



Flow of Worship in a Battle Plan

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During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.¹

PURPOSEFUL WORSHIP

Teaching on the cataclysm of abortion and sexual immorality in the church will be necessary before moving the church into repentance. Unless everyone understands the church's role in the tragedy, few will comprehend the need to repent. This will take more than one service to address it comprehensively. Once the church's culpability is recognized, repentance will become the obvious next step, beginning with pastors and lay leaders repenting before their congregations on behalf of the church. Below is what the flow of worship might look like. Seek the Lord about how best to go about it in your congregation. Perhaps an initial worship service or two going through all the categories or spending more time spreading the categories between more services. You may want to break up into small groups to cover multiple prayers from each section (or those you write yourselves) in one setting. And then bring parts of it into regular worship services as the Holy Spirit leads throughout the year so that we never forget the battle we are in. Include everyone from middle school and older in these services. Teaching, prayer, and worship can be done simultaneously with age appropriate material for younger children on the subject of the sanctity of human life through the first two categories, then include the children and babies as you go to battle in worship.

CATEGORIES OF PRAYER

1. REPENTANCE

- a. **Discover God's Message to Us About Our Sin:** We must begin by recounting together what God has to say about the sins of our people before we do anything else. We need to see our sin through His eyes.

¹ Hebrews 5:7

- b. **Prayers of Repentance Over Our Sin:** Godly sorrow from seeing our sin through God's eyes, we respond with prayers of repentance on behalf of the church in our nation and around the world. We also repent individually for our own sins.
 - c. **Discover God's Message to Us About His Forgiveness:** Following repentance, we read together from the Word and listen to the Holy Spirit about God's response to our repentance.
 - d. **Our Response of Praise to God for His Forgiveness:** Recognizing His forgiveness will cause a deep desire to praise and worship our forgiving God!
2. **REQUEST AND INTERCESSION**
- a. **Discover God's Message About the Healing and Guidance He Wants to Give:** Following genuine repentance, we need hope and encouragement that God has good plans for us.
 - b. **Prayer/Praise/Intercession for God's Healing and Guidance:** Now that we have repented and are assured of our Hope in Christ, we can pray with integrity for God's healing for individuals, the congregation, and the church locally, statewide, nationally, and globally. We remind Him of His victories in the past and fall on our faces before Him knowing that without Him all is lost. We call a fast during this time; a fast from food, or better yet, Facebook and social media browsing or secular movies, music, books, or other media – anything that distracts us from the truth of the Word in sanctification and purity. We pray over specific prayer points that apply to us. We also intercede for those who have lost children or are considering abortion. We can then seek His guidance about what our response should be.
 - c. **Listening to His Voice:** Spend time listening to God's response in His Word and through His Spirit. Ask everyone to be prepared to write down what they hear the Holy Spirit saying to them individually and to the congregation about how He would have us respond in love – not just in what we say but with actions and in truth. Then come together again and share with everyone. Test everything according to the Word and make a plan based on what we agree is His leading. (This can all be done in one setting, or set a period of time for listening – perhaps a week – and then reconvene to make a plan.)
 - d. **Discover God's Promises to Answer Prayer:** Once again, we read together, this time about His promises for answering our prayers and again listen for what we may have missed that His Spirit is saying to us.
3. **WORSHIP**
- a. **Go to Battle in Praise:** At this point we can celebrate in worship of the Lord, together with all the men, women, and children. We praise Him for His faithful love that endures forever and thank Him in advance for how He will answer our prayers. We recognize and praise the Lord that the battle belongs to the Him, and all He asks of us is our obedience to His Word and His guidance in specific and practical ways. We praise Him because no one can stand against Him.
4. **BENEDICTION**

I have compiled the following prayers taken from Scripture. Some are word for word; others are adapted for the purpose of praying about immorality or abortion in the church. My hope and prayer is that clergy and lay leaders will start praying these prayers (or prayers like them) and leading the local church across all nations in them. I pray that the church of Jesus Christ – congregations, small groups, adult classes, Bible study groups, and youth groups will begin to see God’s heart in the area of immorality and abortion in the church and humble ourselves before God. Then He will begin to heal the broken in the church, and through our obedience the number of abortions in the church will begin to drop significantly.

Seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance on how best to do this in your setting. However you do it, the important thing is to pray and worship purposefully and specifically, working through the categories, and see what God does in and through your congregation! Reading what God has to say about each category will motivate, convict, comfort, and empower your congregation. The point is that it be done together with other members of the body of Christ, in humility and unity. I pray the Spirit may guide you as you commit to bring this before Almighty God.

