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OF PRAYER**

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Important Information

a) Who we are speaking to!

- Psalm 33:6-9 "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."

b) almighty God Invites us to come to him

- provided the path

- clearly tells us to come to him in prayer

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- John 16:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full"

- Matt. 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened"

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c) Promise of God to hear & respond

- Psalm 40:1-3 "I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD."

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- Psalm 51:17 “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise”

d) Scripture full of accounts of God responding to the prayers of his people

- Ex. 3:1-10

Look at prayer in our place & time

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1. God Knew where You would be in time & Place

- Acts 17:24-27 “²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,”

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- Eph. 2:10 ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



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2. Your Situation is Not a Surprise to God

- nothing about your times that is a surprise to God
- God is active in governments
- Proverbs 21:1 “The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.”
- Proverbs 19:21 “Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.”
 - a) Jesus Model
 - reality of Roman Occupation & Persecution
 - teaching – thy kingdom, thy will
 - practice – garden prayer

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b) be open about your situation

- **God is already aware**

- **allow heart alignment – not my will be done**

 - **song – I pray for you**

- **Luke 6:27-28 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”**

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3. Instructions – Pray for our Leaders

- 1 Tim. 2:1-4 “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

- all people/kings & authorities singled out
- thanksgivings must have been hard for them
- connected to life and witness
- important to the will of God that all be saved

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b) clear call in 1 Peter 2:18-25

“Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.”

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4. Persisting in Prayer

- Rom. 12:12... “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

- 1 Thess. 5:14-18... “And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

- Persisting in Prayer changes me...

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So What?

- 1. Almighty God has provided a way, clearly invited & instructed me to come in prayer. He promises to hear and respond to his people, with history showing He acts.**
- 2. God knows your place and your situation, instructs me to pray where he placed me.**
- 3. Prayer for our:**
 - Nation, leaders and government**
 - Province, leaders and government**
 - City – mayor & council**
- 4. Allowing alignment in our hearts, living differently**

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