

Kingdom Core Prayer Guide

Praying The Vision

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Praying The Vision

Once we have established vision, purpose, mission, and goals, ([see detailed explanation here](#)) those things should become the central part of our prayer lives. Jesus modeled this concept. He preached the Kingdom of God and then He taught His disciples to pray for it. In other words, He taught them to “Pray the Vision.”

Prayer Defined.

In the most basic sense, prayer is talking to God. It may include...

1. Coming to God through confessions of faith and repentance from sin
2. Worship and adoration
3. Seeking the powers of heaven to accomplish the goals and purposes of God on earth. This would include petitions and declarative statements and decree

When it comes to *Praying the Vision*, we are primarily dealing with #3 above.

Prayer Must Be According to God’s Will

Prayer accesses God’s power for God’s plan. We acknowledge our need for God’s help and activate His power to accomplish our mission by putting words into the spiritual atmosphere. Unless the Lord builds the house, our labor is in vain (see Ps 127:1). Prayer based on His word is powerful, because we know that His word is according to His will.

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. — 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

We Pray as God’s Agents on Earth

The heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth He has given to the sons of men (Ps 115:16). Therefore, praying in agreement with God’s will opens the legal channels for heavens power to manifest on earth. This is why Jesus said, “...if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven” (Matt 18:19).

Prayer Employs the Angels.

The angels are workers on our behalf. They hear and take action.

Hebrews 1:13-14 (KJV)

¹³ But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

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¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

For this reason, Prayer should be 1) Verbalized, and 2) According to God's will.

Prayer is Work.

Prayer need not be hard work, but it is work nonetheless.

Words describing the desired outcome need to be spoken and put into the spiritual atmosphere. For this reason, prayer is not based on feeling or emotion, but on purpose and responsibility, much like going to work and doing our job.

Praying According to Vision, Purpose, Mission, and Goals

The prayer points below can and should be used, but they are by no means exhaustive. Use them to get started and let the Holy Spirit lead you in your prayers. Before praying each section, consider the definitions of Vision, Purpose, Mission and Goals. Then use the scriptures and points below in prayer.

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Praying For Vision:

The ability to comprehend, understand or see.

1. Pray for the ability to comprehend and possess the big picture of God's plan as laid out in the foundational principles. (Eph 3:18).

Ephesians 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height

2. Invoke John 3:3 by declaring to be one who can see the kingdom of God because you are born again.

John 3:3 (NKJV)

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

3. Read Acts 2:17 and declare: "The Holy Spirit is poured out upon me, my family, and the church. We shall prophecy, see visions, and dream dreams."

Acts 2:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

4. Ask for wisdom and understanding (James 1:5 and Proverbs 4:7)

James 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

5. Pray Ephesians 1:17-21 and 3:16-18

Ephesians 1:17-21 (NKJV)

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

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²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,
²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 3:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height--

6. Pray for eyes to see and ears to hear (1 Cor 2:9-10)

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But as it is written: "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*"

7. Pray for the ability to see what the Father is doing so we can do likewise (John 5:19-20)

John 5:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.
²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

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Praying for the Purpose:

The reason something is done or created.

Intention or objective.

Our purpose is to see the King and the Kingdom of God on earth.

1. Pray for the Kingdom of God to come (Matt 6:10; Rev. 22:17, 20).

Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

Revelation 22:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:20 (NKJV)

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

2. Pray for the characteristics of the Kingdom to manifest through us on earth (Rom 14:17)

Romans 14:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

3. Pray for and proclaim purpose, intentions and objectives by describing the Kingdom:

- Declare that the coming kingdom of God is with us now (Matt 4:17)

Matthew 4:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

- Declare that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord known until Jesus returns and it covers the earth and ask Him to use us to accomplish that (Hab 2:14)

Habakkuk 2:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.

- Declare that we will rule and reign on earth with Jesus, and pray that we would start learning now how to rule (1 Cor 6:2).

1 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

²Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

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- Declare that you are called to inherit a blessing and that you will have the compassion and grace to bless others even if they curse you (1Peter 3:9)

1 Peter 3:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous;

⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

4. Pray that the love for His appearing will grow and declare there is a crown of righteousness laid up for God's people (see 2 Tim 4:1-8).

