

Praying for Weekend Services

The ultimate purpose of Sunday service is for people to “Know God”

- ☐ To know Him intimately – Know Him as Savior ☐
 - ☐ To know Him as Lord ☐
 - ☐ To know Him in a deeper way – Know Him personally ☐
 - ☐ The eyes of their heart be opened and their heart is
☐receptive, spiritual blinders, scales of religion, hurt, and bad experiences fall from their eyes and they see clearly the plan of God for their life. They hear and receive instruction from the Father. ☐Holy Spirit give us creative ways to make Jesus irresistible: from the parking lot, to every classroom and every area of this ministry. ☐: Our Sunday services are... ☐#1 A celebration – Services should be fun. ☐ A breath of fresh air that people enjoy and look forward to. ☐They feel as if they have stepped into another world. ☐Psalm 122:1 (NKJV) I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.” ☐**Sunday morning at Gathering Church is the best day of week for everyone. People look forward to Sunday mornings. ☐#2 A Place of Presence – The tangible, manifested presence of God that people feel and experience. ☐
- ☐☐ People are touched in their emotions; (EX) cry, laugh, rejoice
- ☐ Every person experiences the presence of God. ☐
 - ☐ We all as a church value the presence of God, therefore, we
☐place a priority on prayer. ☐
 - ☐ That’s why we pray and prepare. ☐Exodus 33:15(NIV) Then

Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. : What happens when people encounter God’s presence? □ We pray that every mountain (problem) melts like wax in the presence of the Lord, and that His presence captures their heart. Their heart will cry out, “I’ve found a home”. □1. Our focus is corrected in His presence, and people are free to make decisions that lead them into their God given purpose. □2. In His presence we hear conversations that we would not hear anywhere else. □

- □ Divine direction, instruction and correction is spiritually downloaded in their heart. □
- □ People hear the warnings of God. 3. Fullness of joy Psalm 16:11 (NKJV) You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is □ fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. □ We become more sensitive to, and more aware of His presence and respond accordingly. □4. Freedom – We pray that You show them the path of life that Jesus created for them to walk in. □5. Conviction – The conviction of God be so heavy that it influences their will, and they desire change. □

6. Healing 7. Direction 8. Next Steps

Jacob got a new identity in the presence of God.

Genesis 32:24-30 (NKJV) 24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, “Let Me go, for the daybreaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” 27 So He said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.” 28 And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; [a] for you have struggled with God and with

men, and have prevailed” 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, “Tell me Your name, I pray.” And He said, “Why is it that you ask about My name? “And He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: [b] “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”

A. What is your name? He was trickster and thief with job problems and a bad marriage. B. His life was filled with chaos and he was running from God.

- ☐ God called him Israel (prince). We pray for revelation of who they are “In Christ” and they be free from labels the ☐world put on them. ☐
- ☐ He got a new identity and purpose. We pray that they see ☐themselves in a new light and with a purpose. ☐Isaiah stopped blaming others in God’s presence. We pray that people take personal responsibility for their life and ☐situation. ☐

Isaiah 6:19 (NIV) In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said,

“Here am I. Send me!” 9 He said, “Go and tell this people: “Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

He said, “Woe is me” when he encountered God’s presence.

Isaiah 5:8 Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land.

Isaiah 5:11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning to run after their drinks, who stay up late at night till they are inflamed with wine.

Isaiah 5:18 Woe to those who draw sin along with cords of deceit, and wickedness as with cart ropes,

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Isaiah 5:21 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

In God’s presence, he went from woe to the crowds, to woe is me. A. In God’s presence, he saw his own flaws instead of others’. B. We receive correction in God’s presence – We pray that people yield to the Holy Spirit and desire change.

Isaiah 6:5 (NIV) “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” His words and conversations were changed in God’s presence.

- ☐ We pray that hearts become tender in His presence. ☐

- ☐ God's presence removes anger and harsh words from our lives by making our heart's tender ☐
- ☐ Isaiah's assignment and purpose came out of God's presence. ☐ Isaiah 6:8-9 (NIV) 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" 9 He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' ☐#3 Sacred worship – worship that transports people... ☐
- ☐ Out of hopelessness, into hope ☐
- ☐ Out of darkness, into light ☐
- ☐ Out of death, into life ☐
- ☐ Out of fear, into faith ☐

Genesis 28:16 (NKJV) Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

That people would know God is in this place.

1. The Gathering is the very gate of Heaven. 2. The Angels of God ascend and descend in this house.

**Spontaneous worship!! That we see ourselves before the throne of God, pouring out praise and worship. (Spiritual songs)

1. Worship that causes evil spirits to leave and stop tormenting people.
2. Worship that creates an atmosphere for the supernatural.

I Samuel 16:22-23 (NIV) 22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased

with him.”²³ Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

□ We pray for an atmosphere of worship that is so freeing that demonic spirits and lies must be silenced so that people’s minds are free to choose life.

#4 The Message

Ephesians 1:16-21 (NKJV) 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding[c] being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

People receive revelation knowledge, and the Word becomes real to their heart.

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People learn to apply the word to their everyday lives and use the authority that’s been given to them by Jesus.

