

Session 9: 60 Minutes

What we will cover today:

Part 1: Introduction and First Prayer

- Common Sense Rules

Part 2: Entering His Gates with Thanksgiving

- Book of Common Prayer

Part 3: Confession (Forgive Us our Sins)

- Forgiving Enemies
- Offenses towards us
- Hymn Mumbling

Part 4: Laboring in Prayer

- Meditation of Doctrine of Resurrection
- Personal Requests
- Praying for Next Generation
- Commands of Christ

Part 5: Summary and Personal needs

Part 6: Benediction

- 1 Timothy 1:17

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Bible
- Pen or Pencil
- Separate Sheets
- Make extra "Next Generation" sheets make copies from Facilitator, page 4.
- Hymn Sheet with all verses of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LABORING SECTION:

- Next Generation

Part 1: Introduction and First Prayer

1.

Leader:

1. First, thank you for joining us today.
2. Our goal is to strengthen our relationship with God by coming together to simply pray. Our prayer time will take the form of: Reading Scripture (God speaking to us), saying back to God requests from scripture and directives from scripture, Worship of God by singing and saying formal prayers.
3. This packet (or App off the Web) and your Bible is usually everything you'll. Always note on first page any additional items.
4. We are all going to participate together. The **LEADER** will initiate and you, the **MEMBER**, will respond.
5. Let's take 3 minutes to go around and each person read one of the 8 rules. These keep the session on track. But first, who will volunteer to read the "Notes"? The Notes are not directives or prayers, they're just statements that need to be said. Your job is just butt in where it shows up and read it. Thanks.

- "Note Reader" is selected.

Rules and Notes (to keep the Prayer Session on Track)

Note 1 (for volunteer to read)

“You can’t learn to fly by reading books – you must fly with a little help from an instructor. You can’t learn to pray by reading books on prayer, you must pray with a little help from the Word, the Spirit and humans.” - Paul Pent

Note 2

Please help the leader to help everyone be governed by these rules. The rules, when followed, will greatly help the prayer session to avoid degenerating into a Bible study, a discussion, a counseling session, focusing on problems or issues instead of God’s Kingdom and righteousness. (If you want a Bible study, etc., schedule one.)

Rules: (each read one around)

The two Bible rules while praying: 1) Pray with thanksgiving and 2) ask in faith without wavering.

Common Sense Rules (please consider following them for the first year)

1. The box that starts with “Leader” is for the leader to initiate a new prayer subject.
2. The bullet point “ • ” is the prayer item itself that everyone participates in.
3. Instead of telling everyone a thanksgiving of what God did for you, describe it to God and we will give thanks with you.
4. Instead of telling everyone your prayer request, just tell it to God and we will pray with you.
5. While reading Scripture, if someone asks a question, the leader should say, “That’s a good question. We will discuss it after this prayer session.”
6. This is not a Bible study. The reading of the Bible during the prayer session is to hear from God and increase our faith to pray.
7. Say one prayer at a time. Pause, then go on if no one else says a prayer.
8. Be charitable! It will all workout in the end.

Note 3

You’ll notice how the sessions are planned to make sure the priority in prayer subjects is least interesting personally and most interesting to God and His Kingdom. “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

2. **Leader:** “Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus commanded us to pray in Luke 11:1-4. All together now.”

All Together: (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. Give us day by day our daily bread. 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 the Evil One.

Part 2: Entering His Gates With Thanksgiving

3. **Leader:** Now let us give thanks by reading together from the Book of Common Prayer # 6. After which we will each give thanks from anything in our heart.

- All read/pray # 6 from the Book of Common Prayer, then continue giving thanks for anything in your heart.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all they mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without. Amen.

- Now anyone offer up a personal thanksgiving or praise.

Part 3: Confession

4. **Leader:** In previous sessions we've confessed and repented of our sins. We've also confessed the sin of our nation including the fact that we are also guilty of being party to that sin. Now we will ask forgiveness for the sins of our enemies and all those who have sinned against us.

