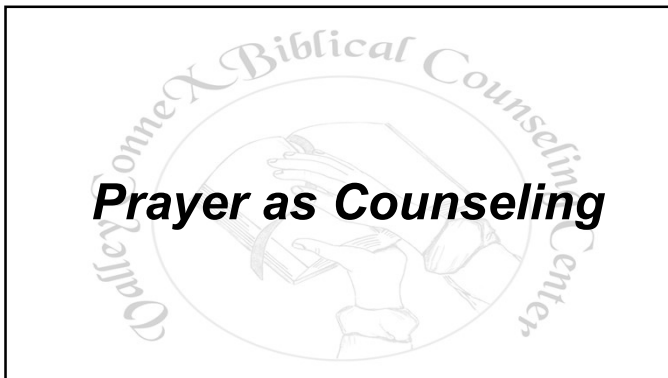


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Prayer in the life of the counselor

- The reality of the spiritual battle being waged in the lives of those we counsel makes prayer indispensable.
- *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12, ESV)*
- *(Ephesians 6:18–20, ESV)*

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Prayer in the life of the counselor

- Diligence in prayer reflects the awareness of our dependence on the Lord Jesus Christ in our service to Him.
- *“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5, ESV)*

4

Prayer in the life of the counselor

- Pray specifically for insight and clarity.
- *“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.” (Colossians 4:2–4, ESV)*

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Prayer in the life of the counselor

- Pray specifically for wisdom.
- *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:5–8, ESV)*

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Prayer in the life of the counselor

- Pray specifically for wisdom.
- *“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (James 3:17–18, ESV)*

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Prayer on behalf of the one(s) in counseling.

- Prayer is essential for those who are experiencing true spiritual attack.
- *““Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”” (Luke 22:31–32, ESV)*

8

Prayer on behalf of the one(s) in counseling.

- Pray against the barriers to receiving and obeying God’s Word.
- *“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.” (2 Corinthians 10:3–6, ESV)*

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Prayer on behalf of the one(s) in counseling.

- Pray for growth and maturity.
 - *“To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thessalonians 1:11–12, ESV)*
 - *Ephesians 1:15-22; 3:14-19*

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Prayer in counseling session.

- Prayer is the remedy for some who are under demonic control.
 - *“But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”” (Mark 9:27–29, ESV)*

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Prayer in the counseling sessions

- Never hesitate to lead a person to pour out their heart in prayer to God during the counseling session.
 - *“She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”” (1 Samuel 1:10–11, ESV)*

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Prayer in the counseling sessions

- Be ready to lead the person God is drawing to salvation to pray to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- *“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”” (Romans 10:9–13, ESV)*

13

Prayer in the life of the one(s) receiving counseling.

- Reveal how God works in concert with the prayers of the counselee to bring remedy.
- *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6–7, ESV)*

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Prayer in the life of the one(s) receiving counseling.

- Lead the counselee to have confidence to call out to God in their times of distress.
- Psalm 107
 - *“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.” (Psalm 107:6, ESV)*
- *“Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.” (Jonah 2:1–2, ESV)*

15

Prayer in the life of the one(s) receiving counseling.

- *Show the appropriate examples