

1. Invitation to Prayer (5 minutes) Begin by inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your time of prayer, asking for clarity and focus. Acknowledge God's presence and fully commit this hour to Him.

- Spend a few minutes of this time singing or listening to one of your favorite worship songs.

2. Personal Praise and Adoration (5 minutes): Start by focusing on God's greatness and majesty. Praise Him for who He is and for His attributes: His holiness, power, faithfulness, and love.

Scriptures for Praise:

Psalm 103:1-5 – "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Isaiah 40:28-31 – "Do you not know? Do you not hear? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable."

Prayer Points:

- Praise God for His eternal nature and His sovereignty over all creation.
- Thank Him for His character: that He is merciful, gracious, and slow to anger.
- Reflect on God's works in your life—His salvation, provision, and protection.

3. Confession (5 minutes): Confession brings humility and healing. Take time to confess any sin to God, whether it be through omission, wrong attitudes, wrong actions, or disobedience.

Scriptures for Confession:

1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Psalm 51:1-4 – "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me."

Prayer Points:

- Confess any sins that have created separation between you and God (whether in thought, word, or deed).
- Ask God to search your heart and reveal hidden sin. Pray for Christians across America to also repent.
- Seek forgiveness, remembering that He is faithful and just to forgive.

4. Thanksgiving (5 minutes): Thank God for His many blessings—His provision, protection, answered prayers, and His steadfast love. On this weekend after the National Day of Prayer, Thank God for the freedoms we have in America.

Philippians 4:6-7 – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Psalm 100:4 – "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!"

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for your salvation in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Reflect on the blessings in your life—family, health, work, church, and the privilege of living in America.
- Praise God for His faithfulness, remembering past victories and answered prayers.

1. Personal Spiritual Growth (5 minutes)

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

- Ask God to deepen your relationship with Him and conform you to the image of Christ (Rom. 12:1-2).
- Pray for a hunger for God's Word, and for growth in areas such as holiness, prayer, and evangelism.
- Pray for Christ followers across our Nation to have a desire to grow in their relationship with God.
- Seek God's help in developing the fruit of the Spirit in your life. (Galatians 5:22-23).

2. Our Church and School (10 minutes)

1 Corinthians 1:10 - "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

- Pray for follow up from the Passion Experience including: the 21 people who indicated making a decision for Christ and the 231 people who gave personal prayer requests.
- Pray for SCA teachers and students as they prepare for end-of-school activities including graduation.
- Pray also for our headmaster and the school administrators that God will give them wisdom as they lead.
- Pray for unity for our congregation. Pray for wisdom/vision for the staff and leadership of our church.

3. Lost or Unreached People (5 minutes)

2 Peter 3:9 - "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

- Pray for those who do not yet know Christ, particularly those that serve in our Government and Schools. Pray for God to send messengers.
- Ask God for the opportunity to share your faith with a lost person, and for the courage to do so.

4. People Who Are Hurting (5 minutes)

Psalms 34:18 - "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

- Pray for those you know who are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
- Pray for specific individuals or groups who you know need God's healing and comfort.

5. Our Nation, State, and County (10 Minutes) Thurs., May 1 is National Day of Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

- Pray for godly wisdom and holiness for the leaders of our nation including: President Trump and Vice President Vance and their cabinet, congressional leaders, state governors, and judges.
- Pray for unity in our nation, and for healing from political and social division.
- Pray for a national revival, and that people would turn to God in repentance and faith.

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

- Ask God to provide for and protect persecuted Christians around the world. Pray for Americans who are facing increasing persecution in our culture.
- Pray for missionaries, ministries, and mission partners working locally and around the globe as they share the Gospel.

Closing - Resting in God's Presence (5 minutes)

Jude 1:24-25: "To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

- End with a time of quiet reflection and listening to God. "Be Still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10)
- Ask God to help you seek, follow, and serve Him in the coming month.