

Prayer Meeting Guide

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“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” (Malachi 4:5–6)

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (Ephesians 5:31–33)

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman
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PART I: Family Relationships

- Parents with adult children who grew up in the church but are not walking with God
- Parents who see little to no spiritual fruit in their children's lives

- Parents estranged from their children
- Fathers tempted to passivity or anger in training their children
- Mothers exhausted from physically serving young children
- Children who have a parent that doesn't know the Lord
- Children who struggle with assurance of salvation
- Children caring for an aging parent
- Children who don't see Jesus as glorious
- Families considering adoption or foster care
- Married couples who have minimal conflict but no meaningful spiritual fellowship
- Married couples struggling with infertility
- Members navigating the pain of divorce or marriage to an unbeliever
- Dating couples who are discerning God's will for their relationship
- Members who need courage to lovingly confront a family member
- Members who need power to forgive a family member

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary heavy laden
Come and lay your burdens down
Jesus calls you Jesus draws you; rest in Him
He is gentle he is lowly
He delights to bring us peace
Tender shepherd mighty Savior; rest in Him

How sure His compassion for us
Oh how deep is His love
So come come to Jesus and rest in Him

Are you hopeless are you guilty
Caught in shame for all your sin
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him
He has paid for every failure
Mercy flows in endless streams
Come and follow freedom calls you; rest in Him

Are you waiting in your sorrows

For this broken world to heal
He is coming soon returning; rest in Him
We will see him We will know Him
O what heights of grace revealed
From His kindness every promise then fulfilled
Trust in Jesus He will keep us to the end

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PART II: Prayer & Ministry for Your Group

*“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”
(Acts 1:14)*

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free

Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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