

Pray The Vision Prayer Guide

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Introduction

Preparing Our Minds for Action

Being in the right frame of mind effects just about everything we do. This is certainly true when it comes to prayer. Peter exhorts us to prepare our minds for action with our vision focused on the appearing of Jesus (and His kingdom).

1 Peter 1:13 (NASB)

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.

Vision and Prayer

Imagine you have a blindfold over your eyes and you are crossing a deep ravine on a narrow footbridge that has no restraints or handrails. Strong winds are gusting making it very difficult to keep your balance. One misstep, one moment of lost balance, and you will fall to your death! This is the picture that comes to mind when I read Proverbs 29:18 which says, “Where there is no vision the people are unrestrained.” But the person with vision (revelation and insight) has the blindfold removed, chooses a bridge with handrails for restraints, and locks his eyes on the other side of the ravine.

It is amazing how prone we are to losing focus and allowing our vision to fade. One day we may be focused on the destination and make great progress, but the next we can feel quite aimless. Clear vision requires diligence. Jesus knew this and that is why He taught his disciples the vision practical examples, plain statements, and parables which were easy to recall. But He also taught them to "pray the vision." He gave them a vision for His coming Kingdom AND He taught them to pray that vision as well — “Thy kingdom come." Praying the vision is an effective way to maintain clear focused vision.

Various Kinds of Prayer

As we prepare to pray the vision, we should consider that there are different kinds of prayer. A simple understanding of the kinds of prayer below will help prepare our minds for action in prayer.

1) Praise & Worship

Praise and Worship is often thought of as a time of music and singing which is part of our church meeting, but it is much more. In God’s presence is where effective prayer happens and we enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (see Ps 100:4). A genuine experience and awareness of His presence should always be the aim of praise and worship in our gatherings and in our personal times of praise and worship.

- 2) *Meditation*
Meditation is musing, processing, or rethinking thoughts. After a worshipful time when the presence of God is manifest, or after reading a passage of scripture, it is a good time to meditate and listen for the Lord's voice.
- 3) *Petitions*
Petitions is probably the most common mindset regarding prayer. Other words used for petitions include supplications and requests. These are simply the things we ask God for. We are encouraged to do this with thanksgiving as we see in Philippians 4:6 which says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests (petitions) be made known to God."
- 4) *Confessions (and Declarations)*
In the broader sense confession means *to say the same thing as* or to verbally agree with God. Confession is commonly thought of in the context of confessing sin which is when we agree with God that certain thoughts or actions are sinful and receive His forgiveness. But confessing or agreeing with scriptures is also a positive, faith-building part of prayer. Examples of a positive confessions or declarations of faith include Romans 10:9, which says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord...", and Philippians 4:13 where Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." God makes declarations, calling things that be not as though they were (Rom 4:17) and so should we!
- 5) *Proclamations (Declarations and Decrees)*
Proclamations and decrees are faith-filled statements that are similar to confessions, but are often understood to be more authoritative or prophetic in nature. Whereas confessions tend to be more faith-building, proclamations and decrees tend to be more governmental and authoritative, proceeding from faith that has already become operative. Binding and loosing would fit well in this category.
- 6) *Intercession*
To intercede is to stand in the gap or to stand between someone and the trouble they are facing. It is an act of loving commitment. The ultimate intercession was when Jesus took our sins upon Himself and went to the cross. Holy Spirit intercedes for us (see Romans 8:27) and likewise, Jesus is alive and continues to make intercession for us at the right hand of God (see Heb 7:25).
- 7) *Praying in the Spirit*
Praying in the Spirit, also known as praying in other tongues, is a powerful way of praying. Scripture teaches us that it is a supernatural means of praying by allowing the Holy Spirit to pray through us when we do not know how to pray according to our natural understanding (see Rom 8:26; I Cor 14:14). Because praying in the Spirit is often not understood, a more detailed explanation of it is provided as an appendix to this document.

Motivation for Prayer

When it comes to what motivates us to pray, there are many answers. When we feel in danger, we pray for protection. When we lack money, we pray for financial help. When we consider the horrendous nature of abortion, we pray for abortion to end. When we feel sick, we pray for health and healing. When our hearts break over lost the lost, we pray for their salvation, etc. All these things could be categorized as felt needs. Habit, discipline, and sense of duty also play a part but I think it is safe to say that the vast majority of us are motivated to pray by felt needs.

God cares about our felt needs and we should certainly pray regarding such things. But because our feelings can deceive us and lead us astray, vision is a motivator that must not be overlooked and should probably be our primary motivation for prayer. Prayers motivated by felt need are usually reactive to past or present circumstances, but prayers motivated by vision are forward looking and preemptive in nature.

In the scripture, we see Jesus responding to felt needs, but we also see that He was motivated by Kingdom vision. In Luke 9:59-60, when Jesus commanded a person, "Follow Me," the person requested to bury his father first. That seems like a strong felt need. Jesus responded, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." In Hebrews 12:1 we see how Jesus denied His own felt need when He chose to endure the cross because of the joy that was before Him. His work on the cross was a difficult part of His mission, but He endured it because He was able to look past the present and see the fulfillment of the vision.

Content of Prayer

Vision should motivate us for prayer and it should also guide the content of our prayers as well. If we look to our felt needs to shape our prayers, there is a good chance we will pray wrongly. Just because we feel a need to pray for something does not automatically mean we know how to pray. What *we* think should be done about our felt needs, and what *God* thinks, may not be the same. We might know the will of God and we might not. James warns about this when he says: "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:3). If Jesus had allowed felt need to determine the content of His prayers, He would have prayed for deliverance from the cross. But instead He prayed for the will of God to be done, not His own will (felt need).

I heard it said many years ago, "If you know His word, you will know His will." Therefore, because the word of God reveals the will of God, we should allow the word of God to shape our prayers and determine the content of our prayers.

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Prayer according to God's word accesses God's power for God's plan. Prayer based on His word

is powerful, because we know that His word is according to His will. We acknowledge our need for God's help and activate His power to accomplish our mission by putting words which align with and agree with His Word into the spiritual atmosphere. *This is why the Pray the Vision Prayer Guide is built around praying the Scriptures.*

Five Things that Happen When We Pray the Vision

1) We Show Up for Work

Prayer need not be hard work, but it is work nonetheless. Words describing God's 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 vision, purpose and responsibility. Prayer must be seen as part of our job, and like any job, we must show up for work if we expect to get paid or rewarded. The Bible puts it this way: "You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2).

2) We Stay Focused

Vision is essential. Jesus imparted a vision for the kingdom to His disciples and then taught them to pray for that vision in a model prayer which we generally refer to as The Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come." The principle here is that praying the vision keeps us focused on our purpose and keeps our prayers on track. It is a rare person who stays focused without a model or guide to follow. This is the idea behind the Pray The Vision prayer guide.

3) We Are Acting 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, whatever we bind or loose on earth shall be, because it is first done in heaven (see Matt 16:19 in the YLT translation). This is why "...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).

4) We Activate Angels

Consider these verses:

Hebrews 1:13-14 (KJV)

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Psalms 103:20 (NKJV)

Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

The angels are workers on our behalf. They hear us and take action when we speak according to God's Word. Since angels are not omniscient and cannot read our minds, and since they heed the voice of His word, our prayers should be verbalized and according to God's will so the

angels will know what to do on our behalf. As Peter wrote: "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11).

5) Unity Happens

It has been said that those who pray together stay together. Those who use this prayer guide will find themselves melding together into a powerful unified force for kingdom preparation. If we pray according to different visions, our impact is spread out and is not as effective at penetrating the darkness. But when we are praying according to the same vision, we achieve greater "spiritual mass" and the power to pierce the darkness and destroy evil.

Unity and Vision

Unity is a good thing, but it is a poor cause. But please don't take that to mean that we should not pursue unity. Unity IS a Good Thing. The point is this: Unity forms around the cause, it is not *the* cause. Our cause is the Kingdom. The return of the King and the manifest Kingdom of God ruling planet earth is The Vision.

One of the struggles I have had in four decades of ministry is how to balance my personal calling, or "favorite" areas of ministry, with those whose callings are equally important, but quite different. We know that God wants us to have common vision and walk in unity. Yet there seems to be no end to the different visions that people have, and as someone once said, "two visions is di-vision."

An example of this is seen in Matthew 16:21-23, where Jesus began to explain that He must suffer, be killed, and rise on the third day. Peter rebuked Jesus saying, "Far be it from You Lord; this shall not happen to you!" It was at this point that Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men"

Jesus had a clear vision of His mission, something Peter had not yet seen. Peter's problem was his lack of vision. He could not see the bigger picture. As a result, Peter had developed a different vision and a different time line of what Jesus was supposed to do. Peter's vision was based on human interests and when Jesus provided correction, it was difficult for him to hear.

The same is true today. There is a wide range of ideas or visions regarding God's vision and mission. And if we don't have the big picture we will very likely, as Peter did, elevate our own ideas in a way that opposes God's strategy. This is a common problem but we can begin to solve this problem by speaking the same language.

