

# **Prayer Meeting - May 25, 2016**

## **Praying with the Kings and Prophets**

### **Prayer of Confession – Daniel 9:4-19**

*(the words in bold have been change to personalize the text)*

“Lord, **you are** a great and awesome God, who keeps **Your** covenant of love with those who love **You** and keep **Your** commandments,<sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.<sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

<sup>7</sup> “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah (**Victor Baptist Church**) and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel (**U.S.A.**), both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.<sup>8</sup> We and our kings (**president**), our princes (**government officials**) and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you.<sup>9</sup> The Lord our God **You are** merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against **You**;<sup>10</sup> we have not obeyed **You** Lord our God or kept the laws **You** gave us through His servants the prophets.<sup>11</sup> All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you....

<sup>15</sup> “Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.<sup>16</sup> Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem (**our church and our nation**), your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.<sup>18</sup> Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.<sup>19</sup> Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

*(take a few minutes and be specific about the sins you have committed, that our church has committed, that our nation has committed. Ask God to forgive us and truly receive our prayers and answer in His way and in His time)*

## **Prayer of Praise – 2 Samuel 22**

*(This is a Prayer of David, when God delivered him from Saul. As you pray through it contemplate a time God has delivered, protected, or provided for you)*

“The Lord **You are** my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;<sup>3</sup> my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation.

**You are** my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent people you save me.

<sup>4</sup> “I called to **You** Lord, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies.

<sup>5</sup> The waves of death swirled about me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

<sup>6</sup> The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>7</sup> “In my distress I called to **You** Lord; I called out to **You** my God. From **Your** temple **You** heard my voice; my cry came to **Your** ears.

<sup>8</sup> The earth trembled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens shook; they trembled because **You were** angry.

<sup>9</sup> Smoke rose from **Your** nostrils; consuming fire came from **Your** mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.

<sup>10</sup> **You** parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under **Your** feet.

<sup>11</sup> **You** mounted the cherubim and flew; **You** soared on the wings of the wind.

<sup>12</sup> **You** made darkness his canopy around him—the dark rain clouds of the sky.

<sup>13</sup> Out of the brightness of his presence bolts of lightning blazed forth.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.

<sup>15</sup> **You** shot **Your** arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning **You** routed them. <sup>16</sup> The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at the rebuke of the Lord, at the blast of breath from **Your** nostrils.

<sup>17</sup> “**You** reached down from on high and took hold of me; **You** drew me out of deep waters.

<sup>18</sup> **You** rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

<sup>19</sup> They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but **You** Lord was my support.

<sup>20</sup> **You** brought me out into a spacious place; **You** rescued me because **You** delighted in me.

<sup>21</sup> “**You** Lord **have** dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.

<sup>22</sup> For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I am not guilty of turning from my God.

<sup>23</sup> All **Your** laws are before me; I have not turned away from **Your** decrees.

<sup>24</sup> I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.

<sup>25</sup> **You** Lord **have** rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.

<sup>26</sup> “To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,

<sup>27</sup> to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.

<sup>28</sup> You save the humble, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low.

<sup>29</sup> You, Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

<sup>30</sup> With your help I can advance against a troop with my God I can scale a wall.

<sup>31</sup> “As for God, **Your** way is perfect: The Lord’s word is flawless; **You** shields all who take refuge in **You**.

<sup>32</sup> For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?

<sup>33</sup> It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.

<sup>34</sup> You makes my feet like the feet of a deer; You causes me to stand on the heights.

<sup>35</sup> You trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

<sup>36</sup> You make your saving help my shield; your help has made me great.

<sup>37</sup> You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way.

<sup>38</sup> "I pursued my enemies and crushed them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed.

<sup>39</sup> I crushed them completely, and they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet.

<sup>40</sup> You armed me with strength for battle; you humbled my adversaries before me.

<sup>41</sup> You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes.

<sup>42</sup> They cried for help, but there was no one to save them—to the Lord, but he did not answer.

<sup>43</sup> I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth; I pounded and trampled them like mud in the streets.

<sup>44</sup> "You have delivered me from the attacks of the peoples; you have preserved me as the head of nations. People I did not know now serve me, <sup>45</sup> foreigners cower before me; as soon as they hear of me, they obey me.

<sup>46</sup> They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds.

<sup>47</sup> "The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!

<sup>48</sup> He is the God who avenges me, who puts the nations under me, <sup>49</sup> who sets me free from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me.

<sup>50</sup> Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

<sup>51</sup> "He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever."

## *Cry of Need – 2 Chronicles 20 Prayer of Jehoshaphat*

LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. <sup>7</sup> Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? <sup>8</sup> They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, <sup>9</sup> 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us...'

<sup>12</sup> Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. **We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."**

*(take a minute and contemplate the many place you, our church, our nation need God's guidance. Ask God to make HIS will known and followed)*

## ***Prayer for God to use us – 1 Chronicles 29***

“Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.”

***Tonight finish your evening by finding someone and praying together for some of the requests below***