

## Partners in Prayer

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Here are some steps that you may want to use to help you move into a place of prayer and intercession.

1. **Come with a clean heart:** Psalm 66:18 if I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.
2. **Die to our own thoughts:** 2 Cor. 10:5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ
3. **Silence the Enemy:** Romans 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
4. **Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal the heart and Mind of God :** Jude 1:20 But you, dear friends, must continue to build your lives on the foundation of your holy faith. And continue to pray as you are directed by the Holy Spirit.
5. **Wait, to hear what God Says:** John 10:4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
6. Then pray and intercede for what he has spoken to you about

## Day One

### The Spirit of intimacy

*I will ask the Father, and he will send the Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of Truth. Ezekiel 34: 15-16 (NIV)*

*I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit in you; I will remove from you the heart of stone, and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:25 (NIV)*

**Ezekiel speaks of a change of heart - from a hard unyielding heart to a soft, responsive heart, eager to follow the Lord's will. This is the work of the Holy Spirit; such a heart is formed and developed in times of intimacy with the Lord.**

**A meditation** (you will need about 20 uninterrupted minutes to do this)

Spend some time bringing yourself to a place of stillness before the Lord. Focus inwardly into your spirit which is filled with the Holy Spirit. Quieten your mind.

You may find it helpful to focus on a verse, such as Ezekiel 34: 15-16 (above) to help you to do this. Use the verse as way of stilling your mind and focussing your spirit inwardly on His Spirit

As you sense the presence of the Lord, quietly welcome Him. Remain in this place of stillness, enjoying His presence, drinking in his goodness

As you sense your time with the Lord drawing to a close, praise him for his Holy Spirit, and the sacrifice of Jesus which tore the curtain in the temple from top to bottom, and allowed us to enter the Holy of Holies and enjoy His presence whenever we want to.

## Day Two

### The welcome of the King

*For any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned, the king has but one law, that he is put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend his gold sceptre to him and spare his life. Esther 4:11*

*The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance. When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold sceptre that was in his hand. Esther 5:1-2*

**We have a King who always welcomes us into his presence, who delights in us when we come and spend time with him**

Meditate again, in the same way you did on Day One.

This time, after about 15 minutes ask the Lord to show you one thing you can do to increase your intimacy with him.

Wait quietly and expectantly for him to show you, before thanking Him for always welcoming you into His presence

## Day Three

“You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it”

*For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. John 6:38*

*I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. John 5:19*

*For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. John 12:49*

*And we can be confident that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. And if we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for. 1 John 5: 14 -15*

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**When we ask for anything in Jesus’ name, we are asking for things in line with God’s will, which will honour and glorify Jesus – as Jesus says in John 5:19 (above), we will be joining the Lord in doing what he is doing!**

**It is vital for us to hear clearly from the Lord what is on his heart for us to pray, so that we have the confidence we are praying in line with His will - then we can be sure that He will give us what we ask for.**

Meditate again, in the same way you did on Days One and Two.

This time, after about 15 minutes, ask the Lord to show you where he is working, what he is doing, and what he wants you to pray for.

Wait quietly and expectantly for him to show you.

Pray for what he has shown you he wants you to pray, in Jesus name.

Thank Him, in faith, that He has done what you asked of Him

