

Corporate Prayer

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Intro

- How many of us wants God to be near us?
- Deut 4:7 – What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?
- Some may say, “We don't know how to pray.”
- We are in good company. Disciples asked to be taught.
- Luke 11:1 – One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples to pray.”
 - Key – willingness to pray
- Had a bit of teaching in the past, today we will practice
- Break into groups of 4s

Few Guidelines

- **Pray with humility (James 4:6, 1Chron 7:14)**
- **Bless our enemies**
 - **Mat 5:44 – pray for those who persecute us**
 - **Forgiving not judgemental heart (Deut 1:17, Mat 7:1)**
- **Pray in faith (to move mountains – Mat 17:20)**
- **Pray with heart of gratitude vs. anxiety (Phil 4:6)**

Let's Begin

- **Ps 100:4 – Enter His gates with thanksgiving & praise**
- **Ps 66:18 – If I have cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened**
 - **Mat 9:24 - I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief**
 - **James 5:16 – Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.**
- **Mat 9:37 - Pray for those who don't know Jesus**
 - **Have the Father's heart (burden – Rom 9:1-3, 10:1)**
 - **Pray and claim laborers (Mat 9:38)**
 - **Hand out sheets**
 - **Family/Friends – those who are close (ie. CD)**
 - **Group shares of someone they want to pray for**

Pray for Unreached people

Mat 24 – Jesus' return is conditional...

- **Pray for two unreached groups today**
 - **China: Tu**
 - **One of China's official minorities**
 - **Believe they are descended from white feathers that were left behind by a flock of cranes**
 - **60 % of language – Mongolian**
 - **Mainly Buddhists**
 - **India: Tigala**
 - **Lower caste in Tamil Nadu**
 - **Most politically mobilized caste**
 - **Population : 300,000 (2001)**
- **Pray for missionaries (locals & foreign) to reach out**

Pray for Local Outreach

- **March 24 – San Jacinto College**
 - **Students & teachers at cross cultural event**
 - **Pray for the 6 speakers**
 - **Pray for presence of the Lord to draw people to Him**
 - **Pray for unity of spirit**
- **Your neighborhoods & communities**
 - **Apartment complexes**
 - **This area's businesses (NASA's)**
 - **Want the Lord's plan & direction**
 - **Your businesses, schools, work place**
 - **Share with one another & Pray**

Physical & Emotional Healing

- **James 5:15 – And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.**
 - **Marco & anyone else?**
 - **Emotional healing (Pray for truth & freedom)**
 - **Struggling with addictions**
 - **Struggling with self control**

Pray for USA

- **2Chron 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**
 - **Ask the Lord for forgiveness**
 - **Our lack of prayers & humility**
 - **For abortions & unrighteousness**
 - **For pride, selfish & rebellious spirit**
 - **Pray for our government**
 - **President/Congress/Supreme Court**
 - **Their well-being (Ezr 6:10)**
 - **Peace, wisdom & righteousness (1Tim 2:2)**
 - **Consider interest of people ahead of self ambitions**

Pray for Authority

- **Pray for those in authority (1Tim 2:2)**
 - **Walk in righteousness**
 - **Their well being and of those they serve**
 - **God's blessings of wisdom, faith, & strength**
- **Pray for all under authority**
 - **Humble to submit (Rom 13)**
 - **Desire to bless our authorities & see best for them**

Listen - SOS

- **Learn to listen**
- **SOS – Say, Obey, Share**
- **S - SAY**
 - **What did God say?**
- **O - Obey**
 - **Willing to obey**
- **S - SHARE**
 - **Share what He has done & His goodness**
- **Singapore & any other testimonies (closing song)**

Edification Time

- What spoke to you in this message?
- Pray for one another