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

5. Pray that being resolute in purpose, we will remain true to the Lord and not be sidetracked. (Acts 11:23)

Acts 11:23 (NKJV)

²³ When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

6. Pray that our minds are prepared for action with the hope of His coming as our goal (see 1 Peter 1:13).

1 Peter 1:13 (NASB)

¹³ Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Praying for the Mission:

A strongly felt aim, ambition or calling. An Assignment

Our mission is to prepare the way for the kingdom by making disciples in the three institutions established by God.

1. Ask God to connect you with those whom you can lead to Jesus. (2 Tim 2:2)

2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)

² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2. Pray for the establishment of new churches and study groups. (Luke 4:43)

Luke 4:43 (NKJV)

⁴³ but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

3. Pray for your brothers and sisters to be like-minded regarding kingdom purpose and mission (see Phil 2:2)

Philippians 2:2 (NKJV)

² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

4. Pray for individuals you are associated with in the mission. (Rom 1:9)

Romans 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

5. Make Faith Declarations

- I am preparing the way for the kingdom of God to appear (Matt 3:3)

Matthew 3:3 (NKJV)

³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'*"

- I have the authority to make disciples and teach them to observe what Jesus commanded (Matt 28:18-20; Eph 1:21)

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me

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in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Ephesians 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13)

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

- What the Lord asks of me is not too hard. His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matt 11:30)

Matthew 11:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

- Jesus is with me, even to the end of the age (Matt 28:20)

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Praying for the Goals:

Goals are strategic plans and steps that are part of the mission, which can be measured, accomplished, and ultimately lead to the fulfilled purpose.

Our general goals are to bring Christian influence and discipleship into the three institutions established by God:

- 1 The Family
- 2) The Church, and
- 3) Civil Government

Each of these general goals break down into many smaller goals for which to pray. Expect Holy Spirit to lead your prayers. A section for each of these three areas is provided below as a starting point for prayer.

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1. Pray for Families

General Goal: *Build strong godly families (Gen 18:19)*

Genesis 18:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

- Parents to have wisdom in training their children (Eph 6:1-4)

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV)

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

²"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

³"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

⁴And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

- Marriages to be strong - pray against the schemes of the enemy to destroy marriage (Heb 13:4; 1 Peter 3:7)

Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)

⁴Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

⁷Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- Pray for hearts of the fathers to be restored to children and children to fathers so there can be a transfer of wisdom and anointing to the next generation (Luke 1:17)

Luke 1:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, *'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'* and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

- Pray for specific family members by name
 - for salvation
 - for deliverance
 - for wisdom
 - obedience
 - revelation
 - protection
 - health
 - etc.

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2. Pray for the Church

General Goal: *Build a network of multiplying Kingdom Core Churches* (Matt 16:18-19)

Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- Pray for revival in the Church

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Psalms 51:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.

¹³ *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

- Pray for Awakening in the Culture

1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,

Matthew 9:37-38 (NKJV)

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few.

³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NASB)

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- Pray for the foundational principles to be established and operational in the church (see Hebrews 6:1-2).
 - ... against religion and dead works and for repentance and good works
 - ... against temptations and for members to live holy pure lives

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- ... to taste the power of the age to come, and for discipleship to take place
- ... for the hope of the resurrection and immortality to be a passion
- ... for mercy that will triumph over judgement as we approach the day of judgment.

Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

- Pray for Christlike character to be established in the individual members (Rom 5:4; Phil 2:22; Rom 12:1-2)

Romans 5:4 (NKJV)

⁴ ... perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Philippians 2:22 (NKJV)

²² But you know his proven character, that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- Pray for financial provision and that the blessings associated with tithes and offerings would be poured out (Malachi 3:6-12; 2 Cor 9:7-8)

Malachi 3:6-12 (NKJV)

⁶ "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

⁷ Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation.

¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the

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windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*

¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts;

¹² "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- Pray for the development of meaningful relationships that demonstrate God's love. (John 13:35)

John 13:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

- Pray that the members of the church will hunger for the Word and be diligent in training (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Tim 3:16-17)

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)

² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Pray for the presence of God to manifest in our meetings and for His presence to lead us in our daily lives (Luke 5:17; Ex 33:15)

Luke 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

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Exodus 33:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here.

- Pray for kingdom-minded Churches and study groups to form in every city and nation (Matt 24:14; Matt 16:18)

Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Luke 4:43-44 (NKJV)

⁴³ but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

⁴⁴ And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

- Pray for church leadership, including extra-local ministries, especially those missionaries we support as a church. (grace, wisdom, protection, etc.) (1 Thess 5:12; James 1:5)

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

James 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

3. Praying for Civil Government

General Goal: *Implement Christian Principles to Civil Government*

- Pray that Christians will speak into and participate in civil government and hold positions of authority in Government (Prov 29:2)

Proverbs 29:2 (NKJV)

² When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

- Pray for God to guide existing leaders (Romans 13:1-4)

Romans 13:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

³ For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

⁴ For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

- Pray for those in authority and for salvation for all people that we may carry on our Christian mission in peace.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,

² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Pray for corruption and evil to be exposed in government (Eph 5:11)

Ephesians 5:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

- Pray for government to take a stand for righteousness regardless of the raging of the ungodly (Read Psalm 2 and declare it over the nation)

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Psalm 2:1-12 (NKJV)

¹ Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*,

³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.

⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep
displeasure:

⁶ "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

⁷ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I
have begotten You.

⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of
the earth *for* Your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a
potter's vessel.' "

¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is
kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

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Prayer Meeting Format

A Basic Format for a Small Group or a Conference Call Prayer Meeting

I. Invoke the Lord to Hear Us and Act on Our Behalf

Daniel 9:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

1 Peter 3:12 (NKJV)

¹² *For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."*

1 John 5:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

II. Activate the Angels

Hebrews 1:13-14 (KJV)

¹³ But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

III. Choose and Pray a Portion of the Pray The Vision Prayer Guide (KingdomCore.org)

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Defining Vision

Vision, Purpose, Mission, & Goals

Vision, Purpose, Mission, and Goals are all related, and are often used interchangeably. In general, the word “Vision” is used to represent all four. However, there are specific differences that are important to understand.

Vision:

The ability to comprehend, understand or see.

Without vision, people perish (Pr 29:18). It is like the blind leading the blind and both fall into the ditch (Luke 6:39). Paul prayed for revelation, the eyes of our understanding to be enlightened (Eph 1:17-18). With clear vision, we comprehend the width, length, depth and height (the big picture) of God’s purpose. With vision, we are able to see purpose, mission and goals working together toward the outcome or destination.

Purpose:

*The reason something is done or created.
Intention or objective.*

Purpose is a means of clinging to the Lord. We must continually remind ourselves of why we are doing what we do. When Barnabas was sent to Antioch, he “... encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. (Acts 11:23 NKJV). We must be *armed* with purpose (1 Peter 4:1 NASB).

To have purpose is to intentionally attach one’s self to the objective revealed through vision. Jesus’ purpose was to preach the Kingdom of God (Luke 4:43-44). He prayed for this and taught it to His disciples, “Thy kingdom come. (Matt 6:10). His purpose is our purpose, therefore...

Our purpose is to preach the Kingdom of God.

There is a crown of righteousness laid up for all who love His appearing and His Kingdom (see 2 Tim 4:1-8). We should prepare our minds for action with our hope fixed completely on the grace that will be brought to us at His coming (see 1 Peter 1:13 NASB).

¹³ Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

— 1 Peter 1:13 (NASB)

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Mission:

An Assignment. A strongly felt aim, ambition or calling.

Mission gives authority, direction and action to purpose. Jesus gave us a commission (commission) when He said,

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. – Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

- He has authority on earth (and in heaven)
- He delegated authority to us to make disciples of the nations.
- He told us how: Baptize them (salvation) and teach them (training).
- He told us how long to do it: until the end of the age which is the appearing of the kingdom.

