WEEK OF PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION

This guide has been designed to help frame your prayers, individually and corporately.

Structure your prayer time in a way that suits you.

An example of a prayer session: Start with a time of worship and thanksgiving. Read the scriptures slowly & prayerfully. Out loud, if in a group. Read them again & ask the Holy Spirit to highlight to you a prayer focus, praying as you read Use the prayer outline to frame your prayer Use the suggestions to help outwork an action to focus your faith (NB some suggestions require some pre-work in assembling some materials)

If you would like more inspiration on how to run a prayer meeting, go to 24/7 Prayer.





SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51:10-13

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.
- 11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.13 Then I will teach your ways to rebels,

and they will return to you.

Hebrews 5:8-9

Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.

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PRAY FOR

Repentance in us first. Repentance from anything that may hinder us from being a witness for Christ. A fresh understanding of the salvation we have in Jesus. To be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit. For the joy and life of the Holy Spirit to be evident in us, especially to those who don't yet have a vital relationship with the Lord. For a life of obedience to the ways of God.

SUGGESTIONS

Write down areas you feel convicted to repent of. Fold them up & place them before the Lord (either a cross, or a chair representing his throne). When everyone is finished, a person tasked to represent Christ, destroys them (e.g. in a shredder, rips them up or incinerates them).

On one side of a piece of paper, write down areas you feel convicted to repent of. On the other side, write a list of what it would look or feel like when you live in victory over these areas. Fold in half & glue the 'repentance' side together, leaving only the victorious traits exposed.

[Materials: paper, writing implements, glue, a cross or chair, a shredder]

THERE IS ONLY ONE SAVIOUR DAY 2



SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:11-12

 yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Saviour.
First I predicted your rescue, then I saved you and proclaimed it to the world.
No foreign god has ever done this. You are witnesses that I am the only God," says the Lord.

John 12:32

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

Acts 4:12

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

PRAY FOR

A fresh conviction in our hearts of the absolute necessity of faith in Jesus. Jesus to be lifted up in our own lives. Jesus to be lifted up in every sphere of society Jesus to be lifted up in those we are praying for.

SUGGESTIONS

Using the "Praying for 5 Friends Card" write the names of five people you are praying for with a view to inviting them to an Easter service / mass. Pray that Jesus would be lifted up in their lives.

Ask a person in your group who works in / represents a specific group of people (e.g. first responders, government workers, youth, seniors, a specific ethnic group) to stand as representative of those people. Pray over that person as a focus of faith seeing Jesus lifted up over them.

[Materials: "Praying for 5 Friends" cards - 1 per person, writing implements]



SPIRIT EMPOWERED WITNESSES

DAY 3

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



Acts 2:17-21

'In the last days,' God says,

- 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
- Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.
- 18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit
- even on my servants—men and women alike and they will prophesy.
- 19 And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below blood and fire and clouds of smoke.
- 20 The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.
- 21 But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

PRAY FOR

A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all God's people, regardless of gender, age, social status. For our lives to be prophetic - declaring the wonders, works & ways of the Lord.For power to be witnesses.

SUGGESTIONS

Spend time waiting on the Holy Spirit. Pray "Come, Holy Spirit" with expectancy & see what he does.

Ask God for a word of encouragement for those you are praying for to invite. Send that encouragement to them.

Ask a person in your group who works in / represents a specific group of people (e.g. first responders, government workers, youth, seniors, a specific ethnic group) to stand as representative of those people. Pray over that person as a focus of faith seeing Jesus lifted up over them.





SCRIPTURE

John 12:44-47

44 Jesus shouted to the crowds, "If you trust me, you are trusting not only me, but also God who sent me. 45 For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark. 47 I will not judge those who hear me but don't obey me, for I have come to save the world and not to judge it.

2 Corinthians 4:4-7

4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. 5 You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

PRAY FOR

'Blindfolds' over the hearts of people to be lifted. For those in darkness to 'see the light'. For a heart that doesn't judge those in the dark, but to have a heart to reach them. For opportunities to shine our light.

SUGGESTIONS

Light a candle for each person you are praying for. See them coming out of darkness and light igniting in their hearts.

Place a blindfold over each person. Empathise with those you are praying for, as ones who cannot see. Then lift off the blindfold in Jesus name, seeing those you are praying for starting to see the Truth & Light.

[Materials: candles, lighter/matches, cloth for blindfolds]



SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:4-11

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

- 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.
- 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.
- When he appeared in human form,
- 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.
- 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names,
- 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAY FOR

As Christians, not to be self-absorbed, but to look out for others To give up our 'privileges' To serve those around us To put our flesh to death (take up our cross & follow Him - Matt 16:24) That Jesus would be lifted up That every knee would bow & every tongue confess, "Jesus is Lord"

SUGGESTIONS

Write down some ways in which you could give up something (e.g., time, comfort) in order to reach out to others. Pray over these & ask the Lord to help you in this.

Make a list of your 'divine privileges' you have in Christ. Meditate on what would it look like to forgo these in order to become a servant of others? Share as a group then pray into it.

[Materials: paper, writing implements]



SOFTENING HEARTS DAY 6



SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 36:26 NLT

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart [heart of flesh].

PRAY FOR

Hearts of people to be open to invitation Hearts of people to be open towards the Lord Hardness & stubbornness to be broken down Any resentment & unforgiveness in others to be dissolved

SUGGESTIONS

On a whiteboard, write down all the things that would be barriers for your friends to accept an invitation to church or to open their lives to Christ. Then take an eraser & see them being taken away by the power of the Holy Spirit as you pray.

Buy a packet of "compressed towels" and hand one to each person. As you pray for your person, pour water over them, symbolising the Holy Spirit being poured out on their hearts, and watch them expand. Write their names on the towels & hang them up to pray for them.

[Materials: whiteboard, markers, eraser, compressed towels, water]

BOLDLY SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITIES

DAY 7



SCRIPTURE

Colossians 4:2-4

2 Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. 3 Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. 4 Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

Acts 4:29-31

29 And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. 30 Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

PRAY FOR

Obvious opportunities to share / invite others Boldness in our witness to follow through Clarity in our invitation & speaking Miraculous signs to take place (e.g. people feeling "this was perfect timing for you to invite me": for divine appendix (aciazidentally running into people)

invite me"; for divine appointments (coincidentally running into people) To be led by the Holy Spirit in reaching out to others.

SUGGESTIONS

Send a text invite during the prayer time

Sit with an empty seat beside you & pray that the seat will be filled with one of the people you have invited

Pray for each other whilst they are holding their "Praying for 5 Friends" cards before the Lord

[Materials: "Praying for 5 Friends" cards, chairs, mobile phones]