



All Night Prayer
Guide

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Revised 10/2023, but only partially so you can still see
how our all night prayer times varied

Good Evening,

Our desire is that this time of prayer is a wonderful blessing for you.

We will be very active tonight as we talk to God, listen to God, search His scriptures, and also fellowship with one another.

We look forward to a wonderful time tonight.

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1/4/2008

PS When we are together, we
 will be in Heritage Hal
PSS When we return, each hour,
 share with others your prayer times

The lessons on the following pages are originally from In Touch (InTouch.org)

During each prayer session you will travel (alone or in pairs), into other rooms, etc & return to Heritage Hall at the end of the hour.

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

8:00pm - 9:00pm Lesson 1 Overcoming Failure Romans 7:15-20	All in Heritage Hall
9:00pm - 10:00pm	Pray ALONE, with God
10:00om - 11:00pm Lesson 2 The Expression of Faith Hebrews 11:17-19	All in Heritage Hall
11:00pm - 12:00pm	Out in Pairs
12:00am - 1:00am Lesson 3 Praise for the Lamb Revelation 5	All in Heritage Hall
1:00am - 2:00am	Out in Pairs
2:00 am - 3:00am Lesson 4 Praying With Power James 5:13-18	All in Heritage Hall
3:00am - 4:00am	Out in Pairs
4:00am - 5:00am Lesson 5 Strength for Weakness Ephesians 3:14-16	All in Heritage Hall
5:00am - 6:00am	Pray ALONE, with God
6:00 am - 7:00am Lesson 6 The Holy Spirit's Presence	All in Heritage Hall

Lesson 1

Overcoming Failure

Romans 7:15-20

Victory is God's will for the believer's life. But sometimes we can find ourselves falling repeatedly into the same sin. As a result, our prayer life is marked by broken promises to end wrongdoing. We tell the Lord that we yearn to do what is right, but often our desire wanes when virtue is no longer convenient, pleasurable, or profitable. Many believers become angry with God for withholding victory, but sin is always our choice, not the Lord's.

If a stinging conscience and misery are the result of our decision to sin, why do we continue in wrongdoing? One reason is incomplete repentance. It is possible for us to experience grief, embarrassment, and shame over sin without being truly repentant. The reason is that penitence isn't a matter of weeping or feeling guilty; rather, true repentance is a change of mind about sin so that we agree with God's viewpoint. Then the heart turns in a new direction, opposite from persistent wrongdoing.

The second reason for failure is an inadequate view of our true identity in the Lord. The believer, as a complete child of God, has Christ living within to empower him. When we grasp this truth, we will recognize that sin does not fit who we are and will stop rationalizing our offenses. Our genuine repentance is based upon an honest understanding of our identity.

When we put these two truths together, a powerful tool against Satan and temptation is created. Our Father wants us to be victorious, and we triumph over failure when we remember that Jesus Christ is our life.

Lesson 2

The Expression of Faith

Hebrews 11:17-19

People put their trust in different things. Some place faith in the Lord; others trust in themselves or another person. Faith can even be placed in relationships, money, or politics. Anytime we put absolute trust in something, we demonstrate faith. So, the question isn't, Do I have any faith? but rather, In what have I placed my faith? Looking at that question honestly will shake up your assumptions about your spiritual life.

An old saying explains, "Faith gives feet to belief." Simply put, this means that faith is the active expression of what you believe about God. If you have the idea that He sits in some far-off place called "heaven" and only half-heartedly listens to your prayers, then that will reveal itself in your day-to-day walk of faith.

Your God will seem small, powerless, and disinterested. The result will be a string of seemingly unanswered prayers and a general sense of defeat.

If, on the other hand, you believe that God is right beside you, whispering in your ear, pouring out His Holy Spirit upon you—and that He is intimately familiar and concerned with the minutiae of your life—then such a belief will impact your faith walk. Prayer will be a joyful exchange between cherished friends, and the evidence of our heavenly Father's miraculous power will become commonplace in your daily life.

Weak faith says, "God can." Great faith says, "God will." But perfect faith—godly faith—says, "It's done." Your faith is your testimony. What does your faith say about God?

Lesson 3

Praise for the Lamb

Revelation 5

From John's description in Revelation chapter four, we can see that God is clearly set apart from humanity. He's greater than any created being or thing. But the same magnificent God who is praised by Heaven hears your prayers. He is not out of reach.

In Revelation chapter five, Heaven turns its attention to the Lamb standing near God's throne. He alone is able to take from His Father's hand the book containing the divine plan for all history. Only the Lamb can break its seals. This is Jesus Christ, who willingly followed that plan to become a sacrifice for our sins. He exchanged our imperfection for His righteousness. Clothed in the Savior's righteousness, we can enter God's holy presence.

