

Session for  
**Christian Prays and Proclaims**



**EQUIP**

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**MEET WITH A FRIEND**

- **Share** any thoughts/reflection/questions you had on the session.
- **Discuss/Apply**
  - Of the four components of the A.C.T.S. prayer model, which do you pray the most? Which do you pray the least? Why?
  - What are the topics that tend to occupy your prayers? How do these prayers reflect God's priorities and promises?
  - What am I most fearful of when it comes to sharing the gospel with others?
  - How can I rely on God more in my weaknesses?
- **Pray** for each other in light of what you have talked about today.

**SESSION SUMMARY**

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

- **Colossians 4:2-4 (ESV)**

**What is prayer?**

*Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.*

- *New City Catechism*, Question 38

**What is a helpful handle for prayer? A.C.T.S.**

- **A**doration : Praise the Lord for being the awesome God that He is!
- **C**onfession : Admit your sins and ask for God's overflowing forgiveness and mercy in your life.
- **T**hanksgiving : Thank God for all the wonderful things He has done.
- **S**upplication : Bring requests for yourself and for others to God.

**What are some attitudes in prayer to consider?**

- Prayer is part of worship and worship involves our whole lives, not just certain dedicated times.
- We can listen to God's word before we speak to Him in order to reorientate our hearts to His.
- Jesus Christ teaches that we ought to pray in his name, to the Father, and with the Spirit's help.
- We must remember that God is our good Father as well as that God is God and we are not.
- We should prioritize the spiritual and eternal over the circumstantial and temporal.

**How can I pray with the church?**

- Monthly prayer meeting

- Pray in Care Group (CG) meeting
- Pray in 1-to-1 meeting
- Pray in small group meeting

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**- Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)**

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**- Acts 1:6-8 (ESV)**

### **What is evangelism?**

*Evangelism is teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade.*

- J Mack Stiles, *Evangelism*

### **Why evangelize?**

- We want to obey Jesus.
- We want to do eternal good to others.
- We want the one true God to be known well.

### **What are some materials that can be helpful in evangelism?**

- *Hope Explored* (look for Ps Oliver C)
  - *Christianity Explored* (look for Ps Oliver C)
- *Two Ways to Live* by Matthias Media
- *God's Plan for Me* by The Gospel Project
  - God rules. We sinned. God provided. Jesus gives. We respond.
- *Far As the Curse is Found: A Gospel Primer* by Caleb Yap and Bibianna Yeo
- *What is the Gospel?* by Greg Gilbert
- ***EQUIP: Speaking of Jesus***
  - Join evangelism practicum (look for Thomas H)

### **What are some practical ideas for evangelism that involves the church? C.L.I.P.S.**

- C ollaboration
- L ocation
- I llustration
- P erspiration
- S upplication

### **GBC Members' Covenant:**

- *We will not neglect to gather regularly for corporate worship, or to pray for ourselves and others. (Heb 10:25; Col 4:2)*
- *We will seek the salvation of our family and friends by sharing Christ with them, and seek the welfare of our nation by living lives that are consistent with the Gospel. (Acts 13:47; 1 Pet 2:12; Col 3:17)*

### The Lord's Prayer - Monthly Schedule

<i>"Prelude"</i>	<i>"Vertical petitions"</i>			<i>"Horizontal petitions"</i>			<i>Doxology</i>
<i>Our Father in heaven</i>	<i>Hallowed by your name</i>	<i>Your Kingdom Come</i>	<i>Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven</i>	<i>Give us this day our daily bread</i>	<i>Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us</i>	<i>Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil</i>	<i>For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen</i>
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>1st week: Personal</b>	Pray for God to be honoured and central in all thoughts and personal life. Pray for the fear of God in all things.	Pray for the cheerful surrender of finances, possessions and other gifts for stewardship unto the Lord.	Pray to deny one's self of certain pleasures and to contemplate God's will with a renewed mind.	Pray thanksgiving and personal gratefulness by counting your blessings.	Confession of personal sins and areas of struggle, personal idolatry, worldliness.	Praying for deliverance and sanctification in areas of struggle / sin.	Worship God with body, mind and spirit as one bought at a price.
<b>2nd week: Family</b>	Pray that God would be central in all things, that all decisions made would honour Him.	Pray that all relationships will honour Christ and reflect His righteous rule. Pray for the salvation of the unsaved.	Pray that His will and plans for our lives will be slowly revealed, and to trust Him for those things.	Praying for the provision for needs, physical, material, in order to sustain the spiritual desires.	Confess our sins against one another in thought, word and deed. Confess unkindness and ways we have failed to love God / others.	Pray for help in difficult situations to come. Pray for more grace in dealing and relating to one another.	Give thanks and praise for the glorious gospel that has saved us all - me and my family.
<b>3rd week: Church</b>	Pray that God would be honoured and feared, especially amongst our church leaders	Pray that God's rule would be reflected in godly and wise leadership	Pray for God's plans and purposes to be revealed in His time, through His word. Pray that we would hear and obey Him.	Pray for the many needs of the church - financial, manpower, vision, etc, in order to do God's work.	Confess our sins against one another and against God. Confess our disunity and our worldliness. Confess our corporate disobedience.	Pray for strength and courage to face the future. Pray for the courage to stand up and witness in difficult times	Praise God for His glory in the church - the ransomed and redeemed people of God
<b>4th week: World</b>	Pray through current world events, that God would be glorified in the world	Pray for the poor, the sick and the destitute in the world.	Pray for churches around the world to be pure for Christ's name.	Pray for churches around the world to be pure for Christ's name.	Pray for the provision of the hungry and the poor, especially in difficult countries	Pray for peace and forgiveness in countries broken and strained.	Pray for God's glory to be shown and manifested in the world for His eternal praise - this is My Father's world!

*(adapted from The Fellowship, The Lord's Prayer Bible study series)*