To get started, choose one or more passages from each category and begin to worship God as a battle plan. I pray that you will search the Scriptures for other passages that apply to these issues and incorporate them as the Spirit leads. (Lines in ***bold italics*** and marked with “*” may be read by leader and all other lines in unison, or all can be in unison. Or choose another method that works well in your congregation)

REPENTANCE

GOD’S MESSAGE TO US ABOUT OUR SIN

Jeremiah 2:13, 19-22, 31-35 *My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me,’ declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty. ‘Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, “I will not serve you!” Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute. I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine? Although you wash yourself with soap and use an abundance of cleansing powder, the stain of your guilt is still before me,’ declares the Sovereign Lord.*

‘You of this generation, consider the word of the Lord: ‘Have I been a desert to Israel or a land of great darkness? Why do my people say, “We are free to roam; we will come to you no more”? Does a young woman forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number. How skilled you are at pursuing love! Even the worst of women can learn from your ways. On your clothes is found the lifeblood of the innocent poor, though you did not catch them breaking in. Yet in spite of all this you say, “I am innocent; he is not angry with me.” But I will pass judgment on you because you say, “I have not sinned.”’

Jeremiah 3:1-5 *'If a man divorces his wife and she leaves him and marries another man, should he return to her again? Would not the land be completely defiled? But you have lived as a prostitute with many lovers – would you now return to me?' declares the Lord. 'Look up to the barren heights and see. Is there any place where you have not been ravished? By the roadside you sat waiting for lovers, sat like a nomad in the desert. You have defiled the land with your prostitution and wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withheld, and no spring rains have fallen. Yet you have the brazen look of a prostitute; you refuse to blush with shame. Have you not just called to me: "My Father, my friend from my youth, will you always be angry? Will your wrath continue for ever?" This is how you talk, but you do all the evil you can.'*

Jeremiah 3:11-15 *The Lord said to me, 'Faithless Israel is more righteous than unfaithful Judah. Go, proclaim this message towards the north: "Return, faithless Israel," declares the Lord, "I will frown on you no longer, for I am faithful," declares the Lord, "I will not be angry for ever. Only acknowledge your guilt – you have rebelled against the Lord your God, you have scattered your favours to foreign gods under every spreading tree, and have not obeyed me,"' declares the Lord. 'Return, faithless people,' declares the Lord, 'for I am your husband. I will choose you – one from a town and two from a clan – and bring you to Zion. Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.*

Jeremiah 5:7-9, 28b-31 *'Why should I forgive you? Your children have forsaken me and sworn by gods that are not gods. I supplied all their needs, yet they committed adultery and thronged to the houses of prostitutes. They are well-fed, lusty stallions, each neighing for another man's wife. Should I not punish them for this?' declares the Lord. 'Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this?...Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not seek justice. They do not promote the case of the fatherless; they do not defend the just cause of the poor. Should I not punish them for this?' declares the Lord. 'Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this? A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land: the prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end?*

Jeremiah 7:1-11 *This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Stand at the gate of the Lord's house and there proclaim this message:*

"Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!' If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave to your ancestors for ever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.

"Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, 'We are safe'— safe to do all these detestable things? Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching!" declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:20-21 *Now, you women, hear the word of the Lord; open your ears to the words of his mouth. Teach your daughters how to wail; teach one another a lament. Death has climbed in through our windows and has entered our fortresses; it has removed the children from the streets and the young men from the public squares.*

Jeremiah 9:23-24 *This is what the Lord says:*

'Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,' declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 32:35 *They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molek, though I never commanded – nor did it enter my mind – that they should do such a detestable thing and so make Judah sin.*

Jeremiah 36:3 *Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, they will each turn from their wicked ways; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin.*

2 Chronicles 7:14-16 *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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there for ever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.*

Matthew 18:1-5 *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'*

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Hosea 14:1-2 *Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: 'Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.*

2 Corinthians 7:10 *Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

1 John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives for ever.*

Luke 24:46-48 *[Jesus] told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*

PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE OVER IMMORALITY AND ABORTION AS THE CHURCH

Let us repent together as the body of Christ.

FROM PSALM 51:

****Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love;***

according to Your great compassion blot out our transgressions.

****Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.***

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us.

****Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight;***

so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.

****Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.***

Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught us wisdom in that secret place.

****Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean;***

wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.

****Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.***

Hide Your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquity.

****Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.***

Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us.

****Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.***

Then we will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You.

