“PRAYING FOR …”
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“Praying for Things” (1 John 5:14-15)

1. Pray with a plan
   - Have a specific time and place for prayer (Mark 1:35)
   - ex. 20/20 (20 minutes in prayer; 20 minutes in God’s word)

2. Pray with balance (A.C.T.S.)
   - Adoration (Psalm 29:2)
   - Confession (1 John 1:9)
   - Thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
   - Supplication (James 4:2)

3. Pray in Jesus’ name
   - Pray with Jesus as your mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
   - Pray with Jesus-authority (John 16:23)

4. Pray with right motives
   - Do not pray with selfish motives (James 4:3)
   - Pray that God will be glorified (Matthew 6:9)

5. Pray according to God’s will
   - Pray for God’s will to be done (Matthew 6:10)
   - Submit your will to God’s will (Luke 22:42)

6. Pray with faith
   - Approach God with confidence (1 John 5:14-15)
   - Ask in faith believing (James 1:6-7)
   - Claim God’s promises (Psalm 145:13)

7. Pray with perseverance
   - Keep on asking, seeking, knocking (Matthew 7:7-8)
   - Always pray and never give up (Luke 18:1)
“Praying for Forgiveness” (1 John 1:5-10)

I. Praying for salvation
   A. Admit: Admit you are a sinner in need of a Savior
      - Proverbs 28:13; Romans 3:23

   B. Believe: Believe in Jesus as your Savior
      - John 1:12, 3:16

   C. Confess: Confess your sin and Jesus as Lord
      - Psalm 32:5; Romans 10:9

II. Confessing sin
   A. Unconfessed sin breaks your fellowship with God
      - Psalm 66:18; 1 John 1:6

   B. Confessing sin restores your fellowship with God
      - Psalm 19:12; 1 John 1:9

   C. Do I ask God for forgiveness or thank God for forgiveness?
      - Psalm 103:2-4; Matthew 6:9,12

III. Forgive others
   A. ‘Forgive us as we forgive others’
      - Matthew 6:12,14-15

   B. Forgive others as Christ forgave you
      - Ephesians 4:32
“Praying for Healing” (James 5:13-16)

I. The relationship between sickness and sin
   A. Sickness is a consequence of sin (general and specific)
      - Romans 8:22-23; 1 Corinthians 11:30

   B. Jesus died specifically for sin, not for sickness
      - Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24

   C. Jesus died to remove the consequences of sin
      - Revelation 21:4

II. The difference between healing and forgiveness
   A. Healing and forgiveness are often mentioned together
      - Psalm 41:4, 103:2-3; Jeremiah 17:14

   B. Four major differences between forgiveness and healing
      1) instantaneous vs. sometimes delayed
      2) complete vs. sometimes partial
      3) permanent vs. sometimes temporary
      4) guaranteed vs. sometimes not granted

III. Instructions on praying for healing
   A. Praying for different types of healing
      1) natural healing (Proverbs 17:22)
      2) medical healing (1 Timothy 5:23)
      3) miraculous healing (Matthew 9:35)

   B. Specific instructions for the church (James 5:14-16)
      1) call the elders of the church
      2) elders pray anointing with oil
      3) prayer of faith will make the person well
      4) any sin must be confessed
“Praying for Victory over Sin” (2 Peter 1:3-4)

I. Foundations for victory
   A. Authority (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
      - You have been given authority in Christ

   B. Grace (Hebrews 2:18, 4:15-16)
      - Jesus knows what you’re going through

II. Understanding temptation
   A. Temptation is not sin (Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15)

   B. Temptation does not come from God (James 1:13)

   C. Know your enemy (the flesh, the world and the devil)

   D. Know how temptation works (James 1:14-15)
      - desire → temptation → sin → death

III. How to pray for victory over sin
   A. Everyday prayers:
      1) Pray against temptation (Matthew 6:13, 26:41)
      2) Pray for wisdom (Proverbs 13:14; James 1:5)
      3) Offer yourself to God (Romans 6:13, 12:1)
      4) Pray for God’s Spirit to lead you (Galatians 5:16-18)
      5) Confess and forgive (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

