

Prayer Exercise

for the Persistent Widow video, Luke 18:1-8

For an individual:

Instructions

As we wrap up our Common Space groups, let's spend time with God reflecting on where we need persistence. You might want a pen and paper.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for your persistence with us. I give you thanks for your persistence with me.

Let's give thanks aloud for some of the things God does over and over for us.

God, I thank you for _____ (fill in your own things, e.g. providing for me, forgiving me, etc.).

I ask you, Lord, to make me persistent like you, especially in prayer.

Is there a **prayer practice**, perhaps something new from our group, that you want me to persist in?

Give a minute of silence after this and each question below for the Lord to speak.

Write down anything you might hear or sense from the Lord.

Is there a **prayer request** you want me to persist in?

Is there **something I need to believe** in order to persist?

Is there **anything practical** I need to do in order to persist in these things, like set a schedule or find a partner?

Whatever the Lord reveals to you, lift that back up to him.

Lord, I pray that you would help me grow in this way. Amen!

For a group:

(1 min) Introduction and instructions

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I'll lead us through some prayer together, giving silence to reflect on prayer practices or prayer requests in which we might need to persist. Then we'll go to breakouts to talk and pray about what we discern.

(8 min) Prayer together

Lord, we thank you for your persistence with us. Let's give thanks aloud for some of the things God does over and over for us. God, I thank you for _____ (leader fills in their own, like providing for me, forgiving me, etc.). *Let others pray aloud.*

We ask you, Lord, to make us persistent like you, especially in prayer.

Is there a **prayer practice**, perhaps something new from our group, that you want me to persist in? *Give a minute of silence after each question.*

Is there a **prayer request** you want me to persist in?

Is there **something I need to believe** in order to persist?

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(10-15 min) Pray for each other in breakouts of 2 or 3

Share a way (or two or three) that the Lord would like you to grow in persistence.

Pray for each other.

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We ask you, Lord, to make us persistent like you, especially in prayer.

Is there a **prayer practice**, perhaps something new from our group, that you want me to persist in?
Give a minute of silence after each question.

Is there a **prayer request** you want me to persist in?

Is there **something I need to believe** in order to persist?

Is there **anything practical** I need to do in order to persist in these things, like set a schedule or find a partner?

Thank you, Lord, for the way you are speaking to us and prompting reflection. Amen.

(7 min) Breakouts

Let's go into breakout pairs now and each person can share how they feel called to persistence. Then pray for each other to be able to persist in those ways! See you back here in 7 minutes.

(15 min) Connection Part Two:

Ask each person to share something positive that has happened from being in the group this year, perhaps a memory of a particular event or a way they have grown.

(2 min) Close:

Let anyone from the group pray in thanksgiving about things shared and then the leader can close.