



**DRAWING NEAR TO PRAY**

**April 25-26, 2025**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)**

**<sup>6</sup>Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. <sup>7</sup>And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (Amplified Bible)**

**<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)**

**6-7Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.**

## **PREPARING FOR YOUR HOUR OF PRAYER**

### **CONSIDER DECLARING A FAST THE DAY OF YOUR PRAYER HOUR.**

**Fast for a meal or from something that would definitely require a sacrifice. Write down the specific things you are fasting for. Keep that list handy and every time your mind goes to the fast, mention that list in prayer.**

## "THINGS TO BRING" (to prayer time)

*Things you would want to say if you believed God was listening.*

- 1. To Pray for "Your Church"** (if you don't know any of these...ASK your Pastor. Tell him/her you are praying for your church on Friday or Saturday. He/she will appreciate it.)

**a. Bring a list of Church Staff & Church Leaders**

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**b. Bring a list of Church Ministries**

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**c. Bring a list of the Needs of Your Church**

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**d. Bring a list of the hurting people in your church**

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e. Bring a list of the hopes and concerns you have for your church.

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## 2.To Pray for "Your Family"

- Bring a list of those in your family you want to pray for.
- Start with those closest (immediate family) and move outward to extended family.

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## 3.To Pray for "Your Personal Concerns"

- Bring a list of everything on your heart for your personal concerns.

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