

"BEARING FRUIT" THROUGH A CALL TO PRAYER WOMEN'S MEETING/SEMINAR

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Brimming baskets: A Call to Prayer for Christian Women



I. **LISTENING TO THE VINE AND VINE DRESSER: Heart Preparation**

(Pray individually - 10 min.)

John 15:¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

1. **Allow the words of Jesus to make you more aware of His presence.**
2. **Ask God to wash you clean again through the Living Water who shed His blood for our sins to be forgiven.**

II. **ABIDING IN THE VINE: A Call to Prayer for Worship**

(10 minutes)

John 20:18 (Mary Magdalene speaking to the disciples after being with the resurrected LORD said) "I have seen the LORD!"

John 20:28 (Thomas was asked by the LORD to touch His hands and His side and believe. Thomas said) "My LORD and my God!"

Acts 1:8 (Jesus said moments before He ascended) "...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

1. **Worship God for giving His life for us, resurrecting from the dead, and living in our hearts by invitation. What does that mean to us individually?**
2. **As His disciple today, ask Him to help us to be witnesses today and everyday of His great love, faithfulness, and plans to return.**

III. **WORLDWIDE HARVEST: A Call to Prayer for the Nations**

(10 minutes) Read the scriptures - then pray silently in individual groups.

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing."

I Timothy 2:1-4 "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

1. **Pray for Christians in government to have a godly influence**
2. **Pray for our educational system to allow truth to be taught: superintendents of schools, school boards, principals, and teachers.**
3. **Confess the sins of our nation concerning abortion, homosexuality, drug abuse, & disregard for God.**

IV. **FRUITFUL PASSION: A Call to Prayer for a Greater Vision**

(5-7 minutes)

Romans 9:2-3 (Paul says) "...I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

1. **Ask God to give us a broken heart for those who are lost in our families, among our friends, our neighborhoods, the world.**
2. **Pray for your own Christian group to have a greater vision for outreach and concern for the lost.**
3. **Pray for increased attendance in home groups, more first timers, more young mothers, and more decisions for Christ each month.**

V. **BRIMMING BASKETS: A Call to Prayer for Christian Women**

(10 minutes)

Titus 2:3 "...women...are to be reverent in their behavior...teaching what is good." 4 "...encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children." 5 "to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored."

Acts 20:24 "But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love."

1. **Pray for those God-given goals for each outreach group and that those goals will be accomplished.**
2. **Pray for each person in leadership and "fellowship" to be committed to fulfilling the goals and responsibilities accepted.**
3. **Pray for the specific needs within your local group.**

VI. **MATURING THE FRUIT: A Call to Prayer for Unity**

(10 minutes)

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

1. **Pray for the current studies that women will be committed to completing their Bible Studies with enthusiasm for God's Word.**
2. **Pray for new studies to begin in neighborhoods of women who desire a closer walk with the Lord.**
3. **Pray for New Facilitators in neighborhoods.**
4. **Pray for male Facilitators and more couples' studies.**
5. **Pray for women who are now serving wholeheartedly.**

VII. **VINTAGE VINEYARD: A Call to Prayer for Stonecroft Ministries**

(10 minutes)

Joel 2:17 "Let the priests, the LORD'S ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare Thy people, O LORD..." 18 "Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and will have pity on His people." 19 "And the LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied in full with them..."

1. **Pray for the national leaders,**
2. **Pray for Village Missionaries,**
3. **Pray for additional missionaries to join the ministry.**

4. **Thank the LORD OF THE HARVEST for the number of decisions for Christ made through the various ministries. Thank Him for the offerings which will be given to the Village Missionaries and for the needs which will be met.**

VIII. **CARING FOR THE FRUIT: A Call to Prayer for Personal Needs**
(10 minutes)

Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

Pray briefly for those for whom you are concerned.

CONCLUSION:

- **Today we have offered up fruitful prayers of sacrifice with the salt of tears to the One who gave Himself as a covenant between God our Father and mankind.**
- **We have confidence that He has heard our prayers and will move on behalf of those we have mentioned for His good pleasure.**
- **We will depart to be about our Father's business of being salt to the world as a kingdom of priests with a heartfelt desire to help bring in the harvest.**