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PRAYER GUIDE

01 - 03
MARCH
2024

2-DAY PRAYER CHARGE

First

Schedule

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01 – 03 MARCH 2024

9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday
01 Mar

A Vision For Maturity I

01

5:00PM - 1:00AM
Friday - Saturday
01 - 02 Mar

An Urgency For The Gospel I

02

1:00AM - 9:00AM
Saturday
02 Mar

A Heart For Revival I

03

9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday
02 Mar

A Vision For Maturity II

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5:00PM - 1:00AM
Saturday - Sunday
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An Urgency For The Gospel II

05

1:00AM - 9:00AM
Sunday
03 Mar

A Heart For Revival II

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Opening Letter

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

MATTHEW 18:19

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“Prayer begins with presence; with simply showing up.” PETE GREIG

Thank you for 'showing up' to pray! Each year, we begin our year with a time set apart to humble ourselves in seeking the Lord in prayer.

As we move in to the year, we will be praying along 3 prayer themes which reference Pastor Andre's Vision Series: A Vision For Maturity, An Urgency For The Gospel, and A Heart For Revival. This guide is to help you better engage with God and each other as you cover the prayer points and attend to what His Spirit is saying.

May you encounter God and feel the desires of His heart deeply in your time of prayer, in your groups and families.

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Group Prayer Guide

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Corporate prayer has marked church life since the days of the New Testament - an instinct of the early church in times of trouble and uncertainty.

Jesus promised His Presence when the disciples gathered to pray and that He would answer them. Power and presence is released in the coming together of the saints to intercede and ask God to do what He has already promised.

You can follow this group guide to fill up your hour of prayer in an engaging way as a CORD Group, LifeGroup, or family!

GROUP PRAYER GUIDE

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Focus

10 MINUTES

Begin by explaining the prayer Focus for that hour, and then invite everyone to lift their eyes and thoughts toward King Jesus. You may do this in any of the following ways you find helpful:

- (1) Have one person open the time with a prayer for the group as you intercede for the 1 hour.
- (2) Read the Focus bible verse out loud together, and meditate on the nature of God revealed in it.
- (3) Should you have someone with the skill or sound equipment, plan musical worship for your meeting to welcome the Holy Spirit, and to lift our eyes to God's power and declare His victory.

Prayer

25 MINUTES

A designated prayer leader can then direct the group to pray through the Prayer Points for that hour. You may choose to segment the time according to the prayer points. It can be helpful to use different models of prayer to engage your group:

- (1) ABC – a great way to actively engage everyone in prayer is to split the room into groups of three, asking each person to allocate themselves 'A', 'B', or 'C'. Having done this, give the three prayer pointers relating to the hour, allocated to each of the three letters. This simple model multiplies the prayer and engages everyone, providing them with clear guidance. Switch around til everyone has had to pray for each point!
- (2) Zones – try splitting the room into zones, according to the size of the prayer meeting, around each prayer point. Provide written prayer points for each one, or allocate different people to lead the prayers in each zone while the rest of the people spend a few minutes in each one.
- (3) Crying out - The Early Church raised their voices together in prayer. Even if it feels uncomfortable, challenge your group to pray out loud together, at the same time.

Communal Sensing

15 MINUTES

Have a time of listening to God for the issues and burdens on His heart for the Focus/Theme. You may follow these steps to direct this time of listening:

- (1) Share how God speaks - Provide some context and teaching for your group. Sharing a personal example is a great way to start.
- (2) Invite the Holy Spirit to speak - This is a really practical way to start your listening time. Give space for silence and a set time for people to hear from God. It is helpful to have writing or drawing material for out for people to use to express what they sense.

Group Response

10 MINUTES

- (1) Share together - Invite people to share what they have heard from God. Record what each person shares, and highlight any patterns that emerge.
- (2) Commit together - From the patterns felt by your group or family, ideate and commit to some group actions or rhythms you can pursue in response to what God has revealed.
- (3) Share with The City - Along with a photo of your group prayer time, post what has been sensed from the prayer time to the Communal Sensing page for the community to be encouraged, to continue praying into them, and to help our planning.
- (4) Closing Prayer - Finish the time with a prayer for the sensing highlighted and a note of agreement!

