

Session 6: 60 Minutes

What we will cover today:

Part 1: Introduction and First Prayer

- Common sense rules
- Book of Common Prayer #1

Part 2: Entering His Gates with Thanksgiving

- Reading: Judges 5:1-31
- Praise from Scripture

Part 3: Confession

- Reading: Galatians 5:19-26
- Confessing lack of fruit
- Hymn Mumbling

Part 4: Laboring in Prayer (Thy Kingdom Come)

- Praying from the map: North America
- Personal Needs

Part 5: Summary **(Time: 58-59 min)**

- What we learned (summary principles)

Part 6: Benediction **(Time: 59-60 min)**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Bible
- Pen or Pencil

FEATURE FOR THE LABORING SECTION:

- North America

PART 1: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST PRAYER

1. **Leader:** Are we all agreed on the rules that keep the prayer sessions on track? Basically for now, just remember: Instead of telling the group a thanksgiving or request, just tell it to God and we'll all give thanks and pray with you.

2. **Leader:** I'll need a "Note Reader"

- Note Reader is chosen to simply read the notes.

3. **Leader:** Please pray with me reading together from the Book of Common Prayer # 1.

- Read and pray together # 1 of BCP (Facilitators, Page 1, #1)

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Part 2: Entering His Gates with Thanksgiving

4. **Leader:** Now for our time of praise we will begin with the praise of a woman, Deborah the prophetess and Barak the general who together praised God after their victory in battle. Let's read two verses each until complete. Judges 5:1-31.

- Each read two verses around until complete.

NOTE: I know this praise for victory is a little obscure, but note verses 2-5 and verse 31.

5. **Leader:** We continue by praising God for His victories in our lives and our nation. Use the passage we just read or any from memory. Then we will end our praise by reading together a request the Bible tells us to make from 1 Chronicles 16:35 and Psalm 106:47.

- Each attempt to praise God for His victory, personally and continually.
- End praise section by all reading/praying together 1 Chronicles 16:35. Also note Psalm 106:47. (Portfolio of Scriptures, Told to Pray, Page 2, #15)

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

Part 3: Confession

6. **Leader:** Our confession time will have a change of tone. In the past we have acknowledged committing sins of the flesh (sins of commission) This time we will deal with sins of the spirit (sins of omission) Galatians 5:19-26

- One volunteer reads Galatians 5:19-26.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.²⁴ And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.²⁶ Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

7. **Leader:** Let us be honest with the Lord and each other and acknowledge how we have not let the spirit fill us with Himself. (Lack of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.)

- Each one confess their lack of the fruit of the Spirit.

NOTE: Prayer Principle: It is counter-intuitive that these sins are more grievous to God than sins of the flesh.

8. **Leader:** It is Hymn time.

- Someone picks a Hymn and all sing (in or out of tune).

Part 4: Session Application

9. **Leader:** Now let each person pray for 1 country at a time until 12 North and Central American countries are prayed for. Pray by locating the ruler, the country and mentioning the statistics and prayer. I will begin. "Lord, help the people of ____ (name country) and the head ruler ____ (name ruler), that they may be saved. That they would lead quiet and peaceable lives in all Godliness and honesty.

- Go around each praying for 1 country at a time until 12 are prayed for. (Map Section - North & Central America; Portfolio of Scriptures Told to Pray, Page 2, #13)

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Bermuda – Note Location: **Ruler : Governor George Ferguson**

Politics: Self governing parliamentary democracy

Prayer: Jesus, you speak of how impossible it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom. Soften the hearts of the rich in Bermuda to live as people truly changed by grace, not simply calling out, “Lord, Lord.”

Population: 65,000 **Capital:** Hamilton **Peoples:** African Caribbean
Literacy: 98% **Off. Lang:** English **Economy:** Tourism, **HDI Rank:** /182
Public Debt: 2.2% **Income p/p:** \$90,015 **Religion:** Christian 91%

Canada - Note Location **Ruler: Prime Minister Stephen Harper**

Politics: A constitutional monarchy with multiparty parliamentary democracy.

Prayer: Decline, Decline. Your church is shrinking in Canada, LORD. Revive her zeal for you! Overcome the cultural bias against Biblical Christianity with an obvious & overwhelming love found only in Christ.

Population: 34M **Capital:** Ottawa **Peoples:** European origin 80%
Literacy: 99% **Off. Lang:** English/French **Economy:** Tourism, agriculture, textiles and phosphate mining
HDI Rank: 4th/182 **Public Debt:** 56% **Income p/p:** \$2,827 **Religion:** Muslim 99%

Greenland - Note Location **Ruler : Queen Margaret II of Denmark**

Politics: Freedom of religion since 1953

Prayer: Lift the spirits of the downcast Greenlandic people, oh Great Encourager. Connect the hearts of their tight communities to Jesus, instead of Lutheran religion.

Population: 57,000 **Capital:** Nuuk **Peoples:** Greenland Inuit 8%
Literacy: 100% **Off. Lang:** Inuktitut **Economy:** Fishing & substantial support from Danish Government
HDI Rank: 1 **Public Debt:** 2.4% **Income p/p:** \$38,747 **Religion:** Christian 97%

St. Pierre & Miquelon - Note Location **Ruler : Head of State Francois Hollande**

Politics: An overseas territorial collectivity of France, the last vestige of France's once vast N. American possessions.

Prayer: Deep-seated traditions of Catholicism have driven out any Evangelical witness Lord. We pray for this tiny populous to be born again.

Population: 6,000 **Capital:** St. Pierre **Peoples:** Breton & Basque
Literacy: 99% **Off. Lang:** French **Economy:** heavily dependent on French aid **HDI Rank:**
Public Debt: % **Income p/p:** **Religion:** Christian 97%

United States of America - Note Location **Ruler : Pres. Barack Obama**

Politics: The threat of terrorism at home and abroad has seen US forces increasingly overseas.

Prayer: Revive the American Church to sing your praises in every moment of ordinary life and every venue of life. Make her a truly overwhelming force for good.

Population: 317M **Capital:** Washington, DC **Peoples:** Caucasian 58%
Literacy: 99% **Off. Lang:** English **Economy:** Technology, industry, natural resources, agriculture **HDI Rank:** 13th/182
Public Debt: 60% **Income p/p:** \$47,440 **Religion:** Christian 78%

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Leader: Are there any personal needs?

- Pray for personal and community requests.

NOTE: If your prayer is a heavy burden, then ask us to note your requests and continue praying through the week.

Part 5: Summary

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Leader: Now our “Note Reader” will read the principle we learned in this session and say the benediction.

- “Note Reader” reads the principle we learned today:

NOTE: Prayer Principle: It is counter-intuitive that sins of our spirit (pride, self-righteousness, making judgements) are more grievous to God than sins of the flesh.

NOTE: Words we are told to say from 1 Chronicles 16:35 “Gather us together to praise you”

Part 5: Benediction (by “Note Reader”)

- Note Reader prays the benediction from 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24 (Portfolio of Scripture Benediction, Page 9, #6)

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.¹⁵ See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.¹⁶ Rejoice evermore.¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.¹⁸ In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit.²⁰ Despise not prophesyings.²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

- All say “Amen”