

Pioneer Prayer Pack 17

October 12-19, 2019

Directions: One day this week, in the sanctuary, outside under some trees, in a comfortable room that offers privacy and no distractions, or on a conference call, the leader will distribute prayer packets, welcome participants, and open with a short prayer. Group members take turns reading the “Testimony Handout” (pg. 2). After reading, the group leader will assign prayer topics below to participants in a clockwise fashion. Each should pray silently for a minute about their prayer request. The group leader may open the prayer by thanking God for every person in the room and asking that each heart will be blessed. Before someone prays for their assigned topic, they should try and agree with the previous prayer. The prayer topics below are taken from the “Testimony Handout.” Please keep individual prayers short, or less than two minutes each.

1. Pray that our churches’ members will serve in unity, joined together in same mind and in the same judgment.
2. Pray that we carefully follow Christ’s pattern while teaching present truth.
3. Pray that we avoid bitterness and dissension which bring division in the church.
4. Pray that our characters will be sanctified to present truth in beauty and simplicity.
5. Pray that we become continual light to others – living epistles.
6. Pray that God will sanctify us through His truth.

[3-5 min. Open Prayer Time; Song leader sings second verse of Hymn #348 (pg. 2) to end open prayer time]

7. Pray that Jesus will come quickly and save us, that we may rejoice (Isaiah 25:9).
8. Pray that we would keep the truth and enter into the Holy City, New Jerusalem (Isaiah 26:1-2).
9. Pray that through God’s grace, we may keep His holy law (Matthew 5:17-18).
10. Pray for protection from evil men and deceivers who would lead the flock astray (2 Timothy 3:13).
11. Pray for strength, healing, and blessing, to mount up with wings as eagles when we are weary and faint (Isaiah 40:31).
12. Pray that God would comfort our sorrows and bless us with His love (Zephaniah 3:17-18).

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13. Pray that we would be in the new earth with joy and singing, and that we would have joy and peace in Christ here (Isaiah 55:12-13).
14. Pray for Annual Council and preparations for General Conference Session 2020.
15. Pray for church leaders and their families.
16. Pray for revival and reformation throughout churches, conferences, unions, divisions, and General Conference departments.
17. Pray for our nations and leaders.
18. Pray for our children.

[3-5 min. Open Prayer Time – Thanksgiving and Praise; Finish Hymn #348 (pg. 2); Leader Closes Prayer]

The Church Has One Foundation – Hymn #348

1

The church has one foundation
Tis Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3

Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Testimony Handout 17 for Pioneer Prayer

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"I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Union is strength; division is weakness. When those who believe present truth are united, they exert a telling influence. Satan well understands this. Never was he more determined than now to make of none effect the truth of God by causing bitterness and dissension among the Lord's people.

The world is against us, the popular churches are against us, the laws of the land will soon be against us. If there was ever a time when the people of God should press together, it is now. God has committed to us the special truths for this time to make known to the world. The last message of mercy is now going forth. We are dealing with men and women who are judgment bound. How careful should we be in every word and act to follow closely the Pattern, that our example may lead men to Christ. With what care should we seek so to present the truth that others by beholding its beauty and simplicity may be led to receive it. If our characters testify of its sanctifying power, we shall be a continual light to others--living epistles, known and read of all men. We cannot afford now to give place to Satan by cherishing disunion, discord, and strife.

That union and love might exist among His disciples was the burden of our Saviour's last prayer for them prior to His crucifixion. With the agony of the cross before Him, His solicitude was not for Himself, but for those whom He should leave to carry forward His work in the earth. The severest trials awaited them, but Jesus saw that their greatest danger would be from a spirit of bitterness and division. Hence He prayed:

"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

That prayer of Christ embraces all His followers to the close of time. Our Saviour foresaw the trials and dangers of His people; He is not unmindful of the dissensions and divisions that distract and weaken His church. He is looking upon us with deeper interest and more tender compassion than moves an earthly parent's heart toward a wayward, afflicted child. He bids us learn of Him. He invites our confidence. He bids us open our hearts to receive His love. He has pledged Himself to be our helper.

MEMORY VERSES

“And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord ; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Isaiah 25:9).

“In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in” (Isaiah 26:1-2).

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled” (Matthew 5:17-18).

“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (2 Timothy 3:13).

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

“The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden” (Zephaniah 3:17-18).

“For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Isaiah 55:12-13).

Memory Tips:

1. Ask God for help learning these verses!
2. Listen to the Revival Plan podcast daily while driving, walking, or working.
3. Drink three quarts of water, exercise, and sleep sufficiently daily to increase circulation of oxygenated blood to your brain!
4. When you memorize a verse, repeat it once from memory daily for 40 days.
5. Be persistent and consistent!
6. Choose God’s Word over other less important media throughout the day.
7. Share verses you learn with others.