

# Intimacy: Praying Alone Before God

FOCUS ON GOD

**Be Still** (Shhh - still your busy mind and cluttered heart)

- Slow your pace - resist hurry
- Silence your mind and lips
- Stop fidgeting - rest in His arms
- Sit, lay, or kneel before God
- Surrender your body to Him - Wait patiently for Him

**Be Worshipful** (It is not thinking but doing worship)

- Love songs sung to God - *sing of his greatness*
- Long after Him in your heart - *as the deer pants for water so I pant for thee*
- Lift His Glory: Read Psalm of praise out loud - *declare His glory!*
- Love His Worth: You are \_\_\_\_\_ (*attributes of God*) [adjectives]
- List His Names: You are my \_\_\_\_\_ (*Names of God or Jesus*) [nouns]
- Lively worship - *shout, exalt, extol, bow, clap, sing, dance, etc.* [verbs]

**Be Thankful**

- Mercies new every morning - *bread, breath, health, life, strength*
- My body which is wonderfully made - *sight, hearing, touch, smell, etc*
- All creation - *wonders of His amazing creation*
- Blessings and Benefits received - *all that I have*
- Bad, Sad, and Broken - *things that have gone wrong*

FOCUS ON YOU

**Confess Sin** (Do spiritual inventory, open heart surgery)

- Your Words - *have you spoken evil of anyone, criticized, sharp words*
- Your Attitudes - *complaining spirit, depressed, grouchy, know-it-all*
- Your Thoughts - *evil desires, lusts, doubts, fears, hatred, bitterness*
- Your Actions - *broken God's laws, trespassed on forbidden ground*

**Clothe Yourself**

- Apply God's forgiveness x 10 - *covered, forgotten, buried, etc.*
- Reckon who you are in Christ - *I am...*
- Raise the shield of faith against Satan - *resist, rebuke, command, etc*
- Embrace a promise of God for this day - *I believe you God when you said...*

**Cast your Care**

- Family - *each one by name and need*
- Finances - *debts, needs, provisions, wisdom*
- Frustrations - *with spouse, self, life, job, etc*
- Fears, worries, *anxieties about tomorrow*
- Failures - *faults, weaknesses, struggles, etc.*

# Intercession: Praying Through for Others

(the hour, the Day, or the Week)

F O C U S  O N  O T H E R S	<b><u>Souls</u></b> (Monday)
	1. That we establish an effective outreach and evangelism program.
	2. That we constantly prioritize reaching lost people.(Kids, Youth, Adult)
	3. That souls are saved every week & dramatic life-changing conversions.
	4. That prayer meetings & partnerships labor, agonize, prevail, for souls.
	5. That it becomes normal and expected that people get saved at church.
	<b><u>Saints</u></b> (Tuesday)
	1. That God's people would grow faith-filled, and deep commitment.
	2. That people would learn to <u>pray</u> and love to pray.
	3. That <u>discipleship</u> would be a regular natural part of church life.
	4. That openness and <u>fellowship</u> which shares Christ & struggles openly.
	5. That people will have a hunger and thirst for God in <u>worship</u> .
	<b><u>Sick &amp; Suffering</u></b> (Wednesday)
	1. That people are regularly experiencing God's healing touch.
	2. That we share openly what God is doing in healing.
3. That we as elders sincerely pray for healing of the sick.	
4. That we have regular and special anointing services.	
5. That we believe God for great-mighty things (healings, deliverance)	

F O C U S  O N  W O R L D	<b><u>Ministries</u></b> (Thursday)
	1. That leaders have passion to lead by shepherding example.
	2. That we get leaders to support and be excited about ministries.
	3. That leaders enthusiastically participate and lead prayer ventures.
	4. That we establish a strong leadership training SEAN program.
	5. That we effectively train 10-20% new Awana leaders annually.
	<b><u>Missionaries</u></b> (Friday)
	1. That we be sending short-term missionaries annually.
	2. That our missions giving excels.
	3. That we pray passionately for "our" missionaries.
	4. That we visually promote missionary highlights monthly.
	5. That we have a strong children's & youth missions emphasis.
	<b><u>Magistrates &amp; World</u></b> (Saturday)
	1. That we pray diligently for National revival in America.
	2. That we pray for Military personnel in harms way.
3. That we pray regularly for the President and cabinet.	
4. Persecuted Church - God's imprisoned, persecuted, martyred	
5. Yet Unreached Peoples - who have never heard of Jesus	