

Women Interceding for the Next Generation of Saints



MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL

Everything recorded in Scripture about our Lord is for our example.

Jesus made it simple, "Take up your cross and follow me." As Christians, we are to model our Lord's behavior in every possible way. Praying is to be of high priority to us as it was to Him. **Prayer is not a magic formula to get our needs met.** Rather, praying is our **worship** of God the Father, **offering** up our petitions through God the Son and **inviting** God the Holy Spirit to pray through us as we open our hearts to Him. Jesus "did nothing except what the Father told him to do." The presence and spirit of Christ will become real to us with increasing certainty as we learn to quietly surrender our will to the Father through sincere and worshipful prayer.

Jesus was a prayer warrior! Even though He was surrounded by people and had a very busy schedule, He set aside much time for Spirit-led fasting and prayer.

"And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone." (Mathew 14: 23)

*"Moreover, **WHEN you fast**, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Jesus gave these instructions to his disciples in Matthew 6:16-18 [emphasis added].*

Read Luke 18:1-8 as a group. Answer the following questions:

(This first story was taught to the people who were following after the Lord.)

1. What did the widow do to get the attention of the judge?
2. Did the widow have a particular petition that she wanted to be heard?
3. Did the judge listen each time she brought the petition to him?
4. How did Jesus describe the mindset of the judge?
5. Why did the judge grant her petition?

6. What is the main concept about prayer that Jesus was teaching that day and today to us, His followers?

Now read verses 9-14.

Jesus shifts to a teaching that He taught the Pharisees (pompous religious leaders who took pride in their knowledge and positions.)

The two men had diverse positions in that society. One was honored the other, a publican (tax collector), was hated and loathed.

1. What were the elements of the Pharisees' long and loud prayer?
2. What were the elements of the publican's prayer, and how did his body language confirm his mindset before God?
3. What was the main concept about prayer that Jesus was revealing that day? Do you dread hearing "great prayers," secretly wishing you were one of them?
WINGS is a place where we practice praying from our hearts.
4. How do you think that God rewarded the publican that day?

Each WINGS gathering will begin with a devotion and a time for self-reflection before God. We are committed to embracing the humble spirit of the publican.

God hates pride. We must hate pride within ourselves. Today, we invite each of you to locate a private place in the room or house for a time to confess and forsake the sin that is residing in your heart and mind today.

If you feel so led, please kneel to pray. If not, make yourself comfortable and ask God to bring to your mind the areas where He is calling you to humble repentance. **Repent means to turn away and stop the behavior.**

"Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up." (James 4:10)

When you begin to hear the worship music, **please finish your prayers and quietly gather at the altar** for the group prayers for our families. We will begin our Stations of Prayer and petitions to the Lord when everyone is gathered.

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PRAYER STATIONS AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

As we begin to bring our petitions for our children to the Lord, we must remember that no matter what our children are doing or not doing, we trust in the **power of God**, the **Spirit of His Son**, and the **leading of the Holy Spirit** to bring about the changes that are needful for them to experience lives of peace, joy, and love.

"Our soul waits for the Lord. He is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20)

As we studied today, all scripture pertaining to our Lord is to be carefully examined and used for our example. Since this is the beginning of our prayer fellowship, we will start with the beginning of our Lord's ministry for our first prayer stations together. Jesus went to His hometown, Nazareth, where he stood up on the Sabbath, opened a scroll of Isaiah, and read to the people His divine assignment for coming to the earth. Think of your children and their needs and allow the Spirit to pray through you as we agree with each station of intercessory prayer;

*"And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah, and when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to **preach the gospel to the poor**; he has sent me to **heal the broken-hearted**, to **preach deliverance to the captives**, and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty them that are oppressed**, to **preach the Acceptable Year of the Lord**.'" (Luke 4:17-19)*

Station One: Preach the gospel to the poor

Pray for Christ to bring His spirit of salvation to our children and grandchildren. Pray that their hearts will be brought to repentance of the poverty of their souls.

Pray for the gospel (good news) of His love, forgiveness, grace, and restoration to be clearly understood, accepted, and embraced into their spirits and their lives.

Station Two: Heal the broken-hearted

Intercede for the healing of wounded hearts and experiences from their memories and experiences. Ask for the spirit of Christ to heal their brokenness from relationships,

disappointments, betrayals, and all circumstances that have inflicted pain into their spirits.

Station Three – Set the captives free

Pray for all bondage to be broken from their lives. Intercede for the bondage of the spirit of self-will, rebellion, resentment, bitterness, unbelief, doubts, addictions of all sorts, including controlled substances and unhealthy relationships, to be removed **in the name of Jesus**.

Station Four – Recover the sight of the blind

Pray for the spirit of Christ to recover in their lives, get back, and regain what has been lost. Pray that the Spirit will open their eyes to see the spiritual things of God.

Pray that the enemy will not continue to blind them to what is godly and holy. Pray that they will begin to understand the blindness of the world and all that is in it.

Station Five – Set at liberty the oppressed

Stand in the gap and intercede for your children to receive the liberation of Christ's spirit from the oppressive spirits and mindsets and patterns of depression, self-loathing, guilt, temper, rage, self-pity, inadequacy, envy, distrust, selfishness, criticism, faultfinding and all spirits that keep them from experiencing joy for life.

Station Six – To proclaim (announce with authority) the Year of our Lord!

Pray that our children will become followers of Christ and acknowledge Him as the Lord of their lives. Pray that this next generation will run to the salvation being offered and that they will know the Lord in the intimacy of His love and faithfulness.