Speaking the Same Language

To have unity, we must have common vision and to have common vision we must communicate clearly by speaking the same language. A definition of five key words (which are often used synonymously vision) is provided below. These words may have broader definitions than what is

provided here, but we will define them as it relates to working together with unity. Defining these words will lay the foundation for effective communication.

Vision: The appearing of God's kingdom on earth.

Vision is *where* we are going. Vision is the ability to look forward and see or comprehend the finish line. The finish line is the appearing of the King and His kingdom. The gospel of the kingdom is the message. It applies to everyone.

Mission: To prepare the way for the Kingdom of God.

The Mission is *what* we are doing. There is one mission. The mission to prepare the way for the Kingdom of God is our assignment. It applies to all who accept it.

Strategy: To manifest the kingdom in the existing cultural pathways.

Strategy is the *how* part. Strategy is the art of devising and deploying plans to accomplish a mission. There are general strategies for manifesting the kingdom in this present age which apply to broadly (see Destiny 101) and a diversity of sub-strategies which are based on more specific callings.

Purpose: To find our place and function in the Body of Christ.

Finding our place and function defines *who* we are. We are all part of the same body (of Christ) but we have unique individual positions and functions (see I Cor 12:12). All disciples have the same vision and mission, but have a different functions based on our individual callings. Each of us were uniquely created for a specific purpose and finding that purpose related to the mission gives us identity.

(Note: In this context, we are defining purpose as it relates to us as individuals)

Goals: Actionable steps to function in our individual purpose and calling.

Goals are the *work* we do. Goals are measurable actions that result from strategy deployed. Goals are small steps based on individual purpose and calling. Goals demand that we take action because we were created for good works that we should walk in them (Eph 2:10). But Jesus said, "... the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; the Son also does in like manner" (John 5:19) and the same is true for us.

Therefore, we must know God, and walk out what we see and hear. When we do so, we will find great that accomplishing a goal is good food. As Jesus said, "My food is to do His will...(John 4:34).

Understanding and embracing these definitions allows us to operate in our own unique calling while being part of a unified team.

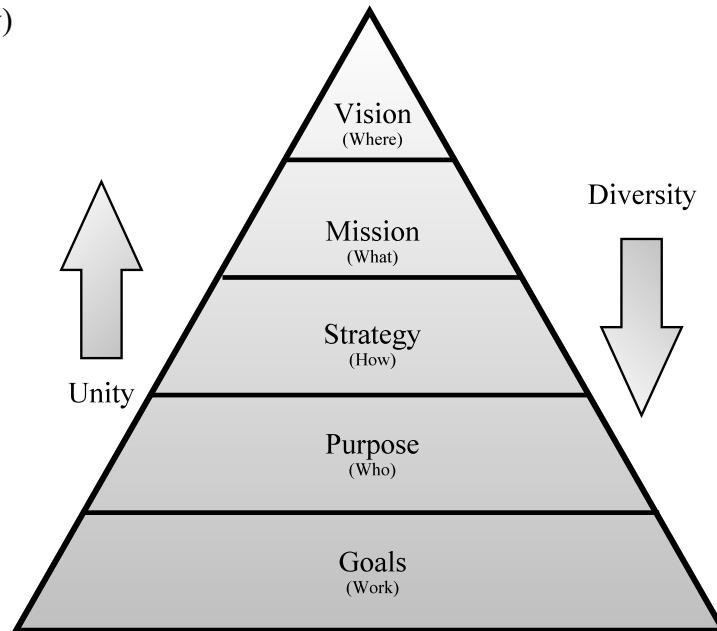
Unity With Diversity Diagram

Unity and diversity do not compete with each other, they complete one another, like two sides of a coin. Below is a diagram using the five key words above that illustrates the relationship

between the narrow concept of common vision and the broadness of diversity. We look upward to vision and mission to get the big picture and establish unity. This applies to everyone the same. We look downward toward strategy, purpose, and goals to exercise diversity where there is room for everyone to exercise creativity according to their own identity and calling.

Each of the five key words defined above deserve detailed attention and prayer as provided in this document. But it is common to get so focused on the details, that we forget how the details fit into the over all vision. Therefore the diagram below also includes a brief guide for a general big picture prayer time.

(See diagram below)



Vision: **The appearing of the King and the Kingdom.**
 Scripture: Thy Kingdom Come... (Matt 6:10)
 Petition: For the kingdom to come. Come Lord Jesus (Maranatha)

Mission: **To prepare the way for the Kingdom**
 Scripture: and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of
 peace (Eph 6:15)
 Confession: Accept the mission and I put on the boots of preparation

Strategy: **To manifest the kingdom in existing cultural pathways.**
 Scripture: the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know
 what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their

brethren were at their command (1 Chronicles 12:32)
Petition: Ask for an Issachar anointing to understand the times and know what to do; leaders to rise up to lead.

Purpose: To find our place and function in the Body of Christ

Scripture: the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes the growth of the body... (Eph 4:16)

Confession: I am an important part of the body of Christ and I have a contribution to the growth of the Body of Christ.

Goals: *Actionable steps to function in our individual purpose and calling.*

Scripture: "... the son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; the son also does in like manner" (John 5:19)

"... unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:3)

Confession: As a born again person, I can see the kingdom and see what the Father wants me to do

Kingdom Core Training Vision and Mission Statements

Below is a Vision Statement based on the five aspects of the vision above.

Preparing the way for the return of Jesus and the appearing of His kingdom by preaching and manifesting the Kingdom in the present culture, one step at a time.

The above mission statement is long and may be difficult to remember. To reduce it further to a mission statement we can simply focus on the mission aspect:

Preparing the Way for the Appearing of Christ and His Kingdom.

Praying The Vision

The Praying the Vision Prayer Guide is that follows is broken down into five parts according to the five key word as defined above. At the beginning of each part is an expanded definition and explanation of:

- 1) Praying for Vision;
- 2) Praying for the Mission;
- 3) Praying for Purpose;
- 4) Praying for Strategy, and
- 5) Praying for Goals.

Praying For Vision

*Vision: the ability to look forward and see or comprehend the finish line.
(Where)*

Our Vision is the appearing of The King and the Kingdom God on earth.

This prayer segment is focused on seeking vision. Without vision, we are like the blind leading the blind and both fall into the ditch (Luke 6:39). If we lack vision we should pray for it and God will grant our request. Paul was praying for vision when he asked for 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. Vision is the starting place to begin seeing how mission, purpose, strategy, and goals work together toward the outcome or destination.

Recommended Reading

Destiny 101, [Lesson 4: Basics About the Future](#)
Kingdom Paradigm, [Lesson 2: The Politics of the Kingdom](#)

Read:

1 Peter 1:13 (NASB)

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.

Petition:

- for hope and encouragement (vision of the future)
- a revelation of what the kingdom will be like when it appears
- how to take action

Read:

John 1:12-13 (NKJV)

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Worship:

- express thankfulness for being His child
- and for the benefits of being His child of God

Read:

John 3:3 (NKJV)

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

Petition:

- ask for spiritual eyes and ability to see the Kingdom of God and grasp vision.

Confess:

- as a born again person, you can see the Kingdom.

Read:

John 5:19-20 (NKJV)

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. 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.

Petitions:

- Ask for eyes to see what the Father is doing and ears to hear His directions.

Confess:

- that you can do nothing on your own,
- that you are God's child and He loves you
- that He will show you what He is doing
- that the Father will show you great and marvelous things

Read:

Ephesians 3:14-19 (NKJV)

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height– to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Petitions:

- strengthened with might and miraculous power in the inner man
- Christ to dwell in your hearts through faith
- to be rooted and grounded in love
- to grasp the various dimensions of the kingdom of God in unity with others who have different purposes and callings
- To personally be baptized in God's Love, which supercedes our lack of knowledge.
- to be filled with God and represent Him properly

Meditation

- Bow before Him, contemplate Eph 3:14-19 and listen for His voice.

Read:

Revelation 2:26-27 (NKJV)

And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations– 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'– as I also have received from My Father;

1 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

Do 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?

Petitions:

- Ask for clarity of vision regarding the responsibilities we are being prepared for
- Ask for insight on how we are to prepare

Meditation:

- Imagine what it will be like to judge the world.

Read:

Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

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

Revelation 22:16-17 (NKJV)

I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. And 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.

Petitions:

- ask for the Kingdom to appear
- ask for manifestations of this future vision to manifest in this present age as preparation for the appearing of the kingdom

Confess:

- The Sprit and the Bride say, "Come!"

Read:

2 Timothy 4:1, 2, 8 (NKJV)

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

Petitions:

- ask for the kingdom message to burn in your heart .
- ask for the ability to share the kingdom message skillfully and to flow from your lips whenever the opportunity arises
- ask for a love an a longing for Jesus' return and the appearing of the kingdom to be imparted into your heart

Meditation:

- Take some time at this point to wait on the Lord and listen. Write down anything specific that you see or hear and write them down as part of your "to do" list.

Note:

Obviously, this prayer guide is not intended to be exhaustive, the scope of prayer is far to large to be contained in any document. However, by using this guide repetitively, one can keep the vision in focus, develop the habit of *praying the Word* and learn to incorporate the different kinds of prayer.

Praying for the Mission

*An Assignment. What we are aiming at.
(What)*

Our mission is to prepare the way for the kingdom of God.