****Deliver us from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You who are God our Savior,***

and our tongue will sing of Your righteousness.

****Open our lips, Lord, and our mouth will declare Your praise.***

You do not delight in sacrifice, or we would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

****Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;***

a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise.

****May it please You to prosper Your people,***

to build up the walls of Your church.

****Then You will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,***

in our sincere offerings offered upon on Your altar.

FROM JEREMIAH 1 and JAMES 5:17

****Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God,***

who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

****let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer***

Your servants are praying before You day and night for Your servants, Your church.

****We confess the sins we Your church have committed against You in immorality and abortion.***

We have acted very wickedly toward You.

****We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws You gave us in Your word.***

Help us remember the instruction You have given us

****saying that if we are unfaithful, You will scatter us among the nations,***

but if we return to You and obey Your commands,

**** then even if our exiled people are at the farthest horizon, because of our sin***

You will gather us from there and bring us to the place You have chosen as a dwelling for Your Name

****That by our confession to one another, and our prayers for one another***

We may be healed

FROM EZRA 9, 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14, 1 THESSALONIANS 4, HEBREWS 7

****We are too ashamed and disgraced, oh God, to lift up our face to You,***

because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens.

****From the past three generations until now, our guilt has been great.***

Because of our sins, we have subjected our children to the sword and our women and men to humiliation at the hand of the abortionist, as it is today.

****But now, for a brief moment, you Lord our God have been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place in your sanctuary,***

and so You our God give light to our eyes and a little relief in our bondage.

****Though we have been in slavery to the ways of this world,***

You, our God, have not forsaken us in our bondage.

****You have shown us kindness in your sight:***

You have granted us new life to rebuild your house O God and repair its ruins, and you have given us a wall of protection in the midst of danger.

****But now, our God, what can we say after this? For we have forsaken your commands when you said:***

The land you are entering to possess is a land polluted by the corruption of its peoples.

****By their detestable practices they have filled it with their impurity from one end to the other***

Therefore, you said not to be unequally yoked with an unbeliever

****For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common?***

Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

****It is your will O God the we be sanctified, avoiding sexual immorality and abortion***

As you, O Lord, who are holy, blameless, pure, and set apart from sinners

****What has happened to us is a result of our evil deeds and our great guilt,***

and yet, our God, you have punished us less than our sins deserved and have given us opportunity to repent

****Shall we then break your commands again with the peoples who commit such detestable practices?***

Would you not be angry enough with us to destroy us, leaving us no remnant or survivor?

****Lord, O God of Israel, you are righteous! We are repentant before you***

Here we are before you in our guilt, though because of it not one of us can stand in your presence.

FROM PSALM 130

****Out of the depths we cry to you, oh Lord, hear our voice***

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of our prayer

****If you should mark iniquities, Oh Lord, who could stand?***

But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared

****We wait for You Lord, our souls do wait, and in Your Word do we hope***

Our souls wait for You Lord more than watchmen for the morning

ALL: Yes our souls wait for You Lord more than watchmen for the morning

****If you should mark iniquities, Oh Lord, who could stand?***

But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared

****O, church, hope in the Lord***

For with Him is lovingkindness

****And with Him is abundant redemption***

And He will redeem you from all your iniquities

****If you should mark iniquities, Oh Lord, who could stand?***

But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared

SOLOMON'S PRAYER FROM 2 CHRONICLES 6:36-39

'When they sin against you – for there is no one who does not sin – and you become angry with them and give them over to the enemy, who takes them captive to a land far away or near; and if they have a change of heart in the land where they are held captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity and say, "We have sinned, we have done wrong and acted wickedly"; and if they turn back to you with all their heart and soul in the land of their captivity where they were taken, and pray towards the land that you gave their ancestors, towards the city you have chosen and towards the temple that I have built for your Name; then from heaven, your dwelling-place, hear their prayer and their pleas, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you.

PSALM 19:12, 25:11, 79:9

But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Help us, God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

NEHEMIAH 1:5-7

Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly towards you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

PSALM 106:1-15, 34-48

****Praise You LORD. We give thanks to You LORD, for You are good; Your love endures for ever.***

Who can proclaim Your mighty acts O LORD or fully declare Your praise?

****Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.***

Remember us, LORD, when You show favour to Your people, come to our aid when You save them,

****that we may enjoy the prosperity of Your chosen ones,***

that we may share in the joy of Your nation and join Your inheritance in giving praise.

****We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.***

When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to Your miracles;

****they did not remember Your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.***

Yet You saved them for Your name's sake, to make Your mighty power known.

