripture Told to Pray, Page 1, #7 & Page 2 #15)

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;² For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

³⁵ And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

12.

Leader: Now let's pray for our 100 U.S. senators,(or heads of state from the nation where you live) bringing their names before the Lord. Each read 10 names around until all have been mentioned in prayer. I will begin, "May these men govern so we all lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty."

Note

: St. Paul said " I make mention of you in my prayers " so it's ok to just read a list mentioning each name before the Lord.

- Mention all 100 U. S. senators, 10 at a time around.

13.

Leader: We now turn to the needs of our church body and other organizations ministering God's grace. As we pray for each other anyone should feel free to interject any requests that perhaps only you know about concerning that family. I'll start by reading a prayer we're told to pray for those oversee God's people from Hebrews 13:7. Then a volunteer prays BCP #4

- Leader reads Hebrews 13:7

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

- Volunteer prays Book of Common Prayer #4

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the

healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTE: If no church member list, pray for the list of local churches in the Yellow Pages or the Web

- Go around each mentioning five or so families from the church member list with any one interjecting special requests or thanksgiving. Then pray for Helping Organizations.

14.

Leader: The Lord promised certain things will happen if we learn and keep his commandments. Who will read John 14:21, and ask God for grace to do what it says?

- Someone read John 14:21 and pray for grace to do as it says. (Portfolio of Scriptures, Page 3. About the Commands of Christ, #4)

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Part 5: Summary

15.

Leader: Now “Note Reader” reviews notes and raises hands and pronounces Benediction.

Note: Consider noting in your bible for quick reference these 2 prayers to pray and the words to say from I Timothy 2:1-2 and I Chronicles 16:35

Note: Prayer Principle: It’s ok to just pray by mentioning names from a long list. Paul said “ I thank God for you making mention of you in my prayers” 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Part 6: Benediction

- “Note Reader” pronounces Benediction

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,²¹ Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- All say “Amen” or “So be it” or “ I Agree”

16.

Leader: Don’t forget to complete your Next Generation Prayer list for the next session. The one you started in Session 7 .