Vision and mission are similar. Vision becomes mission when we engage and commit to its fulfillment. When Jesus appeared on earth, the angels announced His mission to the shepherds in the field saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" God, through Jesus had engaged the vision and Jesus was/is committed to it. The fulfillment of this mission will be seen when Jesus comes the second time in glory, as the King of Kings to establish His kingdom of peace on earth.

Meanwhile, we are preparing the way for the King and the kingdom of peace to appear. This is what Paul meant when he exhorted the Ephesians to have their feet shod with the **preparation** of the good news of peace (Eph 6:15).

Jesus gave us a commission (co- mission), which means we are working together on the same mission. He commissioned us saying: "All authority had been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." (Matt 28:19). This Co-Mission gives us the authority to affect the nations and this is integral to preparing the way for the Kingdom. We are called to the mission of disciple-making 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). So let's strap on the boots of kingdom preparation and prepare the way for the kingdom!

Recommended Reading:

Mission Possible: <https://youtu.be/39qsRcT8qnk>

[Preparation Theology](#)

[Cognitive Prophetic Cooperation](#)

Read:

Ephesians 1:17-21 (NKJV)

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, 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, and what

is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 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.

Petition: Ask for knowledge and clear understanding regarding the authority and power that has been made available to us through the co-mission.

Declaration: Declare the authority and power of God to be active in your life and in the Ekklesia.

Read:

Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)

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.

Petitions: Ask the Father to raise up people to proclaim the kingdom message in this nation and all nations.

Ask the Father for the ability and opportunity to preach the kingdom vision and for it to be received by those who hear it.

Read:

John 17:15 (NKJV)

I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

Bind: Command spiritual forces that would misdirect vision and hinder the mission through fear and escapism to cease and desist.

Loose: Release focus for kingdom vision and faith for winning

Read:

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NKJV)

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 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.

Petitions: Ask for grace and strength to engage the mission.

Ask for the Lord to give you relationships with faithful people to whom you can impart vision, mission, strategy and purpose.

Read:

Romans 1:9 (NKJV)

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,

Intercede: Stand in the gap for those you are working with or hope to work with asking God to extend mercy and grace to them.

Petition: Ask God for grace and strength to be disciplined in prayer and committed to the mission - for yourself and others.

Read:

Philippians 2:2 (NKJV)

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

Petition: Ask Father God to give your brothers and sisters a like-minded regarding kingdom vision and mission.

Faith Declarations

Making faith declaration is a powerful aspect of prayer. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of thing not yet seen (see Heb 11:1) God used faith to create us and the world we live in. Paul spoke of "... God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did." (See Rom 4:17). We too can call things that do not exist as though they do! We can and should speak of things that the Bible says are true and available to us, even if we are not experiencing them. This is the kind of power that we need to learn to use. Making faith declarations release creative power into the atmosphere!

Read:

Matthew 3:3 (NKJV)

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.' "

Declare: I am preparing the way for the kingdom of God to appear!

Read:

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

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

Declare: Every area of life is Jesus' jurisdiction. All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus and I have been commissioned to operate under in that authority.

Declare: Kingdom preparation is causing the nations to reflect kingdom characteristics as the Lord's return draws near.

Declare: Jesus is with us now, even to the end of the age, helping us make disciples of people and nations.

Read:

Matthew 11:30 (NKJV)

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

Declare: What the Lord asks of me is not too hard. His yoke is easy and His burden is light! He is working through me.

Read:

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Declare: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!

Read:

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Declare: Jesus is exalted above every name in heaven and on earth. Knees are bowing to Jesus all over the world. In every language, voices are giving glory crying "Jesus is Lord!"

Praying for Strategy

The art of devising and deploying plans to accomplish a mission.

(How)

Our strategy is to manifest the kingdom in existing cultural pathways.

As the definition above says: strategy involves deploying plans. This is where vision and mission are converted to action. Preparing for action is done with the end in view, which is our vision of the kingdom. We reason and plan from the end to the beginning, but we act and build from the beginning to the end. This is confirmed in 1 Peter 1:13 where we are told to keep our eye on the future (the appearing of Jesus Christ) as we prepare for action.

1 Peter 1:13 (NASB)

3 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.

Though the grace spoken of here is in the future (the age to come), we know that we can taste the powers of the age to come in this present age (see Heb 6:5). Manifesting or demonstrating the powers of the age to come is strategic and it prepares the way for the kingdom.

Lest this seem too difficult or overwhelming, we should remember that it usually happens in our existing cultural pathways, or in other words, we can manifest the kingdom of God as we go about our regular activities. It may be as simple as a word of encouragement or wisdom spoken in the right circumstance or a powerful demonstration such as a person raised from the dead! Manifesting the kingdom of God happens on many levels in many circumstances.

However, manifesting the powers of the age to come does require power. When asked about the appearing of the kingdom of God in Acts, Chapter 1 He said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon..." (see Acts 1:6-8). Manifesting the power of God cannot happen without a genuine relationship with Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, our strategy built on knowing Jesus and being filled with the Spirit. Then, when we seek first the kingdom of God (see Matt 6:33), everything else we need will be added to us and we will begin to receive strategy from God that will lead to the accomplishment of our mission.

Jesus operated strategically with the big picture (the end vision) in mind. Below are some examples of Jesus' strategy.

- Jesus sent His disciples ahead into the cities where he would go. He strategically planted seeds of expectation before His arrive. It was like advance advertising (see Luke 10:1).
- Jesus operated strategically by manifesting the kingdom in the existing cultural structures

that already existed. He ministered in the synagogues and in the marketplace with the bulk of His ministry around the sea of Galilee which was a busy trade route. He manifested kingdom in the fishing community by choosing to work with fishermen. By strategically reaching a high profile a tax collector, who began feeding the poor and repaying those he had wronged, news of Jesus' ministry spread far and wide (see Luke 19:1-10).

- It was strategic when Jesus sent disciples by twos and told them to find a house that was open to them and stay there. Essentially He was telling them to find one person/house and establish a base from which to operate. It was also strategic that He told them not to take money or provision. This required the person they found to invest in and take ownership in the vision by feeding and providing for the disciples (see Luke 10:1-7).
- It was even strategic when He empowered His disciples to heal the sick and cast our demons. He instructed them to heal people and then and say, "the Kingdom of God has come near to you." Though Jesus certainly has compassion for the people's afflictions, healing was just a temporary fix and a taste of what was to come. The long-term answer to their problems was the appearing of the Kingdom and the immortality that will come with it (see Luke 10:8-9). The disciples' prayer recorded in Acts 4:29-30 reflects this mindset. They asked for boldness to speak God's word (a reference to the kingdom message), and asked that healing, signs and wonders be used to produce that boldness.

Recommended Reading

Destiny 101, Lesson 17: [Tasting the Powers of the Age to Come](#)

Destiny 101, Lesson 18: [Eyes to See and Ears to Hear](#)

Read:

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.

Petition: Ask the Lord for the hope and vision of the coming kingdom will remain clear as a guiding light for our strategies.

Ask the Lord to reveal strategic actions you can take.

Read:

Luke 10:1-2 (NKJV)

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.
2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Petition: Ask for wisdom to recognize cultural pathways for Kingdom work and for laborers who are willing to carry the kingdom message in those pathways.

Ask for open doors and that you will be received where ever you go.

Read:

Luke 10:7-9 (NKJV)

And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Petition: Ask for favor and open doors in groups, neighborhoods, cities, etc., that will become a kingdom outreach base.

Declaration: Declare that the kingdom of God is near and will manifest in miraculous ways as you walk with Jesus.

Read:

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (NKJV)

knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

Petition: Ask God for the gospel of the kingdom to manifest in word and in power.

Declaration: Declare that you are God's elect.
Declare that the power of God is in you because the Spirit of God in in you.

Read:

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Petition: Ask to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of being a witness and to manifest the kingdom of God in daily life.

Confession: Confess that your motive for seeking the power of the Holy Spirit is to be an effective witness and to glorify God.

Petition: Ask for the ability to recognize and act upon daily opportunities to manifest the kingdom.

Read:

Acts 10:38 (NKJV)

... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

John 14:12 (NKJV)

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Confessions: Confess that the same Holy Spirit and power that Jesus was anointed with lives in you.

Declare that good works, healing and deliverance from demonic oppression flow through you.

Confess that you can do the same works that Jesus did because He has gone to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit.

Read:

Acts 4:29-30 (NKJV)

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.

Petition: Pray the scripture above verbatim.

Decree: Bind intimidation from the anti-Christian elements of the world. Loose heavenly boldness and confidence to rest upon you.

Read:

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Petition: Ask the Father to fill you with joy and peace, hope and faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Meditation: Take some time to think about what your hopes are that related to strategically manifesting the kingdom in the cultural pathways you live in. Be sensitive to direction the Lord may give you. Pray as you feel led.

Praying For Purpose

Applying mission and strategy on a personal level
(Who)

Our purpose is to facilitate Kingdom strategy in our individual spheres of influence.

