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Prayer Ministry

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The Gospel Rhythm

My journey in prayer has always been an “in progress” kind of business. There have been many good and bad days while I pray with many doubts and lack of expectations. However, I have been shown and believe that prayer can be much more than just closing our eyes, bowing our heads and speaking into thin air. I want to share this with you guys and continue to discover this amazing gift that our Father gave us.

| *“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...”* - Matthew 6:9

Let's begin by acknowledging our God.

Heavenly Father, thank you for being our father, who has known us from the time that we were conceived in our mother's womb. You are the creator of the vast universe and the creator of the intricate building blocks of life. We come before you as your children and acknowledge that you are our God.

“Our Father” is always our beginning, whether in life or in ministry. Where else would we begin other than the One who creates and sustains all things? He is our source of life and strength. But more importantly, He is our Father.

Gospel by Prayer

| *“Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”* - Matthew 6:12

Let's pray the Gospel into our hearts.

Father, you have given us the bread of life. I ask that you press the reality of this sustenance deep into our hearts. Let this reality transform us into the men and women that



you created us to be. Show us that Christ is enough. Remind us that our forgiveness was only possible at the pain, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. By grace, you have saved us, and by grace, give us a heart to forgive.

Has the good news really touched our hearts? Has it really changed the way we see ourselves and others? I don't believe this transformation happens by trying really hard and beating our hearts into submission, but when Jesus really becomes bigger than everything else in our lives, we won't need to think about being joyful to be joyful, being humble to be humble, being bold to be bold. We can just be.

Evangelism by Prayer

| *"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* – Matthew 6:10

Let's pray for our family, friends, campus, city and the world.

Father, you have put us in this world, this city with the family that we didn't choose and the friends that we did choose. These things all belong to you and you love them deeply. I ask that you break our hearts in the same way that breaks yours. Give us a spirit of compassion for both the poor and the rich. Give us eyes and ears to meet your people where they need to be met. Use us to bring your people to you, not out of ambition, but because we know that what our family, friends, city and world really need is you.

It's hard for all of us to tell people about the good news in a genuine way. We might feel like we're pushing an agenda on them at times. We might be met with many kinds of opposition from apathy to cynicism. What if we stop flattering ourselves in thinking we are capable of converting anyone? No one goes to Jesus unless the Father draws them to him, so let us begin to truly love our neighbours by asking God to draw them to Jesus and know that when we pray for others, it is the best thing we can do for them.

| *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*
– Psalm 51:10

Let's finish off with praying for a prayerful spirit.



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Father, I ask that you cleanse our hearts. Help us hear your Spirit loudly and clearly. Let us be sensitive to when the Holy Spirit is longing for you and help us follow that longing. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.