

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Pray the following prayer points over Afghans throughout the world

1. God's People

- *Pray for the activation of all believers - to engage in expanding God's Kingdom*

'What's more, you are holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.' 1 Peter 2:5b

'But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation. God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.' 1 Peter 2:9

- *Pray for attunement & obedience to the Spirit's voice*

'Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.' Galatians 5:25

'Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.' James 1:22

'Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.' Matthew 7:24

- *Pray for boldness, wisdom & endurance in the face of adversity and persecution*

'If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.' James 1:5

'And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants great boldness in preaching your Word...After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.' Acts 4:31

'God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.' James 1:12

- *Pray for the fruit of the Spirit*

'I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.' John 14:27

'When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes your joy will overflow.' John 15:10-11

'But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!' Galatians 5:22-23

- *Pray for unity & love within the body of Christ across people groups*

'I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And my they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.' John 17:21

'Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.' Romans 12:9-10

'But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.' Luke 6:27

'You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.' 1 Peter 1:22

- *Pray for freedom from sin & the allure of wealth*

'...let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.' Hebrews 12:1-2

'We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.' Romans 6:6-7

'So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.' 1 Timothy 6:8-10

- *Pray for each disciple to walk in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit*

'And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.' Matthew 16:19

'I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!' John 14:12-14

'A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his might power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand first against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.' Ephesians 6:10-12

- *Pray for insight for workers to learn how to engage whole families & communities with the Kingdom of God*

2. Power & Revelation

- *Pray for freedom from addictions to happen in response to them calling upon Jesus name*

'Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.' 2 Corinthians 3:17

'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'
John 10:10

'For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.' Romans 6:14

- *Pray for a releasing of dreams and visions of Jesus Christ & visitations of angels*

'In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.' Acts 2:17

Saul's vision of Jesus: Acts 9:1-19

'And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'" Acts 9:6

Cornelius: Acts 10

'One afternoon about 3 O'clock he had a vision in which he saw an angel of God coming toward him, "Cornelius!" the angel said. Cornelius stared at him in terror. "What is it, sir?" he asked the angel. And the angel replied, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering! Now send some men to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying with Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.'" Acts 10:3-6

- *Pray for signs and wonders to go before and behind to confirm the message about the Kingdom of God*

'Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.' Luke 9:2

'After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home, where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged. Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them. As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed everyone. Many were possessed by demons, and the demons came out at his command, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak.' Luke 4:38-41

Jesus Calms the Storm - Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man - Mark 2:1-12

- *Pray for the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God*

‘When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

They He asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being." Matthew 16:13-17

‘The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"' Matthew 27: 54

‘The women left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see the man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"...So he stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the women "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world." John 4:28-29, 41-42

3. The Multiplication of God's work

PRAYER

- *Pray for individuals to develop the habit of extended times of passionate, persevering prayer & fasting for the Afghan peoples*

‘After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone.’ Matthew 14:23

‘O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night continually. Take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord. Give Him no rest until He completes His work, until He makes Jerusalem the pride of the earth.’ Isaiah 62:6-7

- *Pray for thousands of prayer gatherings to form throughout the nations praying for the sixty eight unreached people groups of Afghanistan*

‘For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.’ Matthew 18:20

‘After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they were shouting with a great roar,

“Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!” Revelation 7:9-10

- *Pray for God's people to have insight from the Holy Spirit into how to strategically uproot and plant in prayer for Afghanistan and its peoples.*

‘Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms. Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow. Others you must build up and plant.’” Jeremiah 1:10

‘You will be a threshing instrument with many sharp teeth. You will tear your enemies apart, making chaff of mountains. You will toss them into the air, and the wind will blow them all away; a whirlwind will scatter them. Then you will rejoice in the Lord. You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.’ Isaiah 41:15-16

- *Pray for God's people to come to their knees in humility, desperation and desire to see a saturation of God's Kingdom among Afghans throughout the world.*

‘Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.’

2 Chronicles 7:14

‘Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.’ Matthew 6:10

‘Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.’ Matthew 7:7-8

WORKERS

- *Pray for workers to be motivated by love*

‘If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.’ 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- *Pray for new wineskins (ways) that work with what the Holy Spirit is doing and remove unnecessary barriers to the Kingdom*

‘And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins.’ Matthew 9:17

- *Pray for God to connect his disciples with those who are open and hungry for God and will pass what they learn on to others*

Samaritan women - John 4:1-42

‘The women left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he be the Messiah?"... Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!"' - John 4: 29,30

Cornelius - Acts 10

‘Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you. Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them."’

Acts 10: 19-20

- *Pray for God to send out more workers*

‘[Jesus] said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."’ Matthew 9:37-38

DISCIPLES

- *Pray for every Kingdom seed that is received (e.g. story, miracle or dream) to be shared with others & multiply!*

‘There [Peter] met a man names Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up, and roll up your sleeping mat!" And he was healed instantly.

Then the whole population of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas walking around, and they turned to the Lord.’

Acts 9:32-35

Demon-Possessed Man - Luke 8:26-39

‘The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with [Jesus]. But Jesus sent him home, saying, "No go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all throughout the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for Him.’ Luke 8:38-39

‘But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.’ Acts 8:4

- *Pray for Afghans to desire to read/hear the Bible and put it into practice*

‘Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.’ Matthew 7:24-27

‘But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.’

James 1:22

DISCOVERY GROUPS

- *Pray for spiritual hunger to be greater than fear & for discovery groups reading God's Word to form & multiply throughout family and community networks*
- *Pray for questioning to become normal and accepted among the community & Discovery Groups to be a safe place to share and search the scriptures with others*
- *Pray for households and groups to be baptized in water and the Spirit*

'Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did? So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.' Acts 10:44-48

'They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household. And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. They he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized.' Acts 16:31-33

CHURCH GATHERINGS

- *Pray for small, simple, reproducible gatherings in homes & for joy and freedom in them discovering what this looks like in their culture*

'All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.' Acts 2: 42-47

'Greet Apelles, a good man whom Christ approves. And give my greetings to the believers from the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew. Greet the Lord's people from the household of Narcisus. Give my greetings to Tryphena and Tryphosa, the Lord's workers, and to dear Persis, who has worked so hard for the Lord. Greet Rufus, whom the Lord picked out to be his very own; and also his dear mother, who has been a mother to me. Give my greetings to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who meet with them. Give my greetings to Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister and to Olympas and all the believers who meet with them.' Romans 16:10-16 (16:1-16)

- *Pray for the identification and development of leaders who will pass on to others what they receive*

'And entrust what you heard me say in the presence of many others as witnesses to faithful people who will be competent to teach others as well.' 2 Timothy 2:2

'Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord in whom they had put their trust.' Acts 14:21-25