Once the vision and mission have been understood, and we begin to think about strategy to accomplish the mission, focusing in on our individual purpose becomes very important. Our individual purpose speaks to our individual calling and our part to play in the mission. Knowing our purpose (or calling) gives us a sense of identity and direction and helps us understand who we are and why we are led to or gravitate toward a particular emphasis.

Individual purpose is personal vision, allowing us to see our role in the overall vision. Like vision, our purpose enables us to stay on track enabling us to cling to the Lord. 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).

Our individual purpose is indissolubly connected to His purpose which is spreading the good news of the kingdom of God. Jesus said: "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." (Luke 4:43). Each of us will have a different emphasis based on our individual purpose, but the overall vision remains the same.

Recommended Reading:

Destiny 101, [Lesson 1- Unlocking Destiny](#)

Destiny 101, [Lesson 2- Starting the Journey](#)

Read:

Luke 4:43-44 (NKJV)

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." And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Petition: Ask for Kingdom purpose to be alive and active in you and others.
 Ask for expanding opportunities to share the Kingdom message.

Read:

Romans 12:4-8 (NKJV)

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Petition: Ask God to reveal (if unknown) or strengthen (if known) your purpose/calling.

Read:

Matthew 6:10 (b)

...Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Declaration: Declare that God's will to be manifested through YOU - in a way that is uniquely you.

Read:

Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Declaration: Examine your heart...
If you are willing declare the Lord, "Here I am, send me"
If you are not willing, ask the Lord to reveal any adjustments needed in your heart.

Read:

Revelation 2:26 (NKJV)

26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations...

1 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

2 Do 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?

Declaration: Declare ...
... that your eyes are open to the high calling of God
... that you are a faithful overcomer
... that you have the wisdom to deal with the small matters of our times
... that you are in training for reigning with Christ.

Read:

John 16:7-11 (NASB)

7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Petition: Ask Holy Spirit to convince people that sin is real because God is real and to believe in Him and His standards.

Ask Holy Spirit to demonstrate the works of God through your life and to use those works to convince people of righteousness.

Ask Holy Spirit to help us demonstrate judgment by helping us to exercise our authority over the ruler of this world - in this world.

Read:

Romans 14:17 (NKJV)

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

Confession: Confess that the Kingdom characteristics of righteousness, peace, and joy are alive and manifesting through you in this present age in preparation for the age to come.

Read:

Habakkuk 2:14 (NKJV)

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

Petition: Pray for God to use you as His agents manifesting His glory.

Declaration: Declare that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord to covers the earth.

Read:

2 Timothy 4:1-5 (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.

Petition: Ask for the grace...
...to be resolute in purpose,
...to maintain sound doctrine and victory over any temptation that
...would compromise the vision.
...to have prayerful and watchful endurance.
... to be ready to preach the kingdom at all times with skillful
persuasion.

Declaration: Declare that we will fulfill our purpose by winning souls and making
disciples.

Read:

2 Timothy 4:8 (NKJV)

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.

Petition: Ask for the love of the King's appearing to grow in your heart and displace
all unrighteousness.

Read:

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." 10 But
God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all
things, yes, the deep things of God.

Petition: Ask for eyes to see and ears to hear what God has in store for you.
Ask for specific insights regarding your individual purpose and calling as
we consider His purpose.

Meditation: Take some time to meditate and think over the great love God has for you
and what things He has prepared for you.

Remember to pray in the Spirit and listen for His voice.

Praying for Goals

The offspring of Strategy and Purpose
(Work)

Vision and mission can sometimes seem so large and overwhelming that we don't know where to start. Strategies can sometimes have the same effect if they do not relate to our own individual purpose and calling. But achievable goals are birthed out of strategy and our individual purpose. Goals break the mission down into smaller more actionable parts where progress can be practically observed and measured.

Setting goals that can be accomplished is important. Accomplished goals are food for the soul. Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work." (John 4:34 NASB). When we connect this to Jesus telling us to pray for "daily bread" (Matt 6:11) we have goals. Accomplished goals provide encouragement and help keep the overall mission in focus. Accomplishing goals requires focus and effort to prevent the currents of life from taking us where we don't want to be. A boat in a river will always go downstream, but if the goal is upstream, effort and energy is required. There are currents in the ocean that will take a sailor where they do not want to go. So they focus on a direction by looking to the sun and stars in the heavens and hoist a sail to catch the wind of the Spirit.

The number of different ways of breaking down the mission into goals is infinite. But a place to start is by focusing on the three primary institutions established by God which influence culture:

- 1) The Body of Christ (often called the church)
- 2) The Family (includes marriage), and
- 3) Civil Government

Bringing the kingdom message, discipleship, and Christian influence to these three institutions is a good way to start breaking down the mission into smaller steps and provide a focus for goal setting and prayer.

Long-term and Short-term Goals

Setting goals brings us to the "doing" part. This is where, as they say, "the rubber meets the road." 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.

Possible goals for building the body of Christ

- Get involved in a club or other organizations to expand your relationships for outreach
- Start a one-on-one discipleship

- Increase prayer time with a goal of experiencing the presence of God in our gatherings and individually
- Pray for a stranger through a "divine appointment."
- Go on a mission trip
- Start or lead a small group or study group

Possible goals for Strengthening Families

- Read a book on Marriage or family
- Develop a mentor relationship (find a mentor or become a mentor) regarding parenting and marriage skills
- Attend a marriage retreat
- Go on a family retreats or activities

Possible goals for Civil Government

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

As you pray through this section on goals, expect Holy Spirit to lead your prayers. A section for each of these three areas is provided below as a starting point for prayer.

This would be a good time to stop for a moment and pray.

- Pray for wisdom and His guidance regarding goals
- Pray that goals and steps would always be according to the vision and mission
- Ask God to give you goals according to your individual purpose
- Ask for the ability to recognize and avoid those things that are distractions

Praying for The Ekklesia

General Goal #1: Build A Strong Eklessia

Maybe you have heard the phrase, we don't go to church, we are the church. This is an important truth that has been preached in one way or another by many emphasizing the point that Christianity is a 24/7 lifestyle, not a building or a weekly meeting. But slipping into the "meeting mentality" is due, at least in part, to the words we use.

Ekklesia was a common term in Greek culture which spoke of those who were called out for governmental function and authority. The word assembly was a common translation before King James insisted that ekklesia be translated as church in his authorized version of the Bible released in 1611. Apparently, he was protecting his own authority and did not want groups of people existing all in His kingdom who saw themselves as assemblies with governing authority. The only place I have found in the KJV where ekklesia was translated "assembly" is in Acts Chapter 19. The context indicates that this was allowed because the ekklesia referred to in this case was secular, and not a congregation of Christians.

The word church comes from a root word (circe) which actually does describe a meeting place. This is a big part of why the definition of church in our culture revolves around a building/location and a Sunday morning meeting with a priest-like leadership structure. Changing this mental imprint is very difficult because of deep cultural roots, especially if we continue to use the word church. But if we accurately define ekklesia and use different words and phrases that more accurately align with ekklesia when referring to the called out ones, the mental transition from being a group of people in a meeting place to an authoritative called out body leading in the culture is made easier. Some of the other words/phrases we can use instead of church include: assembly, congregation, body of Christ, people of God, the children of God, or simply ekklesia.

Recommended Reading

Book: Eklessia, by Ed Sylvoso

Video Interview with Lance Wallnau & Ed Sylvoso

(<https://kingdomcore.org/TeachingResources/Lance&Ed.mp4>)

Destiny 101: Training For Reigning <https://kingdomcore.org/D101PDFs/20.pdf>

General Prayers for the Ekklesia

Pray: Ask the Lord to reveal practical goals that you or your group can set and accomplish regarding the ekklesia as you go through this section.

Read: 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 [ekkllesia] 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: Pray for a mental transition from an identity based around the idea of people in a meeting place

to an authoritative called out body leading in the culture.

Pray for a network of multiplying kingdom-minded ekklesia groups that are standing and prevailing in

their authority over the rulers from hell.

Pray for the keys of the kingdom of heaven to unlock heavenly manifestations here on earth.

Read: 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.

Pray: Pray individually and for Christians in general, to be humble, be diligent in prayer, seek a

real

relationship with Jesus, repent of all wickedness.

Pray that the body of Christ will truly be an ekklesia, bringing a healing to the land.

Sanctification and Holiness

Read: 1 Peter 1:15-16 (NKJV)

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Pray: Pray we would receive clearer vision of God's holiness and then emulate Him in our conduct.

Read: 1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)

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

Pray: Pray for hunger and spiritual growth in the ekklesia.

Read: 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: Pray for sound doctrine to be established.

Pray that we would allow the word of God to bring reproof, correction, and instruction.

Pray that we would be equipped for the purposes God has for us.

Read: Hebrews 12:14-16 (NKJV)

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up

cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Pray: Pray that we would look to the grace of God in the pursuit of holiness. Pray for tender forgiving

hearts that no bitterness would find root in us. Pray that we would not sell our birthright for the pleasures of this world.

Read: Psalm 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: Pray this prayer as written - it is David's prayer of repentance.

Pray for pure motives of the heart and thoughts of the mind.

Pray for steadfastness of spirit so that the attacks and temptations of the enemy to do not cause us to

waver.

Pray for the joy of the Lord. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Pray for the strength, physically and spiritually, to do ministry and win souls.