- Everyone pray one of these prayers until we pray all four prayers (Portfolio of Scripture, Page 7 C-2)
Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. (Luke 23:34)
Lord, lay not this sin to their charge (Acts 7:60)
I pray to you God, that it be not laid to their charge (2 Timothy 4:16)

Lord, we forgive everyone that is indebted to us (Luke 11:4)

NOTE: A pretty good trade off. We forgive and ask that God forgives our enemies then God forgives our sins.

5. **Leader:** Now in obedience to the Lord we continue by mentioning offenses toward us and our nation and tell the lord that you forgive them and ask Him to do the same.

NOTE: This doesn't mean that we don't help our nation prosecute a just war and it doesn't mean we don't rebuke in love a person that has done wrong toward us.

- Each person tells God that all offenses committed toward you are forgiven. Be specific and don't gloss over anything. (This is required by God for Him to forgive your sins...isn't that a drag!)

6. **Leader:** Now the hymn. Make a noise, beauty not required, joyful is. (Psalm 100:1)
See "Praise God from whom all blessings flow", sing all verses

- Sing noisy hymn. "Praise God from Whom" also known as the "Doxology"

Part 4: Laboring in Prayer

7. **Leader:** We have meditated on the resurrection of Christ in Luke. Now we will meditate on the doctrine of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:1-58. Read three verses each around until all 58 verses are read. Who will start?

- Volunteer starts reading three verses around in 1 Corinthians 15:1-58.

8. **Leader:** Let us now bring to the Lord our personal requests. God says to turn your care into a prayer. Who will read Philippians 4:6? (Portfolio of Scripture Told to Pray, Page 2, #16)

- Volunteer reads Philippians 4:6
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

9. **Leader:** Anyone pray for anything in your heart, including family, church and job.

- Personal requests from anyone for anything

10. **Leader:** This next project will require laboring in prayer. Do you remember during Session 7 we started praying for the Next Generation and their families? This includes our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Two volunteers, please read Psalm 78:5-7 & Ephesians 6:1-4.

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For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:⁶That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:⁷That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.²Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;³That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.⁴ And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

NOTE: It will take some leadership skills to help folks do an ongoing prayer list

11.

Leader: Please continue the task of making a personal prayer list including as many “next generation” people you know. While we write them down, we will go around praying for them out loud, all at the same time. You may use the prayers from Portfolio of Scriptures, Page 17, labeled “Slash Prayers.” You put in the child or family you are praying for in place of the personal pronoun.

- Everyone pray out loud all at the same time, for your “next generation” children and families and write them down. (Don’t mind the din when everyone prays at the same time).

NOTE: You’ll be glad ten years from now that you kept these kids in your prayers as they grow

12.

Leader: We will soon start learning Christ’s Commands and obey them. Before that, lets discover what Christ said about those who know and keep His commandments. From Portfolio of Scripture, Page 3, each read one until all are read.

- Each person read/meditate on one verse until all 10 are read.

(1) Verily, Verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. (John 8:51)

(2) And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

(3) If ye love me, keep my commandments. (John 14:21)

(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. (John 14:21)

(5) If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. (John 15:10)

(6) And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? (Luke 6:46)

(7) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock (Matthew 7:24)

(8) These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. (John 15:11)

(9) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. (John 14:24)

(10) These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world (John 16:33)

Part 5: Summary

13.

Leader: Now the "Note Reader" will summarize notes and pronounce Benediction.

NOTE: A pretty good trade off: We forgive and ask that God forgives our enemies then God forgives our sins.

NOTE: Forgiving our enemies doesn't mean that we don't go to war if our nation calls us "The Lord is a man of war".

NOTE: You'll be glad 10 years from now that you made and prayed for the Next Generation list.

Part 6: Benediction

- Benediction from 1 Timothy 1:17 while raising his hand.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- All say "Amen" or "I agree" .