

A CONCERT OF PRAYER

INTIMACY & INTERCESSION



AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH GOD

6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. – 2 Chronicles 7;14

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Orchestrated Prayer

Each segment of prayer will be between 10-15 minutes in duration. A bell will sound for changing the flow of our prayers from solo, to trio, to symphony. A musical chorus will close each segment.

1. Rejoice (10-15 minutes)

Suggested Songs - *My Tribute, Bless the Lord, I Love You Lord, My Jesus I Love You*

Scripture - Psalm 100

- (Exaltation) Lord you are my... _____ (God's name) therefore I can (or will)...
- (Adoration) I love you because you are ... _____ (attribute)
- (Thanksgiving) I thank you for ... _____ (what he has done)
- Share Psalms of Praise

Suggested Song - *How Great Thou Art, I Exalt Thee, As the Deer, Thou Art Worthy*

2. Repent (10-15 minutes)

Suggested Songs - *Refiners Fire (Purify My Heart)*

Scripture - Daniel 9:4-19

Supplication - Share among yourselves some sins we need to confess

- Sins of my heart (solo)
- Sins of my church (trio)
- Sins of my nation (symphony together)

Suggested Song - *It Is Well (My sin O the bliss!)*

3. Requests & Petitions (20 minutes)

Suggested Songs - *I Need Thee Every Hour, What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Scripture - Ephesians 1:16-23

Supplication - Rooms are provided for solo and trio prayers (see insert)

Intercession: Focus on the World (5-8 minutes on each segment)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Church Family</u>: Pray for people and ministries2. <u>Missionaries</u>: for prayer for the world's peoples, missionaries.3. <u>Unreached People</u>: for those who have never heard the Gospel4. <u>United States</u>: for revival and our national leaders, President, Cabinet, Judges |
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Sharing - burdens - personal burdens, church burdens, missions burdens

Suggested Song - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Burdens are Lifted At Calvary*

4. Rest & Renewal (10 minutes)

Suggested Song - *I Surrender All*

Scripture - Isaiah 40:28-31

Supplication - Listen to God in Silence and use Scripture "thus saith the Lord."

Surrender - Come to the altar and light a candle with your final requests.

Closing Song - *Cares Chorus, I Cast All My Care Upon You, Learning to Lean*

Leave quietly and carry the burdens and requests God has placed in your heart.

WHAT IS A CONCERT OF PRAYER?

This Concert of Prayer is based on the style developed by David Bryant in Concerts of Prayer International. Ours contains four areas of prayer 1) Rejoice 2) Repent 3) Requests 4) Renew. Music is part of our prayers as Paul exhorted the church to “speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart to the Lord.” This is part of “ministering to the Lord.” Our purpose is to wait on the Lord, to listen to him, as well as to jointly carry our burdens to the Lord.

LEADER:

Someone must act as the director for the concert. This means he or she must remain at the platform area or at least near a microphone to coordinate the segments. Each division can be separated by a hymn or chorus appropriately chosen. Also, the leader needs to be time aware and ring a bell, lead a chorus, or announce between the segments to transition to the next.

MUSIC:

Music can be played softly on a CD in the background during prayers. This often enhances the prayer time and avoids uncomfortable silence. Keep it soft instrumental music. People should be encouraged to minister to the Lord as He leads. If a group senses a chorus arising in their hearts they should be free to lead out, others will join in as the Spirit leads.

SCRIPTURE:

God speaks! That is why we spend so much time in cultivating intimacy. Let God speak through his Word. An open Bible is a wonderful prayer tool whether with Psalms of praise, or admonishments and exhortations, or encouragement. Let it be Scripture read aloud so all can hear. Praying Scripture has a powerful effect on all of us. It is God speaking to the pray-ers.

SPIRIT OF GOD:

Be sure to let the Spirit of God lead. If there is a segment that lends itself to more fervent prayers and tears, don't interrupt it just to keep on schedule. The schedule is a guide, but Jesus is Lord! If revival breaks out in times of confession or burden bearing you don't want to quench the Spirit. Go with God and you cannot go wrong.

SOLOS, TRIPLETS, AND SYMPHONY:

We encourage you to divide the congregation up into sets of three, called "trio," for the purpose of focused group prayers. People should feel free at the beginning of the session to find their own group partners with whom they may be comfortable.

FORMAT

- Songs that Tune our Hearts
- Scriptures that Focus our Prayers
- Supplication in solos (1), trios (3), Symphony (all together)

PRAYER ROOMS:

During the prayer request time we have prepared separate rooms for prayer for the various concerns. Groups should circulate at the prescribed time to the next room on the list in this order, People, Missionaries, Unreached Peoples, and Our Nation. Spend about 5 minutes on each then move to another room.