Read: Ephesians 5:27 (NKJV)

27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing,

but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Pray: Ask the Lord to wash us with His word that might be ready for His coming as a Bride prepared for marriage.

Read: 1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)
2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

Pray: Pray for hunger for the Word and spiritual growth in the ekklesia.

Read: Romans 12:2 (NKJV)
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.
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)
18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Pray: Pray that we would see transformed as we see more clearly who we are called to be in Christ.

Outreach and Evangelism

Read: 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,...

Pray: Pray for a general awakening, for a wave of revival that will touch the whole population.

Read: 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.

Pray: Pray that God would raise up preachers who will grasp the reality of the kingdom message and deploy strategies to take it to all nations.

Read: Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

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

Pray: Pray for the true understanding of Christ's ekklesia to spread and influence all other
culture
pathways.

Read: 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."

Pray: Pray that the Lord would raise up laborers for the harvest.

Read: Luke 19:9-10 (NKJV)

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of
Abraham;

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Pray: Pray that He would send us with the same compassion, zeal and wisdom to reach the lost
that is
in Jesus.

Pray that whole households would come to Jesus.

Read: 1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)

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: Pray for blindness to be removed from the lost and for the glory of Christ to be revealed
to them

(name any specific people that you are believing for).

Pray for awakening in the culture and people to be added to the ekklesia.

Perseverance and Commitment

Read: 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.

Pray: Pray for people of proven character who have received instruction and served faithfully to be recognized and take their places of leadership.

Read: Romans 5:3-4 (NKJV)

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Pray: Pray for tribulations to produce perseverance, character, and hope.

Read: 1 Peter 4:12-13 (NKJV)

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

Pray: Pray that Christians would not think it strange when experiencing trials. Pray that we would embrace the mission and deploy strategies according to God's will even if it is difficult or outside our comfort zone. Pray that difficulties would produce perseverance, character, and hope. Pray that when we would become better, not bitter, when experiencing difficulties. Pray that we would keep the revealing of His glory in mind with joy.

Read: 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: Pray that people of proven character would rise up.

Pray that we think according to spiritual reality and not be conformed to this world, but be transformed
by presenting ourselves as living sacrifices for God's purposes.

Good Relationships

Read: John 13:35 (NKJV)

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

Pray: Pray for the development of meaningful relationships that demonstrate God's love.

Love (agape) includes much more than feelings, it speaks to commitment. Pray that our commitment to

the Lord and to our brothers and sisters in Christ would be steadfast.

Read: Matthew 22:37-40 (NKJV)

37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and

with all your mind.'

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Pray: Pray that we would live for God with our entire being: heart (kardia - feelings/emotions) soul

(psyche - breath/spirit), mind (dianoia - thoughts and mental faculty)

Pray that we would love our neighbor as our self.

Read: Ephesians 4:30-32 (NKJV)

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Pray: Pray for kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness to fill our hearts toward our brothers and sisters.

Take a private moment to remember how God has forgiven you and ask if you have grieved the Holy Spirit.

Read: Philippians 4:5, 8 (NKJV)

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ...

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever

things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

Pray/Goal: Meditate on the good things in Phil 4:8 and ask the Lord to show you an act of kindness you can express to someone.

Presence of the Lord

Read: 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: Pray for a "must have" attitude regarding the Lord's presence. Confess to the Lord any lack of desire to know Him better and experience His presence.

Read: James 4:8 (NKJV)

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Pray: Pray for the nearness of God and for Him to show us any works, any heart issues or thoughts that might be hindering the manifestation of your presence. Confess any sins or shortcomings, which hinder nearness to Him.

Read: James 4:10 (NASB)

10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Pray: Spending time in His presence is related to advancement. Pray for the determination to spend time in God's presence
Pray for God to bring favor and advancement regarding the vision.

Read: 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.

Pray: Pray for His presence to manifest in healing and miracles in our daily lives and when we assemble together.

Read: Acts 2:28 (NKJV)

28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Pray Pray to know and walk on the path of life.

Pray to experience His joy, and to know the pleasures of being at His right hand.

Financial Provision

Read: Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

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

Declaration: Because I seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness all my needs will be supplied.

Pray: Pray that kingdom vision and purpose would not be lost as the foundation for God's provision.

Read: 3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Pray: Pray that our intellect, will, and emotions would be in alignment with God and that health and financial provision will not be hindered.

Read: Malachi 3:6-12 (NKJV)

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 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.

Declaration: Because I tithe, I am blessed and not cursed.
The windows of heaven are open to me and are pouring out an overflow of blessing.
The devourer is rebuked by God on my behalf and cannot destroy my seed or steal my fruit.
Others shall call me blessed and delightful.

Prayer: If you are not a tither, ask for forgiveness and begin tithing.
Pray that the people of God would be obedient in tithes and offerings.

Read: 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.

Pray: Pray that giving would not be done grudgingly, but cheerfully and in faith.
Pray for the reality of the spiritual economy to be revealed to God's people as a higher and better way.
Pray that grace would abound and there would be abundant provision for good works.

Leadership

Read: 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)
9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Pray: Pray for a revelation of who we are in Christ and that we believe that we are leaders in this world.

Read: 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.

Pray: Pray for wisdom over all of the body of Christ to know when it is their time to lead and when it is time to follow.

Read: Ephesians 4:11-13 (NKJV)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to

the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Pray: Pray for a true understanding of the ministries of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to be revealed.

Pray for leaders to rise up and fill positions of leadership according to their calling.

Pray for the development of leadership teams so balanced teaching and ministry will exist in the ekklesia.

Read: 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."

Pray: Pray for Kingdom apostles to go as Jesus did to establish new assemblies/ekklesia groups that have kingdom authority and vision.

Read: 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,

Pray: Pray for your spiritual leadership, including extra-local ministries, missionaries we

support as a
congregation, for grace, wisdom, guidance, protection, etc.
Pray that spiritual leaders would be recognized and appropriately respected and that there would
be
peace and harmony in the body of Christ.

Read: Malachi 4:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and

dreadful day of the LORD.

6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers,

Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Pray: Pray for relationships between fathers and sons (natural and spiritual) to be restored and strengthened and that blessings will be released as a result.

Praying for the Family

General Goal #2: Build Strong Godly Families

Family and Marriage is a model of Christ's relationship with His people who are in preparation to be

His bride (see Eph 5:22-33). The loving commitment and covenant that God has shown to the world is

demonstrated in a practical way through godly family life. The families which result from the institution

of marriage are the primary training ground for the next generation and form the building blocks of

society.

The biblical order for the family and the submission as seen in Ephesians, Chapter 5 is often misunderstood and seen as an archaic form of misogyny. But the context proves otherwise and shows

that submission is a two-way thing (see Eph 5:21). Submission and order in marriage is not a "classification system" but a means demonstrating the sacrificial love of God and His authority which brings order and success.

Recommended Reading:

The Family Manifesto, (<https://www.familylife.com/aboutus/the-family-manifesto/>)

General Prayer for Families

Read: Ephesians 3:14-15 (NKJV)

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Prayer Points: Families to realize their connection to God

Families to look at mankind as relatives and have compassion

Read: Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV)

1 Children, 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."

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

Prayer Points: Honor and respect and harmony in families Health and long life

Marriage (Husbands and Wives)

Read: Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)

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

Prayer Points: Institution of marriage to be honored and preserved.

Protection for marriages (schemes of the enemy exposed and defeated). Sexual relations reserved for marriage

Fear of the Lord

Read: Colossians 3:18-19 (NASB)

18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Prayer Points: Biblical roles to be honored

Balance and proper application of roles.

Read: 1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

7 Husbands, 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.

Prayer Points: Husbands to honor their wives

Husbands to have understanding. Agreement (particularly in prayer) Release of Grace.

Read: Ephesians 5:22-28 (NKJV)

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or

wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

Prayer Points: Biblical order for marriage (a means of success, not as a classification system between men and women).

Husbands to lead sacrificially

Wives to respect Husband's leadership

Read: Ephesians 5:29-33 (NKJV)

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church [ekklesia]. 33

Nevertheless let

each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Prayer Points: To treat one another as we would want to be treated.

Mutual Submission in pursuit of Christlikeness.

Marriages to be a harmonious example of the relationship with Christ and His bride.

Single Parent Families

Read: Psalm 68:5-6 (NKJV)

5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.

6 God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

Prayer Points: Healing for broken hones

Healing from past hurts (parent and children) Against rebellion and blaming God

Defenders and supporters to rise up for the solitary Inclusion into families

Freedom from bondage and debt

Fathers

Read: Luke 1:17 (NKJV)

17 He 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: Pray for the power of God to be manifested in families.

Pray for the 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 and the preparation for the Lord's return and the appearing of the Kingdom will not be hindered.

Read: Genesis 18:19 (NKJV)

19 For I have known him [Abraham], 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."

Pray: Pray that fathers will be like Abraham and lead their children in the way of the Lord, and teach them to do righteousness and justice.

Pray that fathers will see that training their children in the way of the Lord is a practical means of realizing the promises of God.

