

# HOW TO HAVE AN EXTENDED TIME OF PRAYER

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## INTRODUCTION

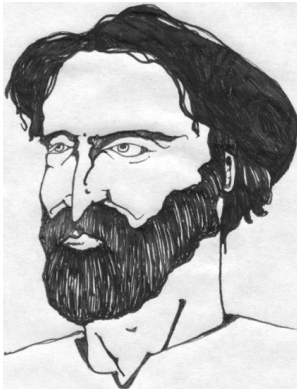
When it comes to being effective in ministry, whether it be inner-city or otherwise, prayer of course is very important. Scripture reminds us that . . .

*"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".* James 5:16

When we as ministers of the Gospel pray, we're acknowledging that we need GOD. The extent of our effectiveness in ministry will be in direct relationship to the amount of time we spend in prayer. Perhaps this is what JESUS meant when HE promised . . .

*". . . pray to thy FATHER which is in secret, and thy FATHER which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."* Matthew 6:6b

The Scriptures give testimony of many great men and women of GOD who had powerful ministries, and made significant impacts on the societies around them. One major contributing factor for all of them was their extended prayer times. Following are just a few examples . . .



King David

- David (see Psalm 55:17)
- Daniel (see Daniel 6:10)
- Anna (see Luke 2:36-37)
- JESUS (see Luke 6:12)

Besides the Scriptures, Church history records many examples of men and women of GOD who were also people of prayer. They were SPIRIT-filled men and women who spent much time in prayer, and thus had powerful ministries which had significant impacts during their day. Following are some examples . . .

\* George Muller  
\* Martin Luther

\* David Brainard  
\* Dr. K.A. Paul's mother

The Scriptures and Church history reminds us of the need for prayer if we desire to be successful in ministry. Times of extended, fervent prayer and calling upon GOD to work on our behalf and for HIS glory. As we follow the examples of these great men and women of GOD noted above, may we too experience the joy of seeing the LORD work in a mighty way in the days in which we live!

# I. A Time Of Preparation

- A. Praise And Thanksgiving To The LORD For Drawing Me To Another Time Of Extended Prayer With HIM.
- B. Ask The LORD To Get My Spirit And Soul (i.e. - mind, will and emotions), Into A Worshipful, Reverent, Prayerful State. Asking HIM To Help Me Concentrate On HIM And To Listen To HIM.
- C. Read A Psalm Or Portions From Several Psalms.

# II. A Time Of Confession



- A. Begin By Reading A Psalm Of Confession Back To The LORD. (A few suggestions: Psalm 25, 32, 51)
- B. Confess Specific Sins That The LORD Brings To Your Remembrance. For Example . . .

1. Pride . . . asking GOD to give me a passion for HIS reputation, not mine.

*“. . . be clothed with humility, for GOD resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” I Peter 5:5b*

2. Self-will . . . asking GOD to do things in HIS way and time, not mine. And to show me the difference between HOLY SPIRIT-led effort and human-led effort. And for me to let GOD take care of HIS responsibilities, and I mine. (i.e. - getting to know HIM better as a PERSON.

*“. . . Nevertheless not MY will, But THINE Be done.” Luke 22:42b*

3. Idolatry of the ministry . . . asking GOD to help me to delight in HIM only, and not to lose my first love for HIM.

*“Thou shalt have no other gods before ME.” Exodus 20:3*

4. Anxiety . . . asking GOD to help me to rest in HIM.

*“Be careful for nothing, but in everything be prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto GOD.” Philippians 4:6*

5. Jealousy and covetousness of other ministries . . . asking GOD to pour out HIS blessings upon these works, as they are conducted according to HIS Word and will.

*“Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbors’.” Exodus 20:17*

6. Reacting wrongly to my attackers . . . asking GOD to pour out HIS blessings upon them, as they conduct their lives and ministries according to HIS Word and will.

