

**RTO™ School of Prayer
Evening of Prayer December 4, 2025**

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Seek the Lord

***Isaiah 55:6-7, 6**“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return
to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will
abundantly pardon.”*

***Jeremiah 29:13**“ You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.”*

Good evening and welcome to the fourth RTO School of Prayer Evening of Prayer, we are grateful to God for your partnership with us and thank you for being with us. As Paul writes in Philippians 1:3-5, **3**“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4**always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **5**because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

This night is possible because of your continually encouraging response to our previous prayer nights held on the first Thursday of May, the National Day of Prayer for our great nation, and the first or second Thursday of December. This also gives us the opportunity to corporately put into practice what we have learned from the School of Prayer lessons taught during the year, as well as making sure that we intentionally devote time to the priority of prayer during our usual busyness of the coming Christmas season.

Those of you who know me as I've preached and taught and talked during the Christmas season know that while I join with everyone else in celebrating Christ's birthday, His coming to this sin-cursed world to save us, yet I always also celebrate Him during this season in joyful hope for His sure Second Coming, Alleluia! I came to saving faith through a commitment to repent and by

placing my trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins in September 1998. That year at Christmas I heard these verses read at a service and they've stayed in my mind ever since then. This is my favorite Christmas verse, Titus 2:11:14 (NKJV), **11**"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12**teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13**looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14**who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works."

Our theme tonight, as we did last December, is Seek the Lord Part 2, adapted from a John MacArthur sermon and based on Isa 55:6-7 and Jeremiah 29:13. In these verses we find a command, an encouragement, and a promise. The format will be a category relating to seeking the Lord, with appropriate Scriptures, then several minutes of prayer from those who are moved by the Holy Spirit to pray out loud, followed by several minutes of prayer around the tables. You are welcome, of course, to pray silently if so moved. We will worship with two songs, as is our custom at RTO.

First Song

Seek the Lord for His Glory

Exodus 33:18 "Moses said, 'Please show me your glory.'"

Psalms 63:1-2 "O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory."

Romans 8:18- "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

1 Corinthians 10:31- "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Colossians 3:2-4- 2“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

Seek the Lord for Deliverance from Trouble

Psalm 18:6 “In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry reached His ears.

Psalm 20:1 “May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!”

Psalm 102:2 “Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!”

Psalm 120:1-2 “In my distress I called to the Lord, and He answered me. Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.”

Jonah 2:2 “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and He answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried and You heard my voice.”

Seek the Lord for Relief from Fear and Worry

Philippians 4:4-7 4“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Psalm 4:8 “In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”

Matthew 6:25, 33 Jesus: **25**“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” **33**“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Second Song

Seek the Lord to Offer Thanks for Past Blessings

Psalms 44:8 “In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to Your Name forever. Selah”

Ephesians 5:20 “giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Seek the Lord for the Salvation of the Lost

Romans 10:1” Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.”

1 Timothy 2:3-4 **3**”This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, **4**who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

Seek the Lord for Spiritual Growth of Believers

Philippians 1:9-11 **9**”And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and

understanding, **10**so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11**being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; **12**giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

Colossians 1:9-12 **9**”And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10**so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11**being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; **12**giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 **11**”To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, **12**so that the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Gospel Message- As we draw near to the end of our time together this evening, we pray that this time spent in prayer has been encouraging and uplifting for you. We see in James 5:16, that the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. We pray to the Lord to be that righteous person who prays with great power. The reason we are mentioning these things now is that we want to ensure that you know you have freedom from sin’s guilt and that you are a righteous person. This is possible only if you have made a commitment to repent, placing your faith and trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. The Bible says “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23). We can’t seek the Lord and His glory if we are not rightly reconciled to Him through faith in Christ. The Bible also says” None is righteous, no, not one”. (Romans 3:10). There is no good thing within us that we can bring to God, we are completely dependent upon Him for salvation. And in Hebrews 9:27, we read “...it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.” We will all die some day and face judgment from God, either heaven or hell and God’s judgment is *final*. So if you have not

made a decision to repent, trust in Christ and embrace Him by faith for the forgiveness of your sins, please do so now, and be welcomed into His kingdom and in the end, into heaven. If you have any questions about this, please ask a trusted Christian friend (or see me afterwards). Remember, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9). And, "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9).

Conclusion

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