Read: Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV)

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

Pray: Pray that fathers will have wisdom and grasp the concepts of training and admonition, accurately represent God, have wisdom, and avoid unreasonable demands that provoke anger and rebellion in their children while providing clear firm boundaries.

Mothers

Read: Galatians 1:15 (NKJV)

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

Prayer Points: Health during pregnancy

Mothers to pray for their unborn children Blessed birthing of children
Gratitude for mothers

Read: Ephesians 6:1-2 (NKJV)

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

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

Prayer Points: Honor for mothers

In the Lord Promises fulfilled

Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NKJV)

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

Prayer Points: Gentleness

The nurturing spirit

Cherishing

Read: 2 Timothy 1:5 (NKJV)

5 when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois

and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

Prayer Points: Genuine faith Transfer of faith

Motherly encouragement and impartation

Read: Titus 2:3-5 (NASB)

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much

wine, teaching what is good,

4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of

God will not be dishonored.

Prayer Points: Reverence (avoid vices)

Mentoring

Energy and health to carry out responsibilities

Read: Judges 5:6-7 (KJV)

6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied,
and the
travellers walked through byways.

7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I
arose a
mother in Israel.

Prayer Points: The call and destiny of mothers outside the home
Local and national leadership

Children

Read: Psalm 127:3-4 (NKJV)

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

Prayer Points: Thank God for children

Revival for the younger generation

That they be pointed in the right direction Protection (we are in a war)

Read: Proverbs 4:1 (NKJV)

1 Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding;

Prayer Points: That they have ears to hear

Receive instruction Understanding

Read: Psalm 78:7-8 (NKJV)

7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His
commandments;

8 And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation
that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Prayer Points: Hope in God

See and remember God's wonderful works

Keep God's commands
Right hearts, submissive, teachable Faithfulness

Read: Ephesians 6:1-3 (NKJV)

- 1 Children, 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."

Prayer Points: Honor Parents - Obedience in the Lord
Promise of health, blessing, and long life.

Read: Malachi 4:5-6 (NKJV)

- 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
- 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Prayer Points: Spirit of Elijah to come
Hearts of fathers and children restored (connected) Generational transfer of vision and purpose
Blessing
on earth

Grandparents

Read: Proverbs 17:6 (NKJV)

- 6 Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

Prayer Points: Grandparents involved with grandchildren Honor of grandparents

Read: 2 Timothy 1:5 (NASB)

- 5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

Prayer Points: Impartation of Grandparents

Read: 1 Timothy 5:4 (NKJV)

4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay

their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.

Prayer Points: Care of grandparents

Read: Genesis 50:24 (NASB)

24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up

from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

Prayer Points: Connection to the promises of past generations (grandparents)

Read: Deuteronomy 34:7 (NKJV)

7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural

vigor diminished.

Prayer Points: Long life, good health and vigor

Home Life

Read: Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (NASB)

5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and

when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Prayer Points: Instruction in the Word

Training

General Christian Atmosphere

Read: 1 Timothy 3:2-5 (NASB)

2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable,

hospitable, able to teach,

3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.
4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all
dignity
5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of
God?),

Prayer Points: Home life to be seen as microcosm of and training environment for leadership in the
ekklesia
(Pray the specifics in the verse above)

Read: Proverbs 31:27-29 (NASB)

27 She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:

29 "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all."

Prayer Points: Home: a place of industry and excellence

Extended/Specific Family Members

Everyone has specific burdens for specific individuals in their families (spouse, children, brothers and sisters, relatives, etc.) or in other families. Below are some suggestions that can be prayed for these people. Call them by name and pray for them. Pray for your spouse. Some thing to pray for might include:

1. for salvation
2. for deliverance
3. for wisdom
4. obedience
5. revelation
6. protection
7. health, etc.

Praying for Civil Government

General Goal #3: Implement Christian Principles to Civil Government

If the laws of God were written on the hearts of all and obeyed by all, we would not need external laws.

But since sin entered the human race, mankind has demonstrated rebellion to God's laws. It is for this

reason that God instituted civil government, for the express purpose of keeping rebellion and evil in

check. Civil Government is God's idea. Romans 13 spells out the purpose of civil government, which is

to is to praise righteousness and to punish evil.

The purpose of civil government is also spelled out in the opening paragraphs of Declaration of Independence of the United States. It states that rights come from God and the purpose of government is

to protect those rights. But this purpose is only secure when we, as God's people, are involved in civil

government and bring godly principles into it. We must take responsibility for the condition of government. If government is bad, it is because we have allowed bad people and bad ideas to lead this

institution that God has established. We are just as responsible for the condition of civil government as

we are for the condition of our families and for our local assemblies of believers.

Because civil government is a large multi-faceted structure, it is impossible to address it broadly in this

prayer guide. For those who have a special call to pray for this important area, research and current

information on the issues, combined with scriptural application, is needed. Praying for the many individuals in civil government also requires research into the various branches of government and the

people who hold offices. There are several organizations and prayer networks that are well connected

to what is going on and joining these prayer movements can save a lot of time by providing information

and prayer points.

Even if you don't have a specific calling to praying for government, praying in general terms can and

should be a part of our prayer agenda. Continuing with the "praying scripture" pattern used in this

prayer guide, it is suggested to read a scripture relating to civil government, and then pray accordingly, mentioning individuals, or branches of government as the Lord leads.

A general breakdown that applies to government structure in the United States along with some general issues relating to current events is provided below.

General Government Structure (US)

National Government

Executive Branch (President)

Justice Department (including Federal Law Enforcement agencies) Foreign Policy

Military Etc.

Congress (Legislative Branch-U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives) Supreme Court
(Judicial
Branch)

State Government

Governor Legislature

State Court and Judges

State Law Enforcement (State Patrol)

Local Government

County

City

Supervisors Sheriff's Department
Judges and County Attorney

Mayor
City Council Police Department

Praying for Current Events

There are many ongoing current events that need prayer. Much prayer is needed. Pick a few and pray

for current events as the Holy Spirit Leads.

Elections Legislation

Appointment of Judges Caucus

Truth in News Media Military

Terrorism War Zones

Crisis Situations

Recommended Reading:

Understanding Biblical Dominion: <https://kingdomcore.org/KP-PDFs/3-BiblicalDominion.pdf>
Key Scripture Passages (Civil Government)

Read: 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.

Prayer Points: "All men" revival and awakening

Self-government

Pray for those in leadership positions by name.

National Leaders

State Leaders

Local leaders (county, city, etc)

Law Enforcement and Military Order and peace in society

Favor and open doors for the work of the gospel

Read: 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.

Prayer Points: Restoration and establishing good government

Rights protected

Evil punished and good praised.

Read: Proverbs 29:2 (NKJV)

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

rules, the people groan.

Prayer Points: Guidance for existing leaders
Replacement of ungodly leaders
More Christians to get involved in civil government

Read: Ephesians 5:11 (NKJV)

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

Prayer Points: Evil and corruption to be exposed in government.

Read: 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.

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)

Chapter 4

Praying The Lord's Prayer

Once we have understand vision, purpose, mission, and goals, those things should become a 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 what is commonly called "The Lord's Prayer." In other words, He taught them to "Pray the Vision."

The Lord's Model Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

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

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

As we break this model prayer down into specific parts, it becomes a right and detailed prayer guide bringing direction and focus to our prayers.

Verse 9:
Hallowed be Your Name

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, ***Hallowed be Your name***. This is instruction to approach God with an attitude of reverence, praise and worship. Being thankful to Him is one of the ways we can do this.

Read:

Psalm 100:1-5 (NKJV)

1 Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. 3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Take a moment to thank God for the things in the verse above or anything you are thankful for. Our prayers should always be framed by an awareness of God's majestic and supreme holiness, love, wisdom, authority, and power. The names of God are descriptions of His glory and nature and proclaiming those names releases His glory and nature into the earthly atmosphere. There are many names of God. Speaking these names verbally is one way of accomplishing this portion of the Lord's prayer.

Names of God

Read:

Exodus 34:5-8 (KJV)

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. 8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

Declaration: The Lord God is merciful and gracious
 The Lord God is longsuffering
 The Lord God is abundant in goodness and truth
 The Lord God keeps mercy for thousands forgiving iniquity and
 transgression and sins
 The Lord God will not clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers
 upon the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation.

Five "Jehovah Names" of God from the Bible

Below are five names of God from scripture with a reference to where each one is found.

- 1) Jehovahjireh (YHWH-Yireh) "The Lord will provide" (Genesis 22:13-14)
- 2) Jehovahrapha (YHWH-Rapha) "The Lord that healeth" (Exodus 15:26)
- 3) Jehovahnissi (YHWH-Nissi) "The Lord our Banner" (Exodus 17:10-16)
- 4) Jehomvahshalom (YHWH-Shalom) "The Lord our Peace" (Judges 6:24)
- 5) Jehovahraah (YHWH-Ra-ah) "The Lord my Shepherd" (Psalm 23:1)

Read the scripture associated with each of these names (below) and make proclamations.

Jehovahjireh (YHWH-Yireh)"The Lord will provide"

Genesis 22:13-14 (KJV)

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovahjireh**: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Proclamation:

Proclaim that God is your provider and ask for any kind of provision that is needed for your calling in God.