*“CHRIST . . . WHO when HE was reviled, reviled not again, when HE suffered, HE threatened not, but committed HIMSELF to HIM that judgeth righteously.”* I Peter 2:23

7. Lack of love for GOD and others . . . asking GOD to help me to love HIM and others more.

*“JESUS said unto him, Thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*  
Matthew 22:37-40



C. Dedicate Everything In (And Concerning) My Life To The LORD.  
(see Psalm 37:3-7a; Proverbs 16:3)

- Myself
- Family
- Ministry
- Possessions
- Future
- Plans
- Dreams
- Expectations
- Sins
- This prayer list

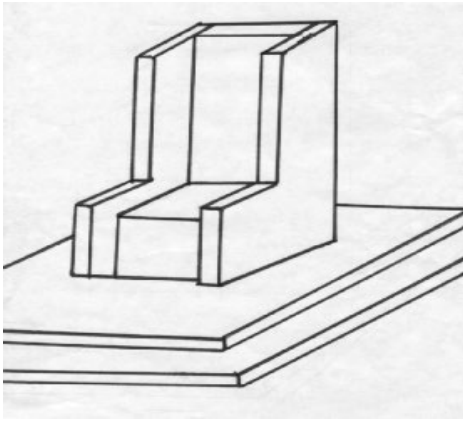
### III. A Time Of Remembrance

A. I must come in the Name of JESUS CHRIST.

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the FATHER in MY Name, HE will give it to you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in MY Name, ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”*  
John 16:23b-24

B. I must come in faith believing.

*“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”* Matthew 21:21



C. I must come boldly.

*“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Hebrews 4:16

D. I must be specific.

*“Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”*

Matthew 7:7-8

E. I must be persistent.

*“And will not GOD bring about justice for HIS chosen ones, who cry out to HIM day and night? Will HE keep putting them off?”* Luke 18:7

F. I must be patient.

*“I waited patiently for the LORD, and HE inclined unto me, and heard my cry.”* Psalm 40:1

G. I must be fervent.

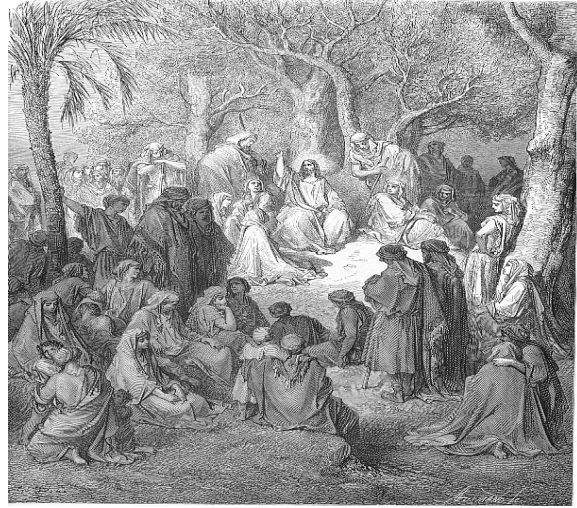
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H. I must pray according to GOD’s will.

*“And this is the confidence that we have in HIM, that, if we ask anything according to HIS will, HE heareth us, and if we know that HE hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of HIM.”* I John 5:14-15

- I. I must pray for GOD alone to be glorified in all things.

*“And whatsoever ye shall ask in MY Name, that will I do, that the FATHER may be glorified in the SON. If ye shall ask anything in MY Name, I will do it.”* John 14:13-14



1. Pray that the wicked and the saints would see that their “gods” are not “gods” . . . but merely idols, and this would be so by them seeing the LORD do mighty things for and through us, like HE did for Israel! (see Nehemiah 6:16; Jeremiah 32:20-21; I Chronicles 16:26)
2. Pray that The I.C.P.M. would be a ministry that will cause both the wicked and the saints (especially the I.C.P.M. leaders and families), to glorify GOD and see that GOD is alive and HE is mighty and HE is powerful . . . and that HE does answer prayer, and that HE will honor HIS Word if followed! (see Psalm 96:3-10a)

## IV. A Time Of Petition

- A. More love for the LORD and others.

