

DISCOVER AND EMBRACE

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AND MISSION FOR YOUR LIFE!



FACILITATING A CONCERT OF PRAYER

The following Concert of Prayer led by Daniel Henderson from Psalm 85 is just an example of how to lead a prayer meeting based on a passage of Scripture. Feel free to choose a different passage of Scripture and make it your own.

Begin by singing: A song like “Amazing Grace”

Transitional Comments:

Talk about God’s tailor-made favor and grace in everything we face.

Prayer Point:

In a whisper, thank the Lord for the grace He has shown you lately: for salvation, your family, in your marriage, when you needed strength, when you looked for direction, when you were discouraged

Sing: A song like “Thank You Lord for Saving My Soul” (Seth Sykes)

Transitional Comments:

Read Psalm 85:1: “Lord . . . You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.” You have delivered us from the hands of our enemies.”

Leader’s Prayer:

Lord, I praise You that You have delivered me—and us—from the power of darkness. You have translated us into the kingdom of Your dear Son in whom we have redemption through Your blood. I thank You that You have delivered me from the bondage of my sins and the captivity and the strongholds that held me in my bitterness and unforgiveness. How You have delivered me from the wrath I deserved and delivered me from my unbelief. The life that I now live, I live by the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Prayer Point:

Take a moment to think of His delivering power in your life. Whisper a prayer of praise for His deliverance.

Sing: A song like “Mighty to Save” (Hillsong)

Leader’s Prayer:

Lord, we thank You that You brought us back from captivity because You are so mighty to save. We give You praise tonight because You are not only our God of grace, but You are our deliverer and the one who forgives us.

Transitional Comments:

The psalmist says in Psalm 85:2, “You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; and You have covered all their sins.” How many of their sins? All their sins. Aren’t you grateful tonight that in Christ you are the righteousness of God in Him? He who has been forgiven much, loves much. Let’s express our praise back to Him with hearts of love.

Prayer Point:

Turn and find three or four other ladies and say, "Lord, I want to praise you that you have forgiven me of . . ." Be specific as You give Him praise for His forgiveness tonight.

Leader's Prayer:

On the heels of that, we must turn and say, "Lord, we are needy." Thank You for the psalmist as he now acknowledges what he needs. In verses four and five he says, "Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?"

Transitional Comments:

In response to His grace, amazing deliverance, forgiveness, and mercy, you might want to say to Him, "Lord, tonight I recognize that my sin is still before You tonight. I ask You to restore my heart back to You."

Prayer Point:

Express that to Him personally with a prayer of longing for His cleansing, a prayer of seeking restoration. Saying, "Lord, let me respond to You by being honest about my need for Your restoring grace, for Your mercy upon my ongoing struggles. Draw me close to You."

In these moments of quietness, you can stand, you can sit, you can kneel. And would you just quietly let this be your prayer: "Lord, I recognize how You feel about the sin in my life that violates that intimacy and that stands in the way of seeking You. I ask You to restore me back to You."

For the next minute or two, would you just make that your personal response to the Lord?

Leader's Prayer:

I thank you, Father, that You have provided a way for us to have access to Your throne without fear. I thank You that before time began, You knew us.

Lord, You know the heart of every woman in this room. So we come to You and ask, Lord, would You restore our hearts so that we can be the women You have called us to be? Not in our own strength, power, or ability, but only because of You.

Would You allow us to be women who live with open hands so that You can give us whole hearts that look like You to a watching world? Thank you for giving us the gift of Yourself and access to your throne.

Transitional Comments:

This psalm so beautifully progresses in verses six and seven, "And will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation." Lord, because You have given such forgiveness, grace, mercy, and deliverance, we want our hearts to be pure before You. We want to be restored, and so now, Lord, will You not revive us again as Your people?

Prayer Point:

In your prayer group, specifically and sentence at a time, would you pray for the Lord to revive you? It may be your heart, spiritual passion, something in your marriage, in your family, in your church. Where do you need to live again in the fullness of Christ?

After each person prays, as a group repeat line, "That we may rejoice in You."

Transitional Comments:

There is one last point of focus I'm going to ask you to pray together about. I love what verse eight says concerning an awareness of God, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly."

Jesus says, "These things I have spoken to you that in Me you might have . . ." What? "In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer." Why? "Because I have overcome the world."

One of the great works of revival is that we have a peace. No matter what's happening in this world, no matter how uncertain or how difficult the journey may be, in Him we have peace. The Bible says the Lord will speak peace to His people.

Prayer Point:

Let's ask Him to speak peace to our hearts tonight. Pray together about those areas in which you just need God's peace to move into your life, to heal a relationship, to strengthen a situation.

Find those ladies and let's pray as we seek a revived heart, trusting Him for His peace tonight.

Transitional Comments:

As we have prayed through the Psalm 85, we have adored God for what He has done. We have acknowledged what we need. We have asked Him for what He wants to give. We have become aware of what He wants to say to us by speaking peace to us.

We want to end with the assurance of what God can do. That's really where this psalm ends. It ends with a vision of what God accomplishes in our hearts when we are revived. Psalm 85:9-13: One will say "surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him."

I love the last declaration of praise as to what revival is all about. The psalmist says, "that glory may dwell in our land."

Do we need God's glory to dwell in our land? Do we need His glory to dwell in our homes and in our hearts and churches? That's what it's all about. The glory of God. I describe it as the magnification of the person of Christ by His people, and the manifestation of the presence of Christ by His people

After each one of these verse segments, we will respond to it together loudly and boldly by saying, “that glory may dwell in our land.”

“Surely His salvation is come unto all those who fear Him”

(together) “That glory may dwell in our land.”

“Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.”

(together) “That glory may dwell in our land.”

“Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.”

(together) “That glory may dwell in our land.”

“Yes, the Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase.”
Amen.

(together) “That glory may dwell in our land.”

“Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway.”

(together) “That glory may dwell in our land.”

Say it one last time, with believing faith and praise . . .

(together) “That glory may dwell in our land.”

Believe He can do it. Give Him praise tonight as we celebrate His reviving power.

Scripture is taken from the New King James Version.