

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:

Psalms 66:1-4 "Let the whole earth shout joyfully to God! Sing about the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God, "How awe-inspiring are your works! Your enemies will cringe before you because of your great strength. The whole earth will worship you and sing praise to your name."

Isaiah 40:28-29 "Do you not know? Do you not hear? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never becomes faint or weary; there is no limit to his understanding. He gives strength to the faint and strengthens the powerless."

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 strengthens the weak.
- 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:

Psalms 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."

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."

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.
- 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.

Scriptures for Thanksgiving:

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."

Psalms 105:1-3 "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell about all his wonderful works! Boast in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice."

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for your salvation in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Thank God for His faithfulness, remembering past victories and answered prayers.

Suggested Intercessory Prayer Topics

1. Personal Spiritual Growth (5 minutes)

Philippians 1:9-11 "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

- 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.
- Ask for strength to overcome personal temptations and sin.
- 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."

- **First North Transition Team** to have continued unity and clarity in their search for our next Pastor- Pray with them for God's man, in God's timing, no exceptions.
- **AWANA and Community Groups are beginning.** These are two of the most impactful and long-term ministries in the lives of children and youth in our church. Pray for God to raise up leaders to invest in the lives of our young people as they memorize God's Word and learn more about Him together on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- **CEF Good News Clubs at Cleveland Academy and Hendrix Elementary** begin meeting soon. Pray for God to bring the needed volunteers and for kids to meet Jesus this year.
- **Discipleship classes** begin September 2nd. Pray for God to draw people to enroll and deepen their faith walk by studying the principles of God's Word with other believers.
- **SCA-** the Warrior Dad's program begins Sept. 11th. Pray for God to draw dads to attend and for Rob as he ministers to them. Pray also for the High School retreat on Sept 21-23.

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, both locally and globally. 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 and World (10 minutes)

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 wisdom for the leaders of our nation—president, governors, lawmakers, and judges.
- Pray for unity in the 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 missionaries, ministries, and mission partners working around the globe to 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 the Lord in the coming month.