

## SF505 Ministry Prayer Model

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\*I have asked people how to pray for them, but I have not used the questions that are used in the class "Ministry Model" video. The questions I asked are to the same effect.

Brother W, 12/21, 3:30 – 3:44 pm

This brother reached out to me because he had lost a large amount of money gambling on football and was in a bad mood. He wanted me to pray for him that God would return that money, and he also wanted to be at peace with his mood. He said that at first, he won some money gambling on football and then he donated that money to the church, but after that, he started gambling again and then lost a large amount of money. He said he wanted to earn this money back by gambling again.

I seemed to see a wall in my prayer and wondered if God was telling me that his heart was separated by a wall (I think it might be the idol of loving money). And I sensed a sense of shame and a desire to "look good." I prayed for God to take away the shame through his confession, let him receive the glory of being a child of God and have satisfaction in God. After the prayer he said he's not sure if he wants to gamble to get back the lost money anymore.

Brother J, 12/19, 2:30 – 3 pm

He asks for God to provide money for his future missionary plans. The sending organization set a goal of \$20,000 and he needs to raise that amount in 3 months. He's doubtful if God can do it.

He also wants to effectively share faith during working hours to his customers. As I felt peace when I prayed that God would richly give him everything he needed for his mission, I prayed peace to indwell in his heart.

Sister W, 12/17, 5:30-6 pm

W shared in the fellowship group about her struggles in her marriage. She said she loses her temper easily and gets angry again soon after reconciliation over the same issues. She also didn't want to be a gentle person (which surprised me) because she thought gentle people were unprincipled and would be bullied in intimate relationships.

In prayer, I mainly focused on the honorable status God had given her and the new way of looking at herself. Because I sensed from the conversation that she wanted respect badly but didn't know how to set healthy boundaries for herself, leading her to not know how to uphold principles other than fighting. I also prayed for her past. After the prayer, she said she would reconsider learning how to set up boundaries.

Brother Y, 12/12, 1:15-2:00 pm

Y moved away from our church, and he is staying at his aunt's house on Long Island, and he has not been doing well lately. On the phone he said he is now starting his own business; his routine is erratic, and he doesn't eat three meals on time. The stress of starting a business makes him anxious every day, but he wastes a lot of time. He wants to resume his relationship with God.

I felt God's warmth in my prayer, and Y was touched by the emphasis on His "smiling face" in my prayer. After the prayer, he said he hadn't been to church for a long time, but he would resume going to church and fellowship from that week.

Sister E, 12/21, 8:30-9 pm

E shared her longing to see the value and meaning of her life as she felt called to God's ministry.

In my prayer, I found myself repeating "God sees (El Shaddai)" and then the word "abandonment" came up.

After the prayer, E said that this was the prayer she needed to hear and that the prayer was very comforting to her heart because her longing was to know that God saw her in eternity. I asked her what the meaning of "abandonment" was, and she said it was something she had been thinking about lately, and that today's prayer was God's way of reminding her to leave her old life behind and abandon all hinderances, praise God!