*“JESUS said unto him, Thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”* Matthew 22:37-40 (see also I Corinthians 13:4-8a)

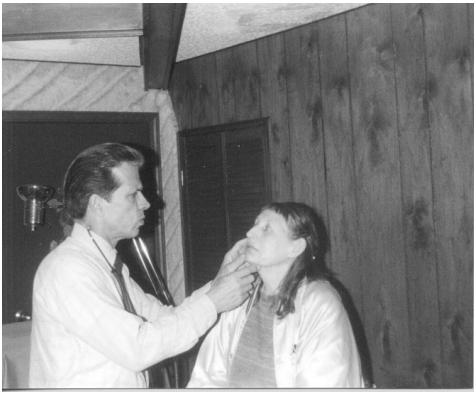
- B. My wife, our children’s and my personal (and corporate) walk with the LORD. My wife and I to have strong and growing CHRIST-centered marriage. For us to give all our expectations of each other to the LORD

*“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husband, as unto the LORD. Husbands, love your wives, even as CHRIST also loved the church and gave HIMSELF for it. Children, obey your parents in the LORD, for this is right.”* Ephesians 5:22, 25; 6:1

- C. My personal strength and grace to rise early.

*“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, they shall walk and not faint.”* Isaiah 40:31

- D. For me and this ministry to have a servant’s spirit. A spirit that would contribute to the success of others . . . especially my family and the leaders in our ministry.



Dr. Presley In B.S.F. Clinic

1. "LORD, show us who, how and when".
2. Not to look at them as just "workers", but as people with needs.
3. Give them a "vision" and allow them to carry it out within the I.C.P.M.
4. Allow them to discover and exercise their spiritual gift.
5. Give them biographies to read.
6. Teaching them GOD's Word
7. Praying for them

8. B.S.F. School; Health clinics at both locations; public school work; etc.

*"CHRIST in you, the hope of glory, WHOM we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in CHRIST JESUS, whereunto I also labor, striving according to HIS working, which worketh in me mightily."* Colossians 1:27b-29

E. More wisdom. Especially to know the direction of the ministry.

*"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of GOD, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."* James 1:5 (see also Proverbs 9:10)

F. Finances.

1. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ needed yet for this month
2. Appeal to the LORD like Moses and Muller did, "reminding" the LORD that it is HIS ministry, HIS reputation, HIS people, and for HIM to be glorified by providing!
3. May the leaders especially grow in their faith in this area, to "step out in faith" for non-guaranteed support.
4. Wisdom to know how to spend the finances.
5. Finances to pay more staff.
6. May I not look at certain people as financial sources.

*"... silence YOUR enemies, (who say YOU cannot provide without borrowing or begging), destroy all (YOUR) foes, for I am your servant."* Psalm 143:12b

*"Call unto ME and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."* Jeremiah 33:3

*"But my GOD shall supply all your need according to HIS riches in glory by CHRIST JESUS."* Philippians 4:19

G. I.C.P.M. Resources. For GOD to be glorified, the saints to be edified and the lost to be saved.



- b. treasurer / piano player for B.S.F. / mechanic-maintenance man / B.S.F. nursery help / older, GODly couple to attend each fellowship / two doctors for D.S.F. clinic / more apprenticeship teachers (i.e. - carpentry, auto mechanics) / public school tutors / Newsletter-publications expert

3. Potential workers . . .
4. Wisdom to know who to delegate and give responsibility to
5. More of the seven spiritual gifts represented, especially administrator
6. Spend extra time in praying for present leaders / spouses and their needs (see acc. sheets)
7. Unity and bonding throughout the ministry, especially starting with leaders. May we all learn and practice Philippians 2:1-8

I. Schutte house.



Schutte House On Hovey Street

1. Our ministry there (what / when / how)
2. To get to know neighbors better
3. Plant a church there?

J. Discipleship homes for men and women.

K. Saturday ministries

1. D.S.F. Coffee-house
2. B.S.F. Kid's Club
3. D.S.F. and B.S.F. health centers

L. Children's ministries

1. B.S.F. junior church
2. B.S.F. School (Wednesday and Thursday nights)
3. Apprenticeship classes
4. Public school work at Alexander and Sigsbee
5. Camp Promise
6. B.S.F. Kid's Club
7. Concerning the children in a general way . . .
  - a. parent(s) to get more concerned and involved



- b. us to be able to work with parent(s) more
- c. a spirit of cooperation and submission in children towards GOD, leaders, each other and church property

M. Follow-up and one-on-one work

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Robera W.'s ministry             | 6. Jim M.'s ministry             |
| 2. Diane B's ministry               | 7. Amy B.'s ministry             |
| 3. Rob W.'s ministry                | 8. Eileene S. w/ Amy J.          |
| 4. John H.'s ministry               | 9. Rich J. w/ Eric B.            |
| 5. Jose' G. and Ralph K.'s ministry | 10. More workers to be raised up |

N. Evangelism Training Institute



Hildegard Krusch Ministering On The Streets

- 1. Street evangelism
- 2. Campus evangelism
- 3. Ron P., Gene L., Ken M., Hildegard K., and others who do this regularly to be strengthened and encouraged
- 4. More evangelists to be raised up

O. Speaking at other places

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

P. Helping out other ministries

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Q. Equipment and supplies needed

- 1. Muller, Taylor, Carmichael biographies
- 2. Copy machine for Hovey Street
- 3. Fax machine for Hovey Street
- 4.
- 5.

R. Women's ministries

1. Monthly prayer meetings and fellowships
2. More women to get involved
- 3.



S. My priorities

1. To know the best things to do first, then the good
2. My daily times with the LORD first . . . then time with wife and children
3. Wisdom to know how I can minister to the most people with the time I have
4. Saturday night communion with the LORD; extended prayer; contemplating; planning; organizing; oversight; delegating

T. New resources to be developed

1. "Beauty For Ashes" #3
2. Counseling handbook
3. Existing teachings into handbooks
- 4.

U. Discipleship class

1. A training place for those learning to teach
2. Other men to teach
3. Other men to be disciplined

V. Tuesday morning prayer meeting

1. A SPIRIT-filled, SPIRIT-led, SPIRIT-controlled time
2. May this be a time of discipleship as well
3. Other men to come (i.e. - Ron P., Eric B., Rich J., Kevin R., etc.)

W. The next S.L.F., S.L.C. or special I.C.P.M seminar

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



X. Gothard Basic, Advanced or Pastor's Seminar (see acc. lists)

Y. Festival \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach.

1. The LORD to bring the evangelists HE would have help us
2. These evangelists to be trained and  
The Festival In 1993

discipled / weather to be perfect /

tracts distributed

Z. The next S.L., Executive Board or Children's Leader meeting.

- 1.
- 2.

AA. Place to send people who want to work.

1. With Chuck E.?
2. With John H.?

BB. Future teachings and sermons at I.C.P.M. meetings and the \_\_\_\_\_ calendar

1. What to teach and preach about
2. Scheduling of others

CC. Next newsletter

1. All those writing reports
2. Wisdom and skill for typist
3. Wisdom and skill for printer
4. Wisdom as I put it together
5. Finances for it

DD. I.C.P.M. S.L. Training School for spring and fall

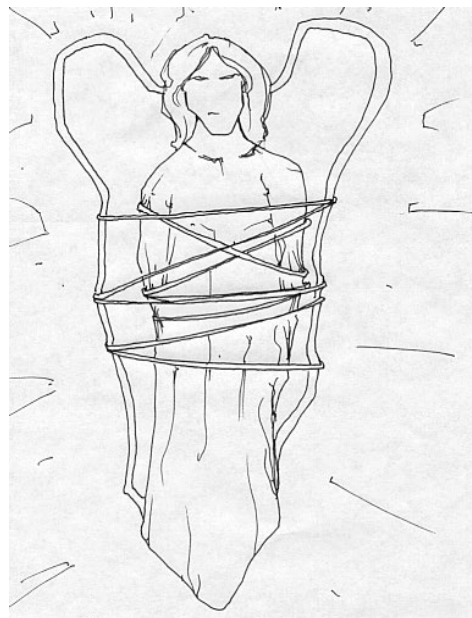
1. The LORD's choosing of students
2. Students to be trained and discipled

EE. Other requests

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

FF. Spiritual warfare

1. Satan and his evil principalities and powers to be rebuked, bound and defeated in the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and through HIS blood



We Can Pray That Satan

Will Be Bound

- pride
  - hard-heartedness
  - addiction (alcohol / illegal drugs)
  - immorality
  - rebellion
  - mental confusion
  - bitterness
  - anger
  - apathy / slothfulness
  - religiosity
2. “Hedge of Thorns” to be put up wherever we live and minister
  3. HOLY SPIRIT to really move and work
  4. The LORD JESUS CHRIST to be preached and exalted
  5. False teachers, prostitutes, criminals, gang members to be converted, and bars, pornography shops, crack-houses to be shut down. People and places of righteousness to be raised up.