

Prayer Liturgy – Week 25

These liturgies are adapted from Boa's (1993) Handbook to Prayer

Adoration

- Read Job 38:4-18

Offer a prayer of adoration to the God of creation who rules over all things. Step back in awe of his power and sovereignty.

Confession

- “You have been just in all that has come upon us, for You have acted faithfully and we have acted wickedly.” (Nehemiah 9:33)

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Renewal

- “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.” (Galatians 5:16-18)

Offer a prayer of renewal to the Spirit that gives us the freedom to walk in righteousness.

Petition

- May I be above reproach, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money, one who manages his own family well, and who keeps his children under control with proper respect. Grant me a good reputation with outsiders, so that I will not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil. (adapted from 1 Timothy 3:2-4, 7)

Pray for your relationships with others of your life, especially your natural and church families. Pray for opportunities to serve this Advent season.

Intercession

- Knowing the fear of the Lord, may I seek to persuade men. (adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:11)

Pray for opportunities to share of the hope you have in Jesus in your work, in your family, in your neighborhood, and in your social networks.

Affirmation

- “Lord, who may dwell in Your tabernacle? Who may live on Your holy mountain? He who walks uprightly and works righteousness And speaks the truth in his heart; He does not slander with his tongue Nor does evil to his neighbor Nor takes up a reproach against his friend; He despises the reprobate But honors those who fear the Lord. He keeps his oath even when it hurts, Lends his money without interest, And does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.” (Psalm 15:1-5)

Pause to reflect on these words. Acknowledge that you are not worthy to dwell in God's tent.

Acknowledge that in Jesus Christ, God sees you as though you have done all the things listed in this passage. Give thanks and reflect on how God is leading you to live up to what we have already received.

Closing prayer

- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.