



# THE MINISTRY OF THE PRAYER CLOSET

## What is "The Prayer Closet"?

"The Prayer Closet" is a ministry that is dedicated to challenging believers to a deeper prayer life. This ministry is committed to leading believers into a biblical understanding of prayer and providing the information and motivation to put the biblical teaching about prayer into practice in their lives. The name of this ministry has been chosen to convey the main purpose of this ministry: To challenge believers to get alone with God and pursue genuine fellowship with God (Matthew 6:6).

## The Vision of The Prayer Closet

The vision of "The Prayer Closet" is to lead believers from a saving knowledge of God to intimate fellowship with God through prayer. Prayer is a privilege that God gives to His people. Through regeneration and the indwelling Holy Spirit, every believer has a desire as well as a longing to pray and to have intimate fellowship with God. Yet, prayer is a spiritual discipline that has to be developed and practiced. The believer has to grow in how to pray and how to have fellowship with God. No matter how strong or weak a person's prayer life is, there is always the possibility of growth and progress.

## The Purpose of The Prayer Closet

THE PURPOSE OF "THE PRAYER CLOSET" IS TWO-FOLD:

- (1) To equip and challenge believers to grow in the spiritual discipline of prayer. This will be done through the publication of a newsletter, "The Prayer Closet," and the development and production of other materials designed to enhance the believer's prayer life and his fellowship with God. This ministry desires to publish a newsletter and materials that will challenge and convict believers to a more intimate fellowship with God through prayer;
- (2) To establish a network of intercessors for my personal relationship with God and my ministry. It is my desire to be an instrument which God can use mightily for the advancement of His Kingdom. I need people to pray for me. I am nothing and I can do nothing without the prayers of His people.

### **The 1998 Goals of The Prayer Closet**

The following are the goals of this ministry in 1998:

- (1) To build a core group of 300 people who receive the newsletter, other related materials and who intercede for this ministry;
- (2) To develop and publish "prayer packets" that will deal with the four basic areas of prayer; adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication;
- (3) To produce a manual on the spiritual discipline of fasting;
- (4) To gain a solid financial base for this ministry.

### **My Commitment to You**

God has given me a tremendous burden concerning prayer. The great desire of my heart is to have intimate fellowship with Him. I have not mastered the art and discipline of prayer. I am simply a person who struggles to pray wanting to minister and be an encouragement to those who also struggle to pray. If there is anything that I can pray for you about, please let me know. It would be an honor to pray for you and any needs that you may have. Any prayer requests that you share with me will be held in the strictest of confidences. I am committed to ministering to you and to praying daily for you. There are only two request I have for you:

- (1) Please pray for me. I can't stress to you enough how much I value and am in need of the prayers of God's people. I need you to pray for me. The enclosed prayer list is simply a guide to help you know how to pray for me and my ministry. I am nothing and can do nothing without your prayers. I will be eternally grateful to you for your prayers in my behalf.
- (2) Please let me know if you have any questions about prayer or any comments about the newsletter and "The Prayer Closet" publications. I want this ministry to glorify God and I want this ministry to meet your spiritual needs. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. I would like to have a section in the newsletter that deals with questions that believers have about prayer. If you have any testimonies about the power of prayer in your life or the life of the church, I'd like to hear them. If you have practical advice about prayer, please share this. My great desire is to be an instrument in the hand of God to lead you into a deeper prayer life and a more intimate fellowship with God.