Jehovah Rapha (YHWH-Rapha)"The Lord that healeth"

Exodus 15:26 (KJV)

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

1 Peter 2:24 (KJV)

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Proclamation:

Proclaim God as the healer and declare health and healing for yourself and others based on the fact that Jesus took stripes for our healing.

Jehovah Nissi (YHWH-Niss' i)"The Lord our Banner"

Exodus 17:10-16 (KJV)

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: 16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Proclamation:

Proclaim that you have the strength to continue holding Him up as our banner in the face of ongoing battles.

Proclaim that the Lord is a banner or flag that strikes fear in our enemies.
Declare that they shall be intimidated by God's people.

Jehovah Shalom (YHWH-Shalom)"The Lord our Peace"

Judges 6:22-24 (KJV)

22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Proclamation:

Proclaim that, even in the midst of war and battle, God gives you peace. Claim peace to be upon you in every situation.

Jehovah Rawah (YHWH-Ra-ah)"The Lord my Shepherd"

Psalm 23:1 (KJV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd [Raw aw'] I shall not want.

Proclamation:

Proclaim that the Lord cares for us and watches over us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. Claim this for your self and name specific people, asking for His care to cover them.

Other Names of God:

There are many other names of God in the scriptures which help to magnify who His is. Reading them out loud is powerful! Pray or make proclamations as the Holy Spirit leads you.

- Mighty God
- Wonderful Counselor
- Prince of Peace
- Everlasting Father
- Lily of the Valley
- Rose of Sharon
- The Root and the offspring of David
- The Bright Morning Star
- The Only Begotten Son
- The Son of Man
- Redeemer
- The Everlasting High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek
- The Word Made Flesh
- The Alpha and the Omega - The Beginning and the End
- The Author and Finisher of our Faith
- The Savior of the World
- The Sacrifice Lamb Who Takes Away The Sins of the World
- The Victor Over Death
- The Great Physician
- The Resurrected One Who Lives Forever
- The Lover of Our Souls
- The Lord of Lords and King of Kings

***Verse 10a:
Thy Kingdom Come.***

Notice the period after "come." This punctuation makes this is a separate sentence and a specific prayer, somewhat separated from "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This is a prayer of vision and hope directed to the future Kingdom. Jesus imparted a vision for the future Kingdom and then taught them to pray the vision: "Thy Kingdom Come."

Read the scriptures below and respond in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads. Use the prompting after each verse as needed.

Read:

1 Peter 1:13-16 (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. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; 16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Petition: Ask for wisdom and insight to make mental preparations, to be sober in spirit, and be ready to act in obedience.
Ask for the vision of the coming kingdom to be clearly revealed and for the hope of it to be a bright light to your path.

Confession: Proclaim that you will not be conformed to the former desires which thrive in darkness and ignorance.
Proclaim that you will be holy as He is holy because you walk in the light and reality of His coming Kingdom.

Read:

2 Timothy 4:8 (KJV)

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Confession: Agree with the scripture that there is a crown of righteousness which will be bestowed upon you when the King and the Kingdom appears.
Profess your love and longing for His appearing (and ask for it to grow).

Read:

2 Timothy 4:1-2 (KJV)

1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Petition: Ask for the readiness, the opportunity and the ability to share the good news of the coming kingdom.

Ask Holy Spirit to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment and that holy fear of God to be upon those who hear.

Read:

Revelation 22:17 (KJV)

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:20 (KJV)

20 "... Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Petition: "Jesus, Prince of Peace and King of Kings, I/we long for Your appearing and the appearing of your kingdom of peace on earth. I/we submit ourselves to your will as instruments of preparation for your return. Quench the thirst of our longing with daily steps of accomplishment in the work of preparation and accelerate the work. I/we hereby petition You, in agreement with Holy Spirit and as members of Your corporate bride, to return as you promised on the day you ascended in the presence of you disciples and the holy angels."

Proclaim: Maranatha!

Note: *Maranatha is a word that is loaded with meaning regarding the promise of the coming King and His Kingdom. It is an Aramaic word meaning "O Lord, come!" The phrase "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20) appears to be a Greek equivalent of this Aramaic word. It is also a prayer for the return of Christ. Why would a Greek text use an Aramaic word? Maybe it was a kind of coded communication in a political environment that was hostile toward anyone who loyal to a any king besides Cesar.*

Verse 10b:
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The first part of verse 10, “Thy Kingdom Come.” is a prayer of hope directed to the future.” When the Kingdom appears, “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” will certainly be fulfilled and functioning. But meanwhile, in preparation for His coming, this is a prayer of faith for the present work. The work of preparation only happens when His will is being done here on earth as it is in heaven. For example, when a miracle of healing takes place, it is a taste of the powers of the age (see Heb 6:5), because in the age to come immortality will give us complete and lasting victory over sickness and death. Therefore, when we pray "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven", it is a prayer we can use in this present age expecting to see manifestations of kingdom power and principles here right now.

Read the scriptures below and respond in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads. Use the prompting after each verse as needed.

Read:

Luke 17:21

21... behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Matthew 12:28 (KJV)

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Luke 10:8-9 (KJV)

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: 9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Confess: Confess that the kingdom of God is in you.

Petition: Ask the Lord for a taste of the powers of the age to come and for "kingdom sightings" in this age.

Declaration: Declare that you have authority to heal sicknesses and cast out demons!

Read:

Acts 4:29-30 (NKJV)

29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant

Jesus."

Petition: Read the above scripture again with a special focus on it as your own personal prayer to the Lord.

Read:

John 5:19 (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.

Petition: Ask the Father to show you what He is doing so you operate in grace and do likewise.
Ask for the ability to recognize thoughts, plans, strategies, works, etc., that are not from God but come from Satan, or simply works that come out of man-based motives instead of grace.

Read:

Romans 11:6-8 (NKJV)

6 And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.
7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written: "*God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day.*"

Petition: Ask the Lord for a clear understanding of grace.
Ask the Lord for your works to come out of grace (which is simply doing what you see the father doing).
Ask the Lord for eyes to see and ears to hear.

Declaration: Rebuke the spirit of stupor and declare that it shall not rest on you!

Read:

John 10:16 (NKJV)

16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

John 10:27 (NKJV)

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Petition: Ask people from all walks of life and from every place to begin hearing God's voice and seeing what He is doing.
Ask for a the body of Christ to be unified because they are all hearing and seeing the same thing.

Confession: Confess that you are one of God's sheep.
Confess that you have the ability to hear and see what God is doing because made you to do so!

Read:

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Petition: Ask for understanding and insight regarding the works you were created for .

Read:

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 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.

Confess: Read through Eph 1:17-21 and agree with each point of Paul's prayer for yourself and the Ekklesia.

Verse 11:
Give us this day our daily bread.

Provision

We often think of this prayer as a prayer for provision, finances, food, clothing, housing, etc. Provision of this sort are certainly a part of this prayer, but such provision is promised if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt 6:31-34). Therefore, this prayer is directly connected to the first two parts of this kingdom-seeking prayer: 1) Thy Kingdom Come, and 2) Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As we seek the Kingdom and commit ourselves to preparing the way for it, we can expect that our needs will be met with little thought given to what we shall eat or what we shall wear.

Read the scriptures below and respond in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads. Use the prompting after each verse as needed.

Read:

Matthew 6:31-33 (NKJV)

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:7-8 (NKJV)

7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

Confession: Instead of asking for provision, tell the Lord that you choose to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Praise: Thank the Lord Him for caring for and providing for you.
Express your love and gratitude in your own words.
Remember past blessings and thank Him.

Read:

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)

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.

Confession: Agree verbally with the Word that God is suppling all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus

Praise: Thank God for the riches of His glory and the abundance of grace that supplies your needs.

The Food of Accomplishment

Doing God's will on earth, which is manifesting Kingdom works, is actually a kind of provision because Jesus said: "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish (accomplish or fulfill) His work" (John 4:34). There are two things in this verse that Jesus considered sustaining substance or food: 1) Doing Gods will, and 2) finishing God's work.

This statement also relates to Kingdom-seeking prayer because, as we see in 1 Corinthians 15:23-24, the end (finish) is when Jesus returns and hands the Kingdom to the Father. Therefore it is implied that doing God's will in this present age are steps we are taking toward the fulfilment of the vision. Every step we take, every goal we reach, every act of obedience to the will of God is spiritual food. This is daily bread. If we are not taking such steps, we will eventually suffer from spiritual malnutrition and starvation.

Read:

John 4:34-36 (NKJV)

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

Petition: Ask for the food of accomplishment regarding soul winning.
Ask for understanding regarding what can be done now, not later, kingdom progress and kingdom accomplishments.
Ask for the wisdom to know your part in the process (such as sowing or reaping)

Read:

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

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.

Confession: Confess that all authority in heaven and in earth is available to you.

Confess that the power of God is available to disciple and affect nations with Kingdom principles.

Decree: Declare that this nation bears the covenant mark of God and that His covenant is active and working of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Confession: Confess that others will receive impartation from what you have learned about the Kingdom of God.
Confess that Jesus is working with you to the end of the age to accomplish the work He has created you for.