We are called to teach the nations to observe all that Jesus commanded (make disciples) until Jesus and the kingdom appears. Discipleship involves the transfer of mission from one generation to the next. This is why the hearts of the fathers must be restored to the children and the children to the fathers before the Day of the Lord can come (see Malachi 4:5-6). Jesus said: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matt 24:14) and in Ephesians 6:15, we are instructed to strap on the boots of kingdom preparation. Thus, our calling to make disciples has an aim: to prepare the way for the kingdom. Therefore...

Our mission is to prepare the way for the kingdom by making disciples in the three institutions established by God.

Goals:

Goals are strategic plans and steps that are part of the mission, which can be measured, accomplished, and ultimately lead to the fulfilled mission.

General Goals

- 1. Build Strong Families** (Luke 1:17; Gen 18:19)
- 2. Multiplying Network of Kingdom Core Churches** (Matt 16:18-19)
- 3. Bring Kingdom Principles to Civil Government** (Rom 13:1-4)

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Long-term and Short-term Goals

Setting goals brings us to the “doing” part. Goals may be general and long term or specific and short term. General/long-term goals serve to keep us on track much like purpose. Our general goals include the applying biblical principles in the [three institutions established by God](#): Family, Church and Civil Government.

Short-term goals are more specific, can be accomplished more quickly and are thus more easily measured. Below are some examples of short-term goals, based on the general goals above.

Goals for Strengthening Families

- Teach biblical parenting skills
- Teach biblical marriage practices and attitudes
- Family Retreats & Activities

Goals for Kingdom Churches

- Make disciples who possess Christlike character
- Build meaningful relationships
- Experience the presence of God in our gatherings and individually
- Reach out to others and touch them with the Kingdom of God (Missions)
- Provide Kingdom Core Training and cycle through the curriculum on a regular basis
- Birth new churches
- Plan Activities for civil government and families

Goals for Civil Government

- Spread the knowledge of the biblical basis of freedom and civic responsibility through sharing literature, or leading a study group.
- Facilitate voter registration and voting
- Participate in political organizations
- Find and support candidates who have a biblical worldview to run for public office

Vision Statement

A vision statement is a brief summary of the overall vision. Therefore a vision statement based on what has been presented here could be put this way:

Preparing the way for the return of Jesus and the appearing of His kingdom by teaching churches, families, and civil governments to observe what Jesus taught.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

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Three Institutions of God

Our strategy involves building churches according to a model that facilitates ministry publicly and from house to house (see Acts 20:20). Decentralization of leadership and more member participation in small private settings encourages discipleship (see 2 Timothy 2:2) resulting in mature believers who are equipped to do the work of ministry (see Ephesians 4:11-16) in the three institutions established by God.

Family (1 Tim 3:5; Luke 1:17)

Teach principles of successful families

Church (Matt 16:18)

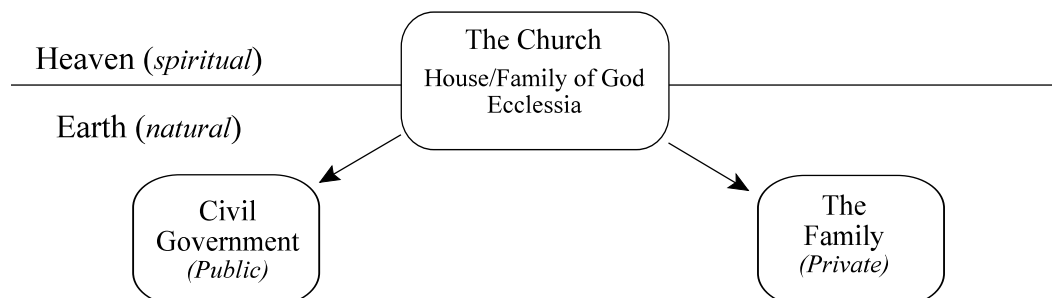
Teach Foundational Principles of Christ

Civil Government (Romans 13:1-4)

Teach Christian values in the political arena

Each institution supports the other, but the church operates in both heavenly and earthly realms. It is both God's governing body (ecclesia) and it is God's family (house). As such, the church is primary and is a training institution for the other two institutions ordained by God: Civil Government and The Family.

Three Institutions Established by God



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