The angels and the four creatures praise Jesus and the Father with absolute enthusiasm. As the direct recipients of divine mercy and grace, we should do the same. Believers in Heaven hold nothing back in their unceasing worship. They are unashamed in their adoration.

Worshipping with enthusiasm—and a little volume—may feel unnatural to those raised in a conservative church culture. But God deserves to hear our voices bringing honor and glory to His name. Every word delights Him, and nothing is better for a believer than to know that the Lord is pleased.

God has done so much for you. He created, loved, saved, and sealed you for eternity. He asks for very little in return. But what He does desire is personal and unashamed praise. Does He receive that kind of worship from you?

Lesson 4

Praying With Power

James 5:13-18

Have you ever watched a runner near the end of a race? Every muscle strains with the athlete's desire to finish first. The moment is full of intensity and determination. This is the same kind of fervent desire God wants to see in the believer's prayer life. "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" ([James 5:16](#)).

Believers sometimes use key phrases— "in Jesus' name" or "if it is Your will"— as if the expressions were enchanted. People convince themselves that if a certain phrase is used, God will surely be pleased and answer the petition. But strength is not found in the words we say because the Lord cannot be forced to do anything outside His will. The power of prayer is in God's reaction. He responds to petitions of the righteous by releasing His supernatural energy toward the object of their concern.

A prayer less person is a powerless person. Those Christians who devote little time to communicating with the heavenly Father can't expect to see dramatic results. God's power is released in response to our zealous desire for His intervention. A fervent petitioner, believing his Lord will intercede, falls on his knees, determined to pray through every barrier that Satan erects. He stops only when God answers or if the Father makes clear that the request is outside His will. Wise believers devote time and energy to requests of great importance. Through our relationship with Christ, we have been made righteous, which means that we have the opportunity to tap the Lord's supernatural power through prayer.

Lesson 5

Strength for Weakness

Ephesians 3:14-16

Hiking many years ago in the Grand Canyon with my son Andy, I experienced an example of "mind over matter." We had walked seven miles to the bottom of the canyon only to discover that we could not camp without signing up in advance. So we headed for a lodge several miles away. The canyon was 115 degrees, and our energy was sapped. Towels dipped in a stream were our only relief. Night fell before we reached the lodge, so we slept on the hard ground and rose the next day barely rested. At ten-thirty that morning, weary to our bones, we rounded a bend and caught sight of the lodge. Both Andy and I broke into a run as if we'd had a wonderful night's sleep and plenty of food and water!

When we are walking in step with the heavenly Father, our spiritual life can sometimes seem like that Grand Canyon experience. Daily life or unusual difficulties can sap our strength, but the Spirit of God supplies supernatural energy—we might say it's a case of Spirit over matter. He infuses us with authority and strength when our heart is right and our spirit pure.

The Holy Spirit is charged with many tasks, which include illuminating the Word of God, helping believers in prayer, and pointing out sin. One of His primary responsibilities is enabling us to become the people God wants us to be. Imagine trying wearily to complete divine tasks through our own limited strength. God knew the futility of such a plan. Therefore, He placed within each of us the Source of spiritual power and strength.

Lesson 6

The Holy Spirit's Presence

[Acts 2:1-4](#)

Welcome to the In Touch Devotional. During the time of Moses, God established a festival to celebrate the grain harvest. The first day of the feast became known as the Day of Pentecost. ([Leviticus 23:15-21](#)) After Jesus ascended to heaven, God revealed a new spiritual meaning for Pentecost. On that day, the promised Holy Spirit arrived, and the church of Jesus Christ was born!

While the disciples and others had been Jesus' followers before this, there had been no "body of Christ" to which they could belong. On Pentecost all that changed. God's Spirit baptized believers into the Lord Jesus, making them one with Him. ([1 Corinthians 12:13-14](#)) Now, they had a brand-new relationship with the Lord. From that point on, the Holy Spirit lived Christ's life through them, and they abided in Jesus through His Spirit.

What a difference the Spirit's indwelling presence made in their lives. No longer were they fearful men who ran away. Nor were they people looking out for their own interests. Now, they were transformed into a united group "continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common" ([Acts 2:42, 44](#)).

Our own personal "day of Pentecost" occurs at salvation, when we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and baptized into the worldwide body of Christ. The Spirit's presence is permanently given to everyone who believes. For, He is the guarantee of our salvation. What difference is the Spirit of God making in your life?

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