Prayer **Connection**

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Theme: Praying Continuously

1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT
And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

Never stop praying.

"Help me focus on you today."

Our attention is pulled in many directions each day. Notifications light up our phones, people move in and out of our spaces, schedules shift, and the television often alerts us of "Breaking News". We live in a world full of distraction, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay present with God and with the people right in front of us.

Although Paul's writing 1 Thessalonians 5:17 has few words, it comes with important instructions. "Never stop praying," does not mean we must spend every moment with our eyes closed or our hands folded. It means prayer can become the steady posture of our hearts. We can turn our worries into prayers, our gratitude into praise, our interruptions into invitations, and our conversations into opportunities to listen for the voice of God.

Paul's letter to the Philippians encourages us in chapter four, verse eight, to fix our thoughts on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and worthy of praise. Continual prayer helps redirect our focus from the pressure of our circumstances to the presence of Christ. As we practice returning our attention to Him throughout the day, prayer becomes less like a task to complete and more like a relationship to remain in.

Share:

- What most often distracts you from prayer throughout the day?
- How could ordinary interruptions become reminders to turn your attention back to God?
- Share a time when you found yourself in continuous prayer. What did that look like?
- What does it mean to pray continuously in a realistic, everyday way?
- Who could you encourage this week by praying with them or for them?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for inviting us to stay connected to you in every moment. Forgive us when distractions capture our attention and pull our hearts and minds away from you. Teach us to turn our worries, interruptions, and ordinary tasks into prayer. Help us focus on what is true and good and guide us to notice your presence throughout the day. Amen.

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Suggested Prayer Topics

Pray for yourself. Empty cups do not bring refreshment. It is important to seek God in the scriptures, asking Him to fill us with joy and renew the desire to engage with others so that we can pour into those around us needing the love and hope of Jesus.

- Psalm 51: 10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels and they will return to you.
- Help me, Lord, to seek Your will and walk in Your ways. Forgive me for the ways that I have wronged you and renew my spirit to align closer to Yours. Give me a fresh desire to share Your love with those around me. Amen.

Pray for Stonecroft Ministries. Pray for the mission of the ministry, the Board of Directors, National Office staff and volunteers across the nation.

- 1 Peter 5:2-3 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.
- Heavenly Father, direct the steps of the Stonecroft board leadership, national staff and volunteers so that Your Kingdom can expand and by working together we can see every woman reconciled to You through Your son, Jesus. Amen.

Pray for the needs of your family and friends. Pray that God gives you opportunities to speak into their lives and with the hope and encouragement only found in Jesus.

- Philippians 4:19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.
- Lord, You know our family and friends. Provide for them and protect them in the way that only You can. Give us the words to encourage them and lead them to You. Amen.

Pray for local Stonecroft Outreach Groups and your community. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for hearts and minds that are ready to receive him.

- Matthew 28: 19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- Father, please open doors for Stonecroft volunteers to reach those in desperate need of Your salvation and lovingkindness. Prepare us to receive those who enter our spaces with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

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Pray for our nation. For wisdom and protection of our leaders on every level, our workplaces, and our families.

- 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
- God, please give our leaders wisdom beyond their own understanding. Would you please direct the steps of each national, state, and local leader to align with Your will. Amen.

Pray for global evangelism. Pray that women everywhere would be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

- Psalm 67:2 May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere.
- Lord, would you make yourself known to women in all parts of the globe in the way that only You can. Help them to understand who Jesus is and that He died and rose from the grave so that they could have eternal life with You. Amen.