

# Praying Before the Worship Service

Gather a group of people at least two hours before the start of the service

It seems best if the group is collected into groups of men and women separately

If a separate group of the people are willing to pray during the service and then attend a later service, this can be very powerful in advancing the work of God through that service.

## Section 1: Worship Based Prayer

Spend time praising and exalting God

Utilize the Worship Based Prayer Cards

### The Aspects of God's Being

- 1. His Essence:** that essential irreducible minimum that is God at His core  
Infinite: beyond physical, spiritual, chronological, mental limits  
Self-Existent: without need from His creature, eternal self sufficient spiritual, emotionally, mentally, etc.  
Spirit: invisible, personal, non-material, or corporeal
- 2. His Attributes:** the aspects that are the essential ways that God acts  
Omniscience: God is all knowing and all wise  
Omnipresence: God is everywhere present  
Omnipotent: God is all authority and all powerful  
Immutability: God does not change  
Holiness: God is pure and above, beyond, and other than us  
Righteous or Just: He rewards and blesses and He punishes and exhibits wrath  
Goodness: God is loving, gracious, merciful, and longsuffering  
Truth: God is true and undeceptive  
Sovereign: God is in control; through preservation and providence
- 3. His Nature:** the interrelationship and interaction within the one God  
Father: the eternally existing Father: who cares, gives, loves, provides  
Son: from eternity past the only begotten Son, who provides salvation  
Holy Spirit: the eternal "breath" of God who fills, convicts, glorifies Christ, etc.
- 4. His Names:** God's self-descriptions that explore further who He is  
El = Strength or Power, Psalm 19:1  
Elohim = Greatness and Power of God Gen 1 & 2  
El Elyon = Most High God, Genesis 14:18  
El Olam = The God of the Ages or the Eternal God, Genesis 21:33  
El Shaddai = The Almighty God, Genesis 17:1  
El Roi = The God who sees, Genesis 16:13  
Qanna El = Jealous God, Deuteronomy 5:9  
El- Eloah -Israel = The God of Israel, Genesis 33:20  
LORD God of Israel: Judges 5:3; Psalm 59:5

The Holy One of Israel: Isaiah 1:4

Mighty One of Israel: Isaiah 1:24;

The Glory of Israel: 1 Samuel 15:29

Ancient of days: Daniel 7:9,13,22

YHWH-Jireh: The Lord will provide Gen 22:13

YHWH- Rapha: The Lord that healeth Ex 15:26

YHWH-Nissi: The Lord our banner Ex 17:8-15

YHWH-Shalom: The Lord our Peace Judg 6:24

YHWH-Raah: The Lord my Shepherd Psa 23:1

YHWH-Tsidkenu: The Lord our Righteousness Jer 23:6

YHWH-Shammah: The Lord is present Eze 48:35

YHWH-tsebaoth: The Lord of Hosts Isa 1:9; 6:3; Psa 84:1

Adonai... This means Lord or Master.

Shaddai: This comes from the Shadad which is to be powerful. Ex 6:2-4

PATER: This is the New Testament term for Father.

Abba: Jesus changed and developed our understanding of God as father, by including the intimate name for Father or Daddy in His address and discussions of God. Mark 14:36

HUIOS: This is the Greek word for son. It is applied to Christ. Tit 2:13; John 17:1-8

This describes the internal relationship between the Son and the Father.

Alpha and Omega: This is a New Testament designation for God of the beginning and ending of time. Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; Revelation 1:17; 2:8; 22:13

The God of the Fathers': This is a significant name for God in the New Testament because it ties the God of the Old Testament to the God revealed in and by Jesus in the New Testament. Acts 3:13; 5:30; 7:32; 22:14; Romans 15:6; 2 Corinthians 11:31; Ephesians 1:3,17.

The Holy One: It marks out the being as pure, transcendent, and ultimately beyond our comprehension. Mark 1:24; John 6:69; Revelation 16:5

Utilize the Psalms:

Pick any Psalm or the one that corresponds to that particular day and look for descriptions and pictures of God. Spend a little time looking for these and then pray these to God with personal thanksgiving mixed into your prayers.

