

SOAP Devotional Guideline: Partnering with God in Prayer

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1–4 ESV

Theme: God invites us to partner with Him in prayer for all people, aligning our hearts with His desire for salvation and peace.

Scripture

- **Read:** 1 Timothy 2:1–4 slowly and prayerfully.
- **Reflective Questions:**
 - What words or phrases stand out to you?
 - How does this passage describe God’s heart for people?

Observation

- **Reflect:** Notice the four types of prayer: supplication, prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving.
- **Reflective Questions:**
 - What is the difference between these types of prayer?
 - Why do you think Paul urges prayer for “all people,” including leaders and those in authority?
 - What does this reveal about God’s character and priorities?

Application

- **Apply:** Consider how you can practice each type of prayer this week.
 - **Supplication:** What needs—personal or communal—can you bring before God?
 - **Prayer:** How can you set aside time for reverent communion with God?
 - **Intercession:** Who needs you to “stand in the gap” for them today?

- **Thanksgiving:** What are you grateful for right now?
- **Reflective Questions:**
 - How can you pray for local, national, and global leaders—even those you disagree with?
 - In what ways can your prayers contribute to peace in your home, church, or community?
 - Who is God putting on your heart to pray for their salvation?

Prayer

- **Pray:** Use the passage as a guide. Pray for:
 - All people, especially those in authority.
 - Peace and godliness in your community.
 - The salvation of specific individuals.
 - A heart of gratitude in all circumstances.
- **Reflective Questions:**
 - What do you sense God inviting you to partner with Him in prayer about?
 - How can you make prayer a consistent part of your daily life?

Scripture Cross-References for Further Study

- Philippians 4:6 (Supplication)
- Luke 6:12 (Prayer)
- Ezekiel 22:30 (Intercession)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (Thanksgiving)
- Romans 13:1 (Praying for authorities)
- Jeremiah 29:7 (Peace in the city)
- 2 Peter 3:9 (God’s desire for salvation)
- James 5:16 (Power of prayer)