

A CONCERT OF PRAYER

INTIMACY & INTERCESSION



AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH GOD

TONIGHT
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*

A Concert of Orchestrated Prayer

The concert of prayer will begin with a brief welcome and explanation of the concert of prayer and materials in hand. Each segment of focused prayer will be between 10-15 minutes in duration. A musical hymn or chorus will close and begin each segment. Participation is expected.

1. Remember God's Goodness (10-15 minutes)

Scripture - Psalm 100

Hymn - *How Great Thou Art*

Share Testimonies of God's goodness

Share Thanksgivings "I thank you because (for)" (what he has done)

One person to close in prayer of Thanksgiving

2. Rejoice in God's Greatness (10-15 minutes)

Read aloud the Psalms (see sheet)

Sing to the Lord - *I Love You Lord, My Jesus I Love Thee, I Exalt Thee, As the Deer, Thou Art Worthy*

Worship God & Exalt His Name Together

- "Lord you are my... ____ (God's name) therefore I can ...
- "I love you because you are ...(His character)"

One person to lead in closing prayer of Worship

3. Repent Alone in Quiet (10 minutes)

Select a Scripture to Read – Psalm 51, Revelation 2:2-5, Rev. 3:15-22, James 3:1-18

Song – *Cleanse My Heart O God*

Personal prayers – pray alone for sins, struggles we need to confess.

Ask a friend to pray for your temptations, sins, or struggles

One person lead in closing prayer of Repentance

Close with Hymn - *It Is Well (My sin O the bliss!)*

4. Requests & Petitions (20 minutes)

Scripture - Ephesians 1:16-23

Song - *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Supplication – Separate into groups for prayers, you may use other rooms or the prayer room

Intercession for the World (5-7 minutes on each segment – 28 minutes max.)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Lost People</u>: Your 10 Most Wanted List, (see 10 most wanted list)2. <u>United States</u>: President's cabinet, National Leaders, (see requests) |
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Everyone Sings in closing - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

5. Rest & Renewal (10 minutes)

Selected Scripture to Read – Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 & Matthew 11:28-30, James 5:13-16

Invitation to come to the altar for Prayer and/or Anointing.

Hymns - *play CD as people come to the altar for prayer*

Other music will be played quietly while people seek the Lord and are anointed and prayed for.

Everyone Sings Closing Together - *Learning to Lean*

WHAT IS A CONCERT OF PRAYER?

A Concert of Prayer is concert of music and prayers. It is based on the style developed by David Bryant in Concerts of Prayer International. Ours concert contains four areas of prayer 1) Rejoice 2) Repent 3) Requests 4) Renew. Music is part of our prayers as Paul exported 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:

The leader is usually a pastor, elder or spiritual leader for the concert. He is the maestro. This means he remains at the platform area or at least near a microphone to coordinate the segments. Each prayer 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 is played softly on a CD in the background during prayers. This enhances the prayer time and avoids uncomfortable silence. We keep it to soft instrumental music. We encourage people 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. We let God speak through his Word to us while we pray. 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 is has a powerful effect on all of us. It is God speaking to the pray-ers.

SPIRIT OF GOD:

We try to let the Spirit of God lead our prayer times. If there is a segment that lends itself to more fervent prayers and tears, we 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 we don't want to quench the Spirit. When we go with God and we cannot go wrong.

SOLOS, TRIPLETS, AND SYMPHONY:

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

ANOINTING & PRAYER FOR THE SICK

A regular part of our concert of prayer comes at the end of our orchestrated prayers. It is an invitation for those who need to be prayed for to come to the altar to be anointed with oil in the name of the Lord, and the elders lay hands on them and pray for healing, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual healing.

James 5:15-18 encourages us to do this kind of corporate praying. There are several ingredients to this approach to prayer:

The Elders are called for – this is an act of obedience and faith. The elders don't heal, but they oversee the spiritual life of the church. They are not to pursue people to pray for, but people who have needs pursue them.

The Oil – the oil is not magic nor does it contain any special power or grace. It is olive oil as was practiced in Jesus day. We use little vials of scented oil and just touch the forehead with a little dab. The oil represents God's blessings.

The Laying on of Hands – Jesus himself often did this when he prayed for sick people. It is simply and compassionate point of contact by which the seeker and the pray-ers agree together "as touching any thing." (Matthew 18:19)

The Prayer of Faith – "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." – Hebrews 11:6

The Confession of sins – an often overlooked part of this passage is the forgiveness of sins for the seeker. It is condition on confession of fault with one another. Confession is admitting to sin's presence and turning one's back on it. An elder or pastor will sometimes ask, "Is there anything in your life that would hinder God from answering your prayer and healing you?"

We pray together with and for the sick and by faith leave the results to God.