



A Three-Hour prayer guide

“Witness to the World”

Seeking God’s guidance on the

Mission of our church

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” — Acts 1:8*

## **8:00-8:05 / 6:00-6:05 – Welcome together and instructions**

### ***Welcome!***

Thank you for joining me in this sacred time of prayer this evening by making this a priority in your schedule and joining your fellow LifeSpringers in prayer. Prayer is the lifeblood of our church. We have no hope of being about our calling and mission if we do not call out to God. This time of prayer is in a way fasting your time by choosing to spend these few hours with God instead of accomplishing and doing a hundred other things. I believe this fast of your time will be much more productive than all those other things you could be doing. I know God will see your sacrifice and will in some way reward you for your efforts this evening.

### **Guidelines for our time together and apart:**

- This evening, we are setting aside time to simply be in God's presence and seek Him in the midst of our busy schedules. The exercises we will go through are meant to be walked through slowly and thoughtfully – DON'T RUSH. Breathe deeply often and work to still your mind and focus upon God.
- If you need to go to the bathroom, get a drink at any point, get some coffee (Keurig is running out front), please feel to do so but do so quietly as to not disturb others in their time with God.
- Please keep side discussions to a minimum even as we join together corporately. Our focus this evening is purely on God and not each other.
- You are welcome to put some worship music on in your private time if that helps you focus but please keep it soft so as to not to disturb others or override your own focus.
- Lastly, I am so appreciative that you are willing to join me in prayer today.

### **Find a Place**

Next, you will need to find a quiet place to worship and pray. We have plenty of room for this but make the space you choose comfortable for you. Here are some of the spaces you can use this evening:

- Big sanctuary where several people can pull away in a corner
- Youth Room
- 2 Kidz Life rooms
- Nursery
- Barb's office
- My office
- Foyer
- Outside bench in the front
- Picnic shelter
- Swing set
- Your car
- Upstairs balcony
- Kitchen (just bring in a comfy chair)

Also, keep a clock nearby (or stopwatch or alarm) just to help you move through the timed segments that follow and so that you will know when to join back together with the group. (I like to set a timer on my phone or an alarm on my phone to mark the end of each segment.)

*Scripture: I intentionally left room on the side of the scriptures for you to take notes. Writing out notes is a huge way to stay focused and to keep awake.*





- 2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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**Reflect in Pray:**

- Worship God as Savior of the world
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Thank Him that His heart is global, not limited

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**5 min — Christ’s Authority and Commission**

- Matthew 28:18–20 “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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**Reflect in Pray:**

- Jesus has all authority
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The mission is backed by heaven







**5 min — Church-Level Failures**

- Revelation 2:4–5 “Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.<sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”

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**Confess:**

- Losing first love
  
- Focusing inward instead of outward
  
- Programs over people

**5 min — Receive Grace**

- 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.”
  
- Psalm 103:10–12 “He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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**Rest in:**

- Forgiveness
  
- Cleansing
  
- Renewal for mission

# 9:20-9:30 / 7:20 – 7:30 – Join Back Together

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## THANKSGIVING (9:30-10:05 / 7:30-8:05 — 35 min.)

*Focus: Gratitude for what God has already done in His mission*

### 10 min — The Gospel Itself

- Romans 1:16<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.
- Ephesians 2:8–9<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

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### Thank God:

- For saving you and write out how you came to know Jesus
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- For the power of the gospel

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### 5 min — The Spread of the Church

- Acts 2:41–47 “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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- Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

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**Pray:**

- For unreached people groups
  
- For missionaries
  
- For closed countries

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**5 min — Surrender & Sending**

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

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**Pray:**

- “Here am I, send me”
  
- Offer your life fully to God’s mission