THEME 02

An Urgency For The Gospel

FOCUS I: 01-02 March, Fri to Sat, 5pm to 1am
FOCUS II: 02-03 March, Sat to Sun, 5pm to 1am

THEME 01

A Vision For Maturity

FOCUS I: 01 March, Fri, 9am to 5pm
FOCUS II: 02 March, Sat, 9am to 5pm

THEME 03

A Heart For Revival

FOCUS I: 02 March, Sat, 1am to 9am
FOCUS II: 03 March, Sun, 1am to 9am

A Vision For Maturity / Focus I

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Focus

5 MINUTES

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We are all becoming someone. The question is, do we have a vision of what that person looks like? Does our vision of our future self look more like Jesus, or does it look more like the world? Are our current habits and lifestyles aiding us or drawing us away from that vision, whether intentionally or unintentionally? Jesus takes our spiritual formation seriously. Do we?

Before you begin asking from God, pause and reflect on this verse: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

Prayer

30 MINUTES

- Pray that as a community, as families, and as individuals, we would commit to ordering our lives around beholding Jesus. To be formed into a people who Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our minds. (Exodus 20; Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:37).
- Pray that as a church, we would examine our lives thoroughly, casting off every sin that traps us (Hebrews 12:1) and not allow satan to have a single foothold in our lives, for he is prowling like a lion in order to ensnare us (1 Peter 5:8).
- Pray that as a church, we would be rooted in the love and jealousy of Jesus. Because Jesus is committed to our formation, becoming more like Him is not an impossible task, but one in which Jesus Himself will see to completion (Philippians 1:16)

Communal Sensing

10 MINUTES

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(1 Cor. 13:9) We lean upon our collective discernment to move us toward the works God has for us as a community.

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Personal Response

15 MINUTES

Take this time to reflect on these prompts or anything you may feel the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart. It would be helpful to write down your reflections and further action steps in a journal as you continue your spiritual journey.

- Allowing God to form and refine us is a scary thing. It should be. For God demands nothing less than the entirety of our being. But just as He led the Israelites in the desert for forty years, to humble them and test their hearts, He also provided whatever was needed every step of the way. The Father forms us for our good (Deuteronomy 8). If there are areas of your life in which you struggle or fear to yield to God's formation, would you take it before Jesus? Would you tell him that you're afraid of the pain or of what you might lose? Bring it to Him and trust that even if your yes to Him is small or hesitant, He loves to hear it and He delights in it. And with certainty, He will answer.
- Would you respond in prayer with the words that David said. "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalm 139:23-24)

01 March, Friday, 9am to 5pm

An Urgency For The Gospel / Focus I

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Before you begin asking from God, pause and reflect on this verse: "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."
1 Peter 3:15

Prayer

30 MINUTES

- Pray that our community will be stirred to know the gospel fully for themselves, that there will be a yearning to be prepared spiritually (Matthew 25:1-13).
- Pray that our community's hearts and minds will be transformed (Romans 12:1-2) through understanding of the word, having conviction to live out the gospel.
- Pray that our community will have the desire to share the gospel - to know that it is a privilege and a joy, to know God, and to have access to His word (Romans 10:14-15). For a burden for our city and pre-believers, that we would share the gospel with boldness (Matthew 28:19-20).

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- Do we have a desire to know the Gospel in its entirety? Ask God to reveal His word in a way that stirs our appetite for more and more of Him - that it will be an unquenchable desire, which can only be satisfied by His Spirit.
- Have we gotten comfortable with the Gospel? Have we become blind to the needs of those around us, assuming that they have access to God? Ask God to open our eyes to the people around us, that we will not be blinded by our blessed environments — but that we will feel a burden for our neighbours.
- How can we step out of our comfort zones and share the gospel to those around us? Ask God to reveal a way that he wants us to grow in evangelism, and for his leading — what we should say, or do, that we may make new disciples that will flourish in Christ.

01 – 02 March, Friday – Saturday, 5pm to 1am

A Heart For Revival / Focus I

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Before you begin asking from God, pause and reflect on this verse: "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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Prayer

30 MINUTES

- Pray for us to be like King David, who knows that fullness of joy and everlasting pleasure can only be found before God's face and at His right hand (Psalm 16:11). That in His presence, a day is better than a thousand elsewhere, and so our hearts long for that more and more (Psalm 84:10).
- Pray for a movement in our hearts to make this truly our one desire above all the distractions for our time, resources and attention (Psalm 27:4)
- Worship and prayer is communion with God in which believers, by grace, center their minds' attention and hearts' affection on the Lord, humbly glorifying God in response to His greatness and His word — knowing He hears and does beyond our greatest imagination (Colossians 4:2). Pray for a growing culture of prayer and worship in community and for our members to grow in the place of prayer as a primary pillar in their discipleship.

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- Have we forsaken our first love and lost that wonder for His presence? Ponder on the areas of our lives that may be vying for attention and hindering us from sitting at His feet and delighting in His presence.
- How can we experience greater depth in our personal expression of worship and prayer? Ask God for help to move away from the distractions and busyness of life and into deep communion with Him, and tutor us to pray from Scripture apart from the requests and petitions that we may have.

