

Preparation for Session 5 on Red Sea Rule #4  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Please read, reflect upon, and respond to as many of the following questions as you are able:

1. In what way(s) has your “prayer life” changed during the coronavirus pandemic or other crisis situation that you and/or persons whom you know have been experiencing in recent months?
2. What does it mean to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:16)? Has praying without ceasing become your daily practice?
3. How confident are you that the Lord hears you when you pray? What is the source of your confidence?
4. Andrew Murray wrote: “The work of intercession is Christ’s great work on earth, entrusted to Him because He gave Himself the sacrifice to God for men, and the work will become your glory and joy, too.” (*A Thirty-One Day Guide to Prayer*, p. 10) Has intercession or praying for others become a joy for you yet? Can you envision how this can become a reality in your life?
5. Scripture calls us to pray for or about many things. Please identify some of them using the references below. Add others that have undergirded your own prayers:

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| a. | Matt. 5:44 | _____ |
| b. | Matt. 6:9  | _____ |
| c. | Matt. 6:10 | _____ |
| d. | Matt. 6:11 | _____ |
| e. | Matt. 6:12 | _____ |
| f. | Matt. 6:13 | _____ |
| g. | Matt. 9:38 | _____ |
| h. | Eph. 1:17  | _____ |
| i. | 1 Tim. 2:1 | _____ |
| j. | 1 Tim. 2:2 | _____ |
| k. | Jas. 5:6   | _____ |
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| m. | _____      | _____ |
| n. | _____      | _____ |

6. The Scriptural call to prayer demand a loving heart and sensitivity to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
  - a. How is your heart being “enlarged” to respond in prayer to the needs and conditions of others?
  
  - b. Are you accustomed to responding to the Holy Spirit’s promptings to pray about a particular person or situation? Please describe an example of this in your life.
  
7. Do you believe that, because of the example of Christ and the commands in Scripture, you have been called to give your life and energy to praying for others? Please explain.

If you have learned that prayer, and particularly intercession, reveals our feebleness and need for God’s grace and power, then continue to learn from and rely on Christ.

“The burden and the agony, the triumph and the victory are all His. Learn from Him, yield to His Spirit in you to know how to pray.... Let your faith rest boldly on His finished work.” (Murray, ibid., p. 12)