   B. When you are being tempted:
      1) Pray for wisdom (see above)
      2) Pray for God to show you his way out (1 Cor. 10:13)
      3) Pray against any power of Satan (James 4:7)
      4) Draw near to God in prayer (Psalm 25:15; James 4:8)

IV. Three more helps in prayer
   A. Act on your prayers (Ex 34:12-13; Neh 4:7-9; Prov 6:27-28)
   B. Pray with and for each other (Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16)
   C. Know that Jesus prays for you, too! (Luke 22:31-32)
“Praying for Church and Family” (Matthew 6:9-13)

I. The importance of church and family
   A. Three primary institutions (family; church; government)
      - Genesis 2:24; Matthew 16:18; Romans 13:1
   B. The principle of stewardship (praying for responsibilities)
      - Matthew 25:21

II. Praying for family (Job 1:1-5; Psalm 23; Lord’s Prayer)
   A. Physical needs (health; work; finances; etc.)
      - Psalm 23:1-2; Matthew 6:11
   B. Spiritual needs (salvation; spiritual growth)
      - Psalm 23:3; Matthew 6:12
   C. Protection (evil; danger; accident; injury; sickness; harm)
      - Psalm 23:4; Matthew 6:13
   D. Relationships (peace; unity; spouse/future spouse; children; etc.)
      - Psalm 23:5; Matthew 6:14-15
   E. Guidance and direction (God’s will; God’s purposes)
      - Psalm 23:3,6; Matthew 6:9-10

III. Praying for church
   A. People (prayer list; small groups; ministry teams; protection)
      - Ephesians 6:18
   B. Leadership (pastors; deacons; other leaders)
      - Ephesians 6:19
   C. Ministries (God glorified; people serve; body built up; maturity)
      - Ephesians 4:11-13
   D. Growth (spiritual; numerical; financial; demographic)
      - Matthew 13:31-32
   E. Witness (unity; gospel; evangelism)
      - John 17:20-21
   F. Missions (see upcoming message: Praying for Missions)
“Praying for the Lost” (Colossians 4:2-6)

I. Pray for Open Eyes / Awareness of Need
   A. Pray for your own eyes to be open (compassion for the lost)
      - John 4:35; 2 Corinthians 5:16
   
   B. Pray for the eyes of the lost to be open (conviction of sin)
      - Acts 26:17-18; 2 Corinthians 4:4

II. Pray for Open Doors / Opportunities to Share
   A. Some doors are wide open (divine appointments)
      - Acts 14:27
   
   B. Some doors are initially shut (takes wisdom to open)
      - Proverbs 11:30; Colossians 4:2-6

III. Pray for an Open Mouth / Faith and Boldness to Share
   A. Trust God to give you the words (takes faith)
   
   B. Share the good news of Jesus (takes boldness)
      - Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:19-20

IV. Pray for Open Hearts / Faith Response to the Gospel
   A. We plant the seed (pray and share the gospel)
   
   B. God brings the results (draws people’s hearts to Christ)
      - John 6:44; 1 Corinthians 3:6
“Praying for Missions” (Matthew 9:35-38)

I. The need for the gospel
   A. All have sinned and need salvation
      - Romans 3:23; Revelation 20:11-15

   B. Jesus is the only Savior for the world
      - John 14:6; Acts 4:12

   C. God wants people saved from all nations
      - Isaiah 49:6; John 3:16

II. The need for workers
   A. Jesus tells us to go into all the world

   B. We need people who are willing to go
      - Matthew 9:37-38; Romans 10:13-15

III. The need for prayer
   A. Pray various Scriptures relating to missions
      - Matthew 6:9-10, 9:38; Revelation 5:9, 7:9-10

   B. Pray for your church's missionaries
      - prayer list; brochure; weekly focus; newsletters

   C. Pray for specific nations and unreached peoples
      - Operation World; Joshua Project

   D. Ask God what he would have you do
      - willing to pray, give or go (or any combination)