

Weekly Prayer Strategy

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This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Cultural Diversity Pt 1

Prayer Point 1

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the unbiblical cultural mindsets around you that you have embraced but need to be challenged and transformed.
- Repent for your ignorance and make a decision to eliminate them out of your mind and lifestyle.

Prayer Point 2

Matthew 20:25-28

You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

- Pray that we would be a Church that seeks to impart Kingdom culture in our community.
- Repent for where you may have been very selective about which aspects of Jesus' culture to embrace. Resolve to embrace the full Kingdom culture taught by Jesus.

Prayer Point 3

- Prayerfully consider the points below on how culture is diagnosed and determine which aspects of your family, organisation or national culture need to be uprooted. Begin to uproot out of your life any value, norm or belief system that is not biblical.
 - What beliefs are strongly held?
 - How do parents/leaders teach children/employees to behave?
 - What do people regard as major sins?
 - What do people do in crises?
 - What rituals do people perform?
 - What are the greatest fears people have?
 - Who are the trendsetters?
 - Who are the cultural heroes?

- What is expressed in the art forms of the people?
- What aspects of the culture are most resistant to change?
- What are considered to be words of wisdom?
- On what do people spend money?
- What is rewarded and celebrated the most?
- Who is feared and respected the most?

Prayer Point 4

Revelation 11:15

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Daniel 4:34-37

But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honoured Him who lives forever. For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35 "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand. Or say to Him, 'What have You done?' 36 "At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendour were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counsellors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was re-established in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. 37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honour the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

- Pray that our hearts become yielded to God's authority and dominion in all that we do.

Prayer Point 5

- Pray that we would see all of life as part of the Kingdom of God, being renewed and restored.
- Pray for wisdom to know how to effectively appropriate the principles of the word of God into all of life.

Prayer Point 6

John 17:14 -17

I have given them Your word and the world has hated them; for they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15I am not asking that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.14“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Titus 2:6-7

Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; 7in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, 8sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

1 Pet 2:11-13

Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from the desires of the flesh, which war against your soul. 12Conduct yourselves with such honour among the Gentiles that, though they slander you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us. 13Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to the king as the supreme authority.

John 13:35

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Ps 34:8

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

- Pray that God would show you your role and strategy in influencing and redeeming the culture of the day.

Prayer Point 7

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. 20To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; 21to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. 22To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.

1 Corinthians 10:20-22

No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God. And I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot partake in the table of the Lord and the table of demons too. 22Are we trying to provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. 2If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; 3but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him. 4Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. 7However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. 8But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat. 9But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? 11For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. 12And so, by sinning against the

**brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.
13Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so
that I will not cause my brother to stumble.**

- Pray for wisdom to exercise cultural agility whilst not compromising the principles of the word of God.