

Prayer Experience #2

Participant's Guide

Purpose: To have a meaningful experience of extended prayer together that focuses on prayer for being deeply rooted in God and in each other.

OPENING TO GOD:

- **I Peter 1:3** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- **Psalm 145:17-18** "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."
- **Psalm 34:18** "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- **Psalm 145:3** "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise, his greatness no one can fathom."
- **Psalm 115:1** "Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness."
- **Daniel 2:20** "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."
- **Nahum 1:7** "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him."

LISTENING TO GOD through SCRIPTURE:

- *"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil, cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:9-18)*

- What resonates with you in this passage?

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER:

- Write down any area where you sense God is calling you to grow spiritually. Are you growing more deeply into Christ? Are you loving others well? (You might also use this space to write down what others need prayer for.)

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH

- For our church leadership – that they would abide in Christ, be strengthened, and encouraged.
- For our church unity – the Spirit-empowered ability to be “different together.”
- For our love for one another – that we would live out Romans 12 in authentic ways.
- For our mission – to see what God is up to and join Him in bringing His kingdom through love and good deeds here and around the world.

“Now may the God of peace . . . equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” (Hebrews 13:20-21)