

## Lydia Prayer Suggestions #14

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**Combine Scripture reading and prayer during this prayer session.** This may consume most of your time since some of the passages are lengthy, but it will be worth it.

Read Psalm 104 aloud. Praise God for His creation. If it is daylight, spend a few moments looking out a window to behold the splendor of his creation. Allow Him to be the source of your joy.

Read Psalm 105:1-5. Thank God for the glorious things He does. Make a list of some of the mighty deeds He has done in your life and church. Sing His praises

Read Matthew 1:18-25. Pray that you too like Mary and Joseph will be obedient to God's direction in your life. Listen for five minutes and ask God what He wants you to do for and with Him in the next 24 hours.

Read Luke 2:1-38. Like Anna, find someone with whom to share the good news about Jesus. Ask God to reveal to you the name of someone who needs to hear from you about Christ today. Write, call, or visit that person as soon as it is appropriate.

Read Matthew, chapter 2. Ask God to make you wise and discerning and to teach you how to worship Him. Kneel before Him now. Offer Him the gift of yourself. Allow Him to search the deep corners of your heart and reveal truth to you. Pray a prayer of repentance if He reveals any area of disobedience, pride, or un-Christlike attitudes. Give Him thanks for a cleansed heart. Ask God to align your faith with His Word.

**Bring your petitions to God for your family.** Speak the name of Jesus over any unseen evil forces that are fighting your family and your church. Choose a time soon to remove any pictures or images from your home that represent spirits other than that of Christ. Ask God to reveal anything to you that may be hindering the Christian influence in your household.

**Pray for the men of your church.** If there is no active men's ministry at your church, ask God to raise up a leader. Spend five minutes praying for the men in your family and church. Pray that they will be influential spiritual leaders in their homes and in the church.

**Pray for the Jesus Film teams.** Pray for protection for the teams entering sensitive areas around the world and pray that many will come to know Jesus through the film showings. Also pray that God will give direction to leaders as they follow-up on new converts, organize new churches, and teach discipleship classes.

**Give Thanks:** Make a list of a dozen blessings that have flowed to you from God.

**Sing Praise:** End your prayer time by singing or speaking aloud the "Doxology."

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN!"

**Plan for your next prayer session:** If your church has a Sunday worship folder, take it to your personal place of prayer next week and bring it to your next Lydia Prayer session. Use it as a guide to pray for each name listed and every scheduled event. Pray for Bible Study Leaders, teachers, staff members, committee chairmen, teens, children, and add others to the list as God directs. The number one reason for your church's existence is to reach the lost for Christ and disciple them in their Christian walk. Ask God to help you and your local church to reach lost souls in your community and to play a part through prayer, finances, and sending workers in reaching the lost around the world.