



# FOCUSED PRAYER Instructions

We at Astounding Love! walk together in the unity of the faith in God. As we continue in this time of corporate fasting and prayer, in obedience we press in to hear from the Lord about our property.

Our working definition of FOCUSED PRAYER: As we pray in the spirit, we work to keep our conscious mind on the topic at hand. We have specific questions, scriptures, and instructions that we keep at the forefront of our thinking. We remove every personal agenda from our thinking, replacing fears, doubt, distractions, and personal opinions with the words God has caused to be placed before us.

This is our opportunity to be unified in the spirit by the bond of peace (see Ephesians 4), as the Lord teaches us to look at His promises to us from His perspective. We are all in this

## **Our specific questions for Holy Spirit:**

- I. What type of property do You have in mind for us now?
- II. What is the function of this first property/building?
- III. Is it single or multi-story?

## **Instructions for our prayer times:**

1. We begin with repentance, ensuring that our hearts are clear of any hindrances to hearing His voice.

**Prayer Guideline:** *Lord, we come as a body of Your astounding love, focusing on preparing our hearts and attitudes through humbling ourselves and repentance before You, so that we can clearly hear You speak to us as one. We submit our hearts before You, seeking forgiveness for every wrong committed against You, ourselves, and others. We want to ensure that our hearts are clear of any hindrances that would cause us to miss hearing Your voice. We repent of being offended, bitter, or judgmental. We repent for causing offence, bitterness, or judgments in the hearts of others. And in the Name of Jesus Christ, we forgive and release those that have sinned against us.*

2. Next, we spend 5 – 10 minutes praying in tongues corporately. We are giving Him praise for the answers to our questions. We keep our minds focused on thanking the Lord for hearing us. After we have done this, we're ready for our next step.
3. **The call or prayer team leader asks Holy Spirit the first question**, again thanking Him that He will reveal answers to us as we pray.
  - a. Then we spend another 5 – 10 minutes praying in tongues, keeping our minds focused on the question that we have asked.
  - b. Write down what you get in answer to the specific question.

- c. Share it with the group, one at a time. Even if we don't have anything personally to share, we rejoice with what the Lord is saying through the rest of the team.
  - d. Spend a few minutes thanking Holy Spirit for the answers received. We are gathering all the pieces to the picture He is painting.
4. Move on to the next two questions, repeating the same pattern.
  5. After all the questions have been asked and prayed over, before ending the call or gathering, let's take a few moments to worship the Lord and thank Him for the work He is doing in us.

### **What We Do After the Group Prayer**

Per Dr. Baker's instructions, we each take it upon ourselves to go back to Holy Spirit with the answers we've received. We are pursuing intimacy with Holy Spirit, not just asking Him for information. Follow the same pattern. Let's ask Him to confirm what He's shown or told you by directing us to scriptures in the Word of God. He won't mind a bit. Then pray in the Spirit.

Again, we each write down what He gives us in our intimate time with Him. This is so exciting! We are on track to have the most amazing experience with God we have ever had as a corporate body. This is so cool!



## Our “As One” Scriptures for Agreement

Please read the following portions of scripture, meditating upon, and praying them. We are asking the Lord to make these scriptures and promises a normal part of our thinking, speaking, and actions as we pray. Remember, faith comes by hearing, so let’s make sure we read them aloud, or to one another. 😊

*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10 NKJV*

*<sup>12</sup> I admit that I haven’t yet acquired the absolute fullness that I’m pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover. <sup>13</sup> I don’t depend on my own strength to accomplish this; <sup>14</sup> however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. <sup>14</sup> I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus. <sup>15</sup> So let all who are fully mature have this same passion, and if anyone is not yet gripped by these desires, <sup>16</sup> God will reveal it to them. <sup>16</sup> And let us all advance together to reach this victory-prize, following one path with one passion. Philippians 3:12-16 The Passion Translation (TPT)*

*<sup>5</sup> Look around [you, Habakkuk, replied the Lord] among the nations and see! And be astonished! Astounded! For I am putting into effect a work in your days [such] that you would not believe it if it were told you. Habakkuk 1:5 AMPC*

*<sup>2</sup> And **the** Lord answered me and said, **Write the vision** and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by. Habakkuk 2:2 AMPC*

*<sup>6</sup> That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6 KJV*

*<sup>10</sup> Now when Adonai your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—to give you great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup> and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns dug that you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant, and you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup> then watch yourself so that you do not forget Adonai, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery. Deuteronomy 6:10-12 TLV*

*<sup>1</sup>Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1*

*<sup>4</sup>Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who dwell in Your house and Your presence; they will be singing Your praises all the day long. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that!] Psalm 84:4*

*"Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts: According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." Haggai 2:3-9 KJV*

*And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God," Haggai 1: 14 KJV*

*If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. Isaiah 1:19 KJV*

*The LORD promised your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would give you this land. Now he will take you there and give you large towns, with good buildings that you didn't build, <sup>11</sup>and houses full of good things that you didn't put there. The LORD will give you wells that you didn't have to dig, and vineyards and olive orchards that you didn't have to plant. But when you have eaten so much that you can't eat any more, <sup>12</sup>don't forget it was the LORD who set you free from slavery and brought you out of Egypt. Deuteronomy 6:10-12 The Scriptures*

*The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost. 2 Peter 3:9 CEV*

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. <sup>12</sup>Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. <sup>13</sup>And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13 KJV*

*Rather you are to remember Adonai your God, for it is He who gives you power to make wealth, in order to establish His covenant that He swore to your fathers—as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18 TLV*

*God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good? Numbers 23:19 KJV*