2. Transformation

Holy Spirit causes the message to penetrate their heart. Luke 24:32 (NIV) They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

#5 Salvation – People receive Jesus as their Savior in every service. John 16:8-9 (NKJV) And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

Romans 2:4 (NKJV) 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? We pray that people are sensitive during the altar call; We take authority over every distraction and bind up every lying spirit. We believe people will not be able to resist the wooing of the Holy Spirit. We pray that people have a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit.

☐☐ We take authority over fear and procrastination. ☐ Today is the day of salvation.

#6 Generosity – Everyone is generous, honoring the Lord with their tithe and giving offerings as God speaks to them.

- ☐ We have been redeemed from lack in every area. ☐
- ☐ We, as a church, continually experience increase, us and our ☐children. ☐
- ☐ We are kingdom minded with our resources. ☐

☐ We take authority over the spirit of mammon. #7 Next Steps – People take their next step. -Growth Track is clear to all. -Growth Track

is successful.

-People complete Growth Track. -Growth Track takes them on a spiritual journey.

-Pray that the congregation takes the responsibility to encourage others to go through Growth Track.

- Growth Track
- Small Groups
- Small Group Leader
- Dream Team
- Water Baptism
- Dream Center

Habakkuk 2:2 (NKJV) 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

#8 Invite others to church

-Look for opportunities. -Give personal invitations to others weekly. -Believe for divine opportunities to invite. - Practice servant evangelism. -Practice acts of kindness.

How to measure the win in a service.

- Presence (A heavy presence)
- Salvations
- Did people get touched?
- Were people healed?
- Reconciliation
- Were people engaged?
- Life giving worship
- Joy

- ☐ Tears ☐
- ☐ Community ☐
- ☐ Hospitality ☐
- ☐ People say, “I met God today” ☐
- ☐ People say, “I really needed that” ☐
- ☐ Can’t believe I was that cold, insensitive ☐
- ☐ I felt weak, now I feel strong ☐
- ☐ I am ready to encounter life now ☐#9 Dream Team – They do everything they do with their whole heart, as unto the Lord and not unto man. ☐
- ☐ They see themselves as a minister. They see themselves as valuable to the Church. They see and understand that everything that takes place during the service is accredited to their account in heaven. They serve the Lord with joyfulness. ☐
- ☐ Our teams understand the importance of preparation and pre-service prayer. ☐Monday Prayer I Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) - I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ☐

#1 Give thanks – God continues to give the increase.

Ephesians 1:15-22 (NIV) 15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that

you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church

#2 Pray their spiritual eyes open to...

- ☐ Know God better ☐
- ☐ Know their calling and purpose ☐
- ☐ Know their inheritance ☐
- ☐ Know their covenant rights and privileges ☐
- ☐ Know their authority as a believer ☐Romans 8:16 - 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God ☐#3 The Spirit bears witness with their spirit that they are a child of God. ☐Philippians 1:6 (NKJV) - 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; ☐

#4 Pray that what God has started in them, they will let him complete it.

I Timothy 2:4 (NKJV) - 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

#5 Pray they have a desire for the word and to grow. **Not just saved but grow spiritually. (Truth that sets free)

Philippians 2:13 (AMPC) - 13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while [a]effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and [b]delight.

#6 Pray God is working on them both to will and do His good pleasure.

John 10:4-5 (NKJV) - 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

#7 Pray they hear God’s voice and will not follow the voice of a stranger. #8 Pray they take their next steps

- ☐ Connect with God ☐
- ☐ Connect with people ☐
- ☐ Right Relationships ☐
- ☐ Next Steps – Growth Track ☐
- ☐ Water Baptism Dream Team ☐ I Corinthians 4:1 (NKJV) - Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ☐ #9 Pray they are good stewards. ☐

☐ Time ☐ Relationships ☐ Gifts/ Talents ☐ Finances

**Doers of the Word

2 Timothy 4:5 (NKJV) - 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

#10 Pray they do the work of an evangelist.

- ☐ Share their story ☐

- ☐ Invite others to church ☐
- ☐ Practice acts of kindness ☐2 Thessalonians 3:2 (NKJV) - and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith ☐#11 Pray they are delivered from the wrong people. ☐ Bad influences ☐John 15:8 (NKJV) - 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. John 15:16 (NKJV) - 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My Name He may give you. ☐#12 Pray they continually bear fruit and their fruit remains. ☐Mark 4:14-20 (AMPC) - 14 The sower sows the Word. 15 The ones along the path are those who have the Word sown [in their hearts], but when they hear, Satan comes at once and [by force] takes away the message which is sown in them. 16 And in the same way the ones sown upon stony ground are those who, when they hear the Word, at once receive and accept and welcome it with joy; 17 And they have no real root in ☐

themselves, and so they endure for a little while; then when trouble or persecution arises on account of the Word, they immediately are offended (become displeased, indignant, resentful) and they stumble and fall away.18 And the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the Word;

19 Then the cares and anxieties of the world and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless. 20 And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit—some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred

times as much.

#13 Pray the word cannot be stolen from them through...

- ☐ Persecution ☐
- ☐ Cares and anxieties ☐
- ☐ Deceitfulness of riches ☐
- ☐ Distractions of this age ☐
- ☐ Pleasure and entertainment ☐
- ☐ Wrong passions ☐