****You rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up; You led them through the depths as through a desert.***

You saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them.

****The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived.***

Then they believed Your promises and sang Your praise.

****But they soon forgot what You had done and did not wait for Your plan to unfold.***

In the desert they gave in to their craving; in the wilderness they put You, God, to the test.

****So You gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease among them.***

They did not destroy the peoples as You, O LORD had commanded them,

****but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs.***

They worshipped their idols, which became a snare to them.

****They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to false gods.***

They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters,

****whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.***

They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves.

****Therefore You LORD were angry with Your people and abhorred Your inheritance.***

You gave them into the hands of the nations, and their foes ruled over them.

****Their enemies oppressed them and subjected them to their power.***

Many times You delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin.

****Yet You took note of their distress when You heard their cry;***

for their sake You remembered Your covenant and out of Your great love You relented.

**** You caused all who held them captive to show them mercy.***

Save us, LORD our God, and gather us from the nations,

****that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.***

Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

****Let all the people say, 'Amen!'***

ALL: Amen! Praise the LORD!

GOD'S MESSAGE TO US ABOUT HIS FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 7:11 *See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.*

Matthew 6:14-15 *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

1 John 1:5-10 *This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Mark 11:25 *And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.*

Colossians 1:13-14 *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Psalms 32:1, Romans 4:7 *Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered*

Hosea 14:5 *I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.*

From Psalm 32:8-11 *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but My unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in Me. Rejoice in Me and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD FOR HIS FORGIVENESS

Let us come before our loving God and Creator in praise and worship and recognition of Him and His great works on our behalf.

FROM PSALM 103

****Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.***

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –

****who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,***

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

****who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.***

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

****He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:***

the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

****He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger for ever;***

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

****For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;***

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

****As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;***

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

****The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;***

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

****But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him,***

and his righteousness with their children's children –

****with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.***

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

****Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.***

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

****Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.***

ALL: Praise the Lord, my soul.

MICAH 7:18-19

****Who is a God like you,***

who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

****You do not stay angry for ever***

but delight to show mercy.

****You will again have compassion on us;***

you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

PSALM 32:1-7

****Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.***

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

****When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.***

For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

****Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.***

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.' And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

****Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;***

surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

ALL: You are my hiding-place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

FROM ROMANS 5:9-11

****Since we have now been justified by Jesus' blood, how much more shall we be saved from Your wrath, O God's through Him!***

For if, while we were Your enemies, O God, we were reconciled to You through the death of Your Son,

****how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!***

Not only is this so, but we also boast in You, God, through our Lord Jesus Christ,

****through whom we have now received reconciliation.***

ALL: Praise You, O God!

REQUEST AND INTERCESSION

GOD'S MESSAGE ABOUT THE HEALING AND GUIDANCE HE WANTS TO GIVE US

Isaiah 58:6-12 Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and

not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your Righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

From Jeremiah 24:6-7 My eyes will watch over you for your good, and I will bring you back to this land. I will build you up and not tear you down; I will plant you and not uproot you. ⁷I will give you a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. You will be my people, and I will be their God, for you will return to me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 30:17 But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord, "because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares."

Malachi 4:2-3 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,' says the LORD Almighty.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE FOR HEALING AND GUIDANCE

FROM JEREMIAH 1: PRAYER FOR THE MISSION

****Help us remember it was You who called and set us apart. Help us not say we can't do it.***

Remind us to go and say what You command to each person and entity you direct us to.

****Help us to not be afraid. Thank You that You are with us and will rescue us.***

Thank You for putting Your words in our mouths and appointing us to the mission of hope and grace and reconciliation you have called us to.

****Help us know what to uproot, tear down, destroy, and overthrow and what to build and plant, and that what we build and plant will be a testimony to our opposition that this is Your work.***

****Thank You that You are watchful to see Your Word fulfilled in our lives!***

Thank you that it is Your work and Your Word, and that we are just the messengers.

****Help us get ready! Show us how to prepare, and give us courage to say what You command and not be terrified of opponents.***

Make us a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall to stand up against powerful religious, political, and organizational opponents and other people who don't want our mission to succeed.

****Thank you that these opponents won't overcome us. Help us to have faith and trust in You and Your promises.***

Remind us of Your presence and that You are our Rescuer!