Verse 12:
Forgive us our sins/trespases
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

This prayer is certainly good in any context, but it also fits in the context of the Kingdom prayers before it. To partake of the food of kingdom works, we must be in a right relationship with God. When not dealt with, sin causes separation between us and God. This opens the door to sin consciousness, condemnation and confusion. This hinders our ability to see what God is doing and our ability to accomplish Kingdom works.

This prayer also raises the issue of forgiving others. In fact, when we pray this prayer, we are asking God not to forgive us unless we forgive others! This is a prayer that keeps us in a place of humility as we realize that keeping a right relationships with others keeps us in a place of mercy and intercession.

Forgiving Others

Take a pause and ask Holy Spirit to speak to your heart if there is anyone you has hurt you or done you wrong, who you have not forgiven. If there is someone, they will come to mind.

Read the scriptures below and respond in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads. Use the prompting after each verse as needed.

Read:

Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV)

14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Confession: Forgive those who sinned against you or that you have taken offense against.

Read:

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NASB)

4 Love is patient, love is kind and ... is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

Matthew 5:7 (NASB)

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Ephesians 4:32 (NASB)

32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Pray for the attributes mentioned in the above verses to fill you and all who call on the name of Christ.

Personal Forgiveness

Read:

1 John 1:8-9 (NKJV)

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 51:3-4

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. 4
Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight-- That You
may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge

Confess: Agree with the Scriptures above and ask God to reveal any sin that needs to be confessed and cleansed.
Acknowledge any sins that come to mind
Confess that God is righteous in all His judgments

Read:

Psalm 51:1-4 (NKJV)

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

Petition: Ask for your transgressions to be blotted out according to God's mercy, loving kindness and tender mercies.
Ask God to remove any iniquity/cords of sin from past generations that have shown up in your life.

Read:

James 2:13 (NKJV)

For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Proclaim: Because I forgive others, God shows me mercy. Mercy cancels out judgment.

Read:

Psalm 51:6-13 (NKJV)

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.
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.

In verse 6 above, we see that God desires us to practice truth inwardly. Sometimes we deceive ourselves in little things and then we are surprised by what it has led to. But if we deal with the little sins, we won't get to the place of the bigger ones.

Petition: Pray for the wisdom to recognize and deal with the little things.
Pray verses 7-12 above as a prayer of restoration.

Declaration: Declare that your sins are behind you and that you will move on to His work.

Read:

Psalm 103:2-4 (NKJV)

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:
3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,
4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Confession: Verbally confess that the benefits listed above are yours:
God forgives my iniquities
God heals all my diseases
God redeems me from destruction
God crowns me with loving kindness and tender mercies

In concluding this prayer segment, thank the Lord for His benefits. Thank Him for forgiving iniquities and healing diseases, and for redeeming you from destruction. Thank Him and receive the crown of loving kindness and tender mercies.

Verse 13a:
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Whereas the previous prayer (forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others...) deals with cleansing from sin, this prayer deals with avoiding sin in the first place. The objective is to be being clean so we can be open conduits for demonstrating the Kingdom of God in this world. It is better to be clean and stay clean than to sin and have to take out time for dealing with sin and the hindrances it causes.

Read the scriptures below and respond in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads. Use the prompting after each verse as needed.

Read:

James 1:13-14 (NASB)

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

Confession: I reject any notion that sin and temptation is God's fault.
I confess that I am responsible for resisting temptations.

James 4:6-8 (NKJV)

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*"

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

Declaration: I humble myself before God
As I submit to God, the demons will flee from me.
I set myself to seek God with a single heart and draw near to Him

Read:

1 Corinthians 10:11-13 (NKJV)

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Petition: Ask for the ability to recognize and stand against temptations when they come.
Ask the Lord to protect you from false confidence and help to be on guard against sin.

Declaration: Declare that no temptation is too difficult to overcome.
Declare that God provides the grace to resist sin and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can endure.
Declare that God has provided a way of escape.

Read:

Galatians 6:1 (NKJV)

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Declaration: Declare and reject any attitude of self-righteousness toward others who sinned.

Petition: Ask for a spiritual frame of mind and the wisdom to minister restoration to those who have fallen into sin.

Read:

2 Peter 1:2-8 (NKJV)

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Petition: Ask for grace and peace to be multiplied to you and others.
Ask for the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ to be multiplied in you and others.

Confession: God's divine power has provided everything needed for living a godly life.

Read:

James 1: (NASB)

12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Declaration: Because I persevere, and love God, there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me.

Verse 13b:
For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory.

The last part of "The Lord's Prayer" is a declaration in three parts: 1) the kingdom is God's, 2) the power is God's, and 3) the glory is God's. When the Kingdom appears, it will be abundantly clear that Jesus is King of Kings, that He has all power, and God has done this and not we ourselves. This portion is a "bookend" of sorts to the prayer because it also generates praise and worship toward our Great God! Consider the passage below.

Psalm 100:1-5 (NKJV)

- 1 Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
- 5 For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Read the scriptures below and respond in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads. Use the prompting after each verse as needed.

Read:

Revelation 5:11-14 (NKJV)

- 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,
- 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"
- 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"
- 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Declaration: Jesus is worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing!

Read:

Philippians 2:10-11 (NKJV)

10 ... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Declaration: Declare this verse boldly with a vision of people surrendering to Him and with a vision of the coming kingdom in mind.

Read the passages below and declare God's ownership of all things!

Read:

1 Corinthians 10:26 (NKJV)

26 for "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness."

Psalms 50:10-12 (NKJV)

10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

Proverbs 21:31 (NASB)

31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But victory belongs to the LORD.

Prayer Meeting Format

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

It is beneficial, especially for those leading the prayer time, to read How To Use This Prayer Guide, Preparing for Action in Prayer and Defining Vision, Purpose, Mission and Goals before using the prayer guides. This helps create the right frame of mind for prayer.

1) 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.

According to Daniel 9:19, thank the Lord for hearing, and ask Him to guide our prayers according to His will.

I. **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?

Psalms 103:20 (NKJV)

20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

Ask the Lord to send forth the angels according to our prayers.

II. **Choose and Pray a Portion of the Pray The Vision Prayer Guide**

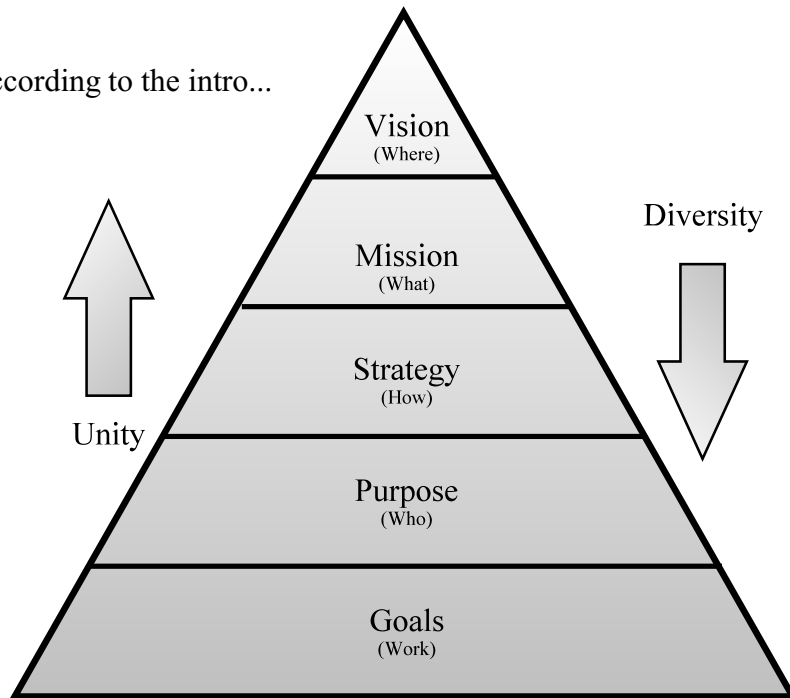
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III. Special Requests

IV. Conclude

The length of the prayer meeting is also important. You may enjoy praying for 2 hours straight, but the many people lose focus much sooner. The result of going too long is usually poor participation. Consider keeping meetings 30-45 minutes in length, especially if they are over the phone or internet. All you have to do is note your ending place in the guide and pick up there next time. There will usually be a convenient break point for keeping the prayer time within a reasonable time period. If you want to go longer, you can always do so individually.

Need to revise this according to the intro...



Vision: There is one vision, it is the appearing of the Kingdom. The gospel of the kingdom is the message. It applies to everyone.

Mission: There is one mission. Preparing the way for the kingdom. It applies to all who accept it.

Strategy: The general strategy is represented in the foundational principles laid out in the Destiny 101 study course, but there are various sub-strategies for accomplishing the mission which grow out of individual purpose and calling.

Purpose: All disciples have the same vision and mission, but have a different emphasis based their individual calling.

Goals: Goals are the offspring of strategy and individual purpose. Goals must be achievable which allows for measurable progress, which produces the food of accomplishment.

Understanding and embracing these definitions allows us to operate in our own unique calling while being part of a unified team.

Mission Statement

Preparing the Way for the Appearing of Christ and His Kingdom.