02 March, Saturday, 1am to 9am

A Vision For Maturity / Focus II

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The Church is called to mature into the 'stature of the fullness of Christ' (Ephesians 4:13) and be a corporate expression of the Gospel in the flesh, to a watching world around us – to be the 'light of the world', with our good works shining to those around us and giving glory to God (Matthew 5:14-16).

Before you begin asking from God, pause and reflect on this verse: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

Prayer

30 MINUTES

- Pray for the church to regain its witness and the healing of individuals and church structures. Pray for God's sovereign, refining and purifying work to sanctify the Bride – "that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27)
- Pray for God to raise Godly leaders who will finish well and encourage many. Pray for believers to lend their gifts for the maturity of the church – "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until... the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- Pray for meaningful unity and reconciliation in the Body of Christ. That the world around us would know and be compelled by the love we have for each other, as Christ has loved us (John 13:34-35).

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- Spend some time to reflect on your own participation in your local church. How does God call you to serve, equip or build up the Body with your unique gifts, circumstances and resources?
- Reflect on your faithfulness to this call. Is there a sense of unwillingness in your heart? Perhaps from previous hurts or callousness from distractions? Pray for Christ to imbue within you a genuine and jealous love for His Bride that would spur you to a life of faithful service.
- Take a moment to consider the Body of Christ in different parts of the world, some under real and severe persecution. Is our gaze solely confined to our own community? Consider how you can refresh a brother or sister in faith outside of The City.

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Before you begin asking from God, pause and reflect on this verse: "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 28:19–20

Prayer

30 MINUTES

- Pray for Singapore in its 'Antioch' calling to be a nation that send missionaries into the world like how the Antioch church sent out Paul and Barnabas to the regions.
- Pray for our church to catch the fire of mission and receive a clear vision from the Lord as a body for the mission field. That our church will become a church that sends missionaries into the world — labourers to the harvest field (Matthew 9:38)
- Pray for our members to catch the fire of mission in their discipleship. That mission will not just be a one-time event or one-off experience but one of the main pillars of our faith. Pray that there will be people who will respond to the call of mission and step into this exciting journey with God.

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"A few months before we left Singapore to the mission field in August 99, the church staff of my previous church held an afternoon tea session as a send-off for me. Like many such send-offs, I was asked to say a few words. I remember vividly what I said on that afternoon as I didn't plan to say it at all. I said, "If I can have a wish to make to God, my wish will be that He will not come back this generation or even the next generation. This is because if He comes back now, 99.9% of the Tujia UPG (my mission focus at that time) will be cast into hell! That is more than 9 million of them, just cast into hell in a blink of an eye. I cannot find that acceptable while I am with Him forever." And I just stood there crying." - Reflection from Joseph Lim

- Take some time to reflect. Is there a burden in our hearts for those around us and beyond the borders of our nation to hear the Gospel and know Jesus?
- Jesus says "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37)" — how do you reconcile the reality of this verse with your life? How and where are you actively labouring for the Gospel?
- Take some time to ask God for a burden for a specific group to labour for. How is He calling you to serve them?

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In this hour we pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit on all flesh in response to repentance as seen in biblical text. Before you begin asking from God, pause and reflect on this verse "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Joel 2:12-13a

Prayer

30 MINUTES

- Pray for His Church: To turn her eyes to Jesus, for the church to be pure and spotless, consecrated unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:26-27), and that the Church is in the world but not of the world (John 17:15-17).
- Pray for His People, Israel: For Israel to turn to Jesus (Matthew 23:39) and for Israel to turn back to their call to be a blessing to all nations (Genesis 22:18).
- Pray for unbelievers: For unbelievers to call on the name of the Lord (Acts 2:21), and His Word will invoke a response in their hearts (Acts 2:37)
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in our time (Acts 2:17-21, Joel 2:28-32) and reveal the Son of God (Ephesians 1:17)

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- What is our response when we read of church leaders' failings now? Do we intercede for the church, numb to these kind of news, or do we criticize the church/church leaders? What is the state of our heart towards the church?
- With the war breaking out in the Middle East in October 2023, what is our response towards the news? Can we cling to the promises of God and pray over Israel, Gaza and the region even amidst the atrocities occurring?
- When we read of God's move in the nations (e.g. Asbury Revival), did it cause a holy hunger within us and contend for God to move in our midst or life went on as per usual? How can we cultivate a hunger for the move of the Spirit?

03 March, Sunday, 1am to 9am