EPHESIANS 3:20.21

****For this reason we kneel before You, Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.***

We pray that out of Your glorious riches You may strengthen us with power through Your Spirit in our inner being,

****so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.***

And we pray that we, being rooted and established in Your love, may have power, together with all Your holy people,

****to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,***

and to know this love that surpasses knowledge –

****that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.***

Now to You who are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within us,

ALL: to You be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

PSALM 49:15

****But You God will redeem us from the realm of the dead;***

You will surely take us to Yourself.

PSALM 77:13-15

****Your ways, God, are holy.***

What god is as great as our God?

****You are the God who performs miracles;***

You display Your power among the peoples.

**** With Your mighty arm You redeemed Your people,***

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

PSALM 38:15

LORD, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14-16

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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there for ever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

DANIEL 9:17-19

'Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favour on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.'

FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

****Help us from now on to regard no one from a worldly point of view, God.***

Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we pray we do so no longer.

****Praise you, God, that if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!***

All this is from You, O God, who reconciled us to Yourself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

****that You were reconciling the world to Yourself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.***

And we praise You that You have committed to us the message of reconciliation.

****We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though You were making Your appeal through us.***

We praise You that because of Christ, Your Son, we can be reconciled to You.

****Thank You, God, for making Him who had no sin to be sin for us,***

ALL: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of You, O God.

FROM PSALM 78:1-8

****My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.***

I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old – things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from our descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders he has done.

****He decreed statutes for His church and established His law long ago, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,***

so that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

****Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.***

They would not be like their ancestors – a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

ALL: We praise You God that you have not given up on us and ask for your strength to teach our children so that Your praise, power, wonders, and deeds will be known from generation to generation.

Specific Prayer Points

1. Our people who have experienced abortion in the past – for their repentance and healing and testimony
2. Our people who are engaging in sexual sin that may lead to choosing abortion
3. The repentance and healing of those among us who have or are now engaged in sexual immorality
4. That God's people will learn the truth about the complications and consequences of sexual immorality and abortion (and other sins in the culture of death)
5. That the church will be the Light of the world by living faithfully according the God's Word
6. For our clergy and lay leaders to lead the church in creating a safe and healing culture of Christ's hope through grace and making future sexual immorality and abortion (and other sins) unthinkable
7. For those who work in abortion clinics in our community
8. For those considering abortion in the church and in the community
9. For our local pregnancy resource centers' staff, volunteers, and clients – for needed funding, for pregnant women to learn about the pregnancy center and go there, for protection and wisdom for staff and volunteers

10. That the church will become equipped to minister to single girls and women in situations of unintended, untimely pregnancies
11. What are other points you can think of?

GOD'S PROMISES OF ANSWERED PRAYER

Psalm 65:5-8 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

Isaiah 41:17-20 The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs. I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set junipers in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together, so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Zechariah 10:6 "I will strengthen Judah and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them.

REJOICING

GOING TO BATTLE IN PRAISE

Let us seek Almighty God for wisdom, strength, and guidance in the battle and call on Him to bring victory as we worship Him.

FROM 2 CHRONICLES 20

****You are the God who is in heaven***

You are Ruler of all kingdoms of the earth

****You are powerful and mighty***

And no one can stand against You

ALL: No one can stand against You.

****Give thanks to the Lord,***

We give thanks to You Lord

ALL: For Your faithful love endures forever

****We are faced with great calamity***

And we come to stand in Your presence

****We can cry out to You***

And You will hear and save us

ALL: You will hear and save us

****Give thanks to the Lord,***

We give thanks to You Lord

ALL: For Your faithful love endures forever

****Powerless against this mighty army***

We do not know what to do

****So we look to You for help***

For no one can stand against You

ALL: No one can stand against You

****Give thanks to the Lord,***

We give thanks to You Lord

ALL: For Your faithful love endures forever

****This battle isn't ours but Yours alone***

We will not be discouraged or afraid

****We will watch Your victory***

As we stand and worship You

ALL: For no one can stand against You

****Give thanks to the Lord,***

We give thanks to you Lord

ALL: For Your faithful love endures forever

PSALM 8:1,2

****YAHWEH, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!***

You have set Your glory in the heavens.

****Through the praise of children and infants***

You have established a stronghold against Your enemies,

ALL: to silence the foe and the avenger.

FROM ISAIAH 40:10-11

****We see You, Sovereign LORD coming with power,***
and You rule with a mighty arm.

****We see, Your reward is with You,***
and Your recompense accompanies You.

****You tends Your flock like a shepherd:***

You gathers the lambs in Your arms

****and carry them close to Your heart;***

You gently lead those that have young.

BENEDICTION

****May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16,17***