

Order of Service for a Prayer Summit Welcome and Instructions

As a culmination of the series “When the Church Prays” from Lloyd Stillely.

We set up the room in groups of six chairs, set in a “horse shoe.” As folks entered, they were encouraged to fill out one group entirely before starting another.

Allow a few minutes for small groups to get connected with one another.

Instructions include the history of Solemn Assemblies in Scripture (we called ours a Prayer Summit), as well as instructions about how we will proceed. The flow of prayer moved from individual to small group to three small groups combined to the entire room.

Focus on God’s Glory (From 1 Chron. 29:11-12, 14; Ps. 115:1; 111:1; 116:12-13)

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,

Congregation: For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Congregation: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Leader: All things come from You, and from Your hand we have given to You.

Congregation: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Congregation: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

Songs of Worship:

Duet of “Holy Like You” (Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir arrangement, from their album Be Glad) segue into “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

Season of Personal Confession:

This was individual prayer. Allow approximately 10 minutes.

T. W. Hunt and Claude King offer the following scriptures in their study “In God’s Presence” as examples of repentance: 2 Sam. 24:10; Ezra 9:6-7, 10-11, 15; Ps. 51:1-4, 7-13; Jer. 14:7; Matt. 6:12; and Neh. 9:2-3

Song of Oneness:

“How Beautiful” (Twila Paris)

Scripture Readings on Unity

Reader 1: There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. (Proverbs 6:16)

Reader 2: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Reader 3: So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift... For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 5:23-24; 6:14-15)

Reader 1: Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Reader 2: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Reader 3: Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:29-32)

ALL: I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. (I Corinthians 1:10)

Season of Unity-Seeking Prayer

(Small Group)

Songs of Unity:

"We Are One In the Spirit" segue into "At the Cross"

Season of Renewal Prayer

(Combine Small Groups)

Scripture Reading on Impact

(Matthew 5:13-16)

Season of Envisioning Prayer

(Entire Congregation)

Scripture Reading on God's Dream for Us:

Joel 2:28-29

Songs of Celebration and Thanksgiving:

Praise Chorus "Thank You Lord" segue into Doxology.