



# PRAYER EXPERIENCE

*After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. - Acts 4:31*

**Instructions:** Leaders, have someone read each scripture out loud to the group and then follow the directions for that section of specific prayer. The first three sections will need about five to ten minutes for each one. After confession, sing together Amazing Grace and you collect the pink sheets and visibly destroy them. The last section will need a longer time to cover Here, Near, and Far. Close your time by saying in unison The Lord's Prayer. This prayer experience should take about an hour. Each person may contribute prayers multiple times. Enjoy your time with the Lord.

## ADORATION

- 1 Chronicles 29:11-14 - *"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head overall. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name..."*

**Group Prayer** – Everyone can speak out adoration of God and praise his name. When the group has finished, the Leader can conclude and say Amen.

## CONFESSION

- Ezra 10:1 - *"While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a large crowd of Israelites—men, women and children—gathered around him. They too wept bitterly."*
- 1 John 1:9 - *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

**Silent Prayer** – Write down on the pink sheet provided, your confession to God of sins: personal, family, church, and our nation. After this time of quiet prayer, fold your sheet and your leader will destroy it putting those sins away. Then a designated group member can lead the group to sing one verse of Amazing Grace.

## THANKSGIVING

- Psalm 100:4 - *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."*
- 1 Timothy 4:4 - *"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."*

**Group Prayer** – Spend time thanking God for all he has provided for you, your family, your group, our church, and our community.

## SUPPLICATION

- 1 Kings 8:30 - *"Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive."*
- Philippians 4:6 - *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

**Pray in groups of 2 or 3 of the same gender** Pour your heart out to the Lord with these important needs. When your leader begins leading the Lord's Prayer, that will end this season of Prayer. Thanks for praying.

**Here** – Pray specifically for your family, friends, and Life Group

**Near** – Pray for your church, the White Oak church leaders, your neighborhood, your community, the city of Cincinnati, and the City and county leaders and officials.

**Far** – Pray through the list provided with your own details added.

## India

Matthew and Mary and the 30 WOCC staff that are leading 14 church plants with 6,000 members in Karnataka State Southern India. Pray for the Lord to open new doors for them in the midst of the fundamentalist Hindu persecution and illegal conversion laws that carry a death sentence.

## Myanmar

Khono and her son Mathew in their radio broadcasting ministry to the Rawang tribe producing programs in two dialects for each day of the week. The broadcasts are in shortwave radio sent from Manila, Phillipines to all SE Asia. Pray for their safety in the middle of the war zone that surrounds them. Pray also for Khono's evangelistic outreach to children and their mothers in the nearby Napali enclave.

Robinson, also of the Rawang tribe, the president of MBI - Myanmar Bible Institute in Central Myanmar - and the professors and the students who are being trained to be missionaries and church planters to reach other tribes within the country despite the killing and destruction being caused by the ongoing civil war.

Daniel, of the Naga Tribe (former headhunters), as he establishes a training center to train Nagas to reach their tribe near the border of India.

## Haiti

Leon and Jackie as they continue establishing a redeemed space in the center of the violence and civil unrest in the country. Pray for the three churches, the schools, the medical centers, and the skill-training facility they have established and the new Bible College that is just beginning.

## Senegal, Africa

Tom and Suja and Minta as they build bridges to share the gospel into the lives of the Muslim people they are ministering too. For Tom as he teaches them "Farming God's Way" and how to produce a harvest in the midst of the current draught. For Dr. Suja as she administers medical care in Jesus' name in the clinic where she is working among the poor. For Minta as she teaches their children and ministers to local women. (A WOCC team led by Nathan will be visiting them at the end of January. Pray for the team to have safety and bring encouragement and refreshment.)

## Kenya, Africa

Don is the headmaster of the KCITI - Kenya Christian Industrial Training Institute in Nairobi. The school has over 2000 Somali Muslim refugee students learning skills to move them out of the largest ghetto in the world and into productive livelihoods. There is also a small hidden, 25 student seminary, embedded within KCITI teaching church planting skills to become Christian missionaries. Don has planted a church and writes and prints booklets for Somali Muslim evangelism with a wide distribution.

### Pray in Unison Matthew 6:9 -13

*"Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."*