

Weekly Prayer Strategy

18 March - 24 March 2018

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Stewart Bishop entitled: The Sure Foundation – Building With Christ.

Prayer Point 1

Matthew 16: 13-18

¹³ Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they answered, "Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, or [just] one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered him, "Blessed [happy, spiritually secure, favoured by God] are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood (mortal man) did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (death) will not overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ]"

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any misperceptions you may have had about Christ (whether from previous wrong doctrinal teachings, wounds, etc). Repent and pray that God the Father would reveal to you His Son and that you may embrace the full nature of Christ.
- Pray that your perception of Christ would be based on your experiential knowledge of Him and on the word of God and not on what the world says.

Prayer Point 2

1 Peter 2:5-6

You [believers], like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house for a holy and dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen stone, a precious (honored) Cornerstone, and he who believes in Him [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] will never be disappointed [in his expectations]."

1 Corinthians 3:11

“...for no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ”.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the gaps/cracks in your foundations that require to be “fixed” or to be attended to. Feel free to speak to your pastor or cell leader and ask for help where necessary.
- Pray that you may become a strong, reliable and impactful pillar/stone in His Church.

Prayer Point 3

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Prayer Point 4

1 Corinthians 14:26

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.

- Pray that we would be a Church that encourages and builds each other in the Lord.
- Pray for your Go group, that the sense of community and love for each other may grow.

Prayer Point 5

Psalm 127: 1

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

- Pray that God would show us how to build our church and every ministry in it to according to His pattern.

Prayer Point 6

Psalm 90:17

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us, establish the work of our hands for us yes, establish the work of our hands.

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are God's fellow workers [His servants working together]; you are God's cultivated field [His garden, His vineyard], God's building.

- Dedicate every aspect of your life to God and ask Him to establish the work of your hands.

Prayer Point 7

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

- Pray that one of your greatest desires would be to be transformed into the image of Christ and that all aspects of your life may be reflective of Him.

Prayer Point 8

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in and rely confidently on the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

“Blessed [with spiritual security] is the man who believes *and* trusts in *and* relies on the LORD and whose hope *and* confident expectation is the LORD. For he will be [nourished] like a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out its roots by the river; And will not fear the heat when it comes; But its leaves will be green *and* moist. And it will not be anxious *and* concerned in a year of drought nor stop bearing fruit.

- Pray that your trust will be in Christ in all things and that in the shadow of His wings you will find your refuge.