## Section 2 Warfare through Prayer

Pray that God will advance His kingdom and rescue those who are victims of the deceptions of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Pray for God to protect the Christians who are a part of the church from attack, temptation, and oppression from the enemy.

Pray for God to protect the church facilities under the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray that God would strip away any spiritual oppression from those who are attending the church.

Pray for God to send out His holy angels to wake people up, get them ready to hear the message, and get them to the church -- specifically those who need to be at the worship service because of major decisions they need to make.

Pray that God would embrace the congregation in His presence and build a new reverence and awe of Him.

Pray that the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit might rejoice in our worship. And that the Holy Angels might be able to participate in the exaltation of God.

Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ might shut down any Satanic or demonic attempt to disrupt the service especially at the key moments of decision during the service.

Pray that the barriers to full surrender to God that exist in people's hearts would be stripped away.

Pray that Christians would increase in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray that those who come to the service might be changed; that they would forever be different because of the touch of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit during the service.

Pray that the people of God would allow God to love others through them.

Pray that the people would sense the presence and pleasure of God before, during, and after the service.

### Section 3 Prayer for the Service

Pray that these people and their part of the service would honor God and would result in accomplishing its purpose.

Greeters: that they would be friendly and meet people with the joy of the Lord  
That people would see the warmth of Jesus through the people of the church

Ushers: that they would be helpful and courteous...  
That they would see themselves as pre-evangelists, radiating the Love of Jesus  
Going beyond the normal and escorting people to their seats  
Being alert to disruption  
Families with fussy babies to the Nursery or Family Center  
Disruptive individuals  
Disruption of the service

Host and Hostess or other Christians

That they would be friendly and welcoming

#### Worship Leader and Worship Team

That they would be anointed by the Holy Spirit to draw us into the presence of God and give us a glimpse of the wonder and awe of the Holy God

#### Announcements

That the person giving announcements would be warm, friendly, and welcoming  
That the person making the announcements would make each announcement that must be made sound different so people will pay attention.

#### Special Music

That those who sing or play will be focused on God  
That God will draw us into His presence through this person's music  
That the singer would be an agent of God touching, healing, correcting, loving

#### Sermon

Lay hands on the pastor and ask that God's special anointing would be on him  
That God would speak through him; during the sermon he might be guided by God  
That people might be encouraged, disturbed, comforted, challenged, empowered, rebuked, corrected, and trained by the sermon  
That he would be sensitive to the Lord and the people  
That he would detail specific changes that can be done that will increase the person of Christ in the life of the people

#### Closing

That the invitation would be clear, logical, and simple  
That a number of people would respond to the service and seek change  
That people would be moved to act upon the word of God  
That God would be the focus and surrendering to Christ would be encouraged  
That many would seek help

#### After the service

That the regulars would talk to new folks and guests  
That people would allow God to minister through them to others  
That people would stop and pray with one another when appropriate  
That people would remember the message and the service during the week

## Section 4 Walking through the Church Facilities Praying

Pray for God's work in each area that will be used during the service that are coming

Walk through the chairs or pews

Praying that the people who sit in these seats will be touched, ministered to, comforted, educated, rebuked, corrected, trained through the service

Walk through the Nursery area

Praying that the babies will be ministered to by the Lord Jesus,

Praying that the babies will be quiet and receive love from the attendants

Praying that the parents will not allow worry or fear to keep them from hearing the Lord

Walk through the classrooms that will be used for children's ministry

Ask God that these classes will significantly change the children and draw them to Christ

Ask God that the teachers will be adequately prepared, show the love of God, control the class, call for commitment to change

Ask God that the students would be eager to learn, respectful, attentive, willing to change

Walk through the offices and information areas

Pray that God will put his love through these people to others

Pray that people will be sensitive to what others are really asking and needing

Pray that the machinery would work so the focus could be on people

Walk through the stage and pulpit area

Pray that God would eliminate any mechanical problems that would distract

Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit might be released through the worship leader and worship team

Pray that the word of God would be faithfully, accurately, and powerfully proclaimed

Pray that the guiding presence, power, and anointing of God would be manifest to those ministering from this area.