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## I. Prayer Matters

Colossians 1:9 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, **we have not stopped praying for you** and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Luke 7:12-15 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>12</sup> As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out--the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." <sup>14</sup> Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" <sup>15</sup> The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

## II. New Response ---Let's Pray

Matthew 10:28-33 (NASB<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>28</sup> "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup> "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

<sup>30</sup> "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> "So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> **"Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.**

### A. a Listening Prayer —

- 1) we listen to someone else
- 2) respond with a sentence prayer
- 3) do not wait for affirmation/encouragement/answer
- 4) lowest stress to recipient
- 5) open's door to consider God
- 6) reveals your confidence in God

### B. For Example

#### Health

Lord, Give us your strength for this day, in Jesus' name, amen.

### Worry

Father, May your peace fill our hearts and minds today, in Jesus' name, amen.

### Problems

Father, give us your wisdom today, in Jesus name, amen.

### Discouragement

Lord, fill us with joy and hope as we move through our day, amen.

### Loneliness

Father, send your angels to stand beside us today, amen.

### Heaviness

Father, lift the spirit of despair and bring your hope to us today, amen.

### Weariness

Father, help carry our burden through this day, give us a sense of your rest, in Jesus' name, amen.

### Rejoice

Lord, thank you for your goodness and love for us, we love you, amen.

## III. A Meaningful Life

### A. Overcoming

Daniel 1:8, 17 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>8</sup> But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. . . . <sup>17</sup> To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

### B. Relationship

Daniel 2:16-19 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>16</sup> At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>18</sup> **He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven** concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. <sup>19</sup> During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision

### C. Public/Private??

Daniel 5:11 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>11</sup> **There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him.** In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. King

Nebuchadnezzar your father--your father the king, I say--appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners.

#### D. The Foundation of Prayer

Daniel 6:4-5 (NIV®)

<sup>4</sup> At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. <sup>5</sup> Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

Daniel 6:10-11 (NIV®)

<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. **Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.** <sup>11</sup> Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

Daniel 6:22-23 (NIV®)

<sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight.

#### E. Student of Scripture

Daniel 9:1-3 (NIV®)

**I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.** <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, give us a spirit of prayer and intercession. Open our hearts to the reality of Your Kingdom and purposes. Give us boldness as we live for You. Manifest Your glory in our midst that others may see the majesty and glory of our God. May Your name be praised and Your purposes break forth in this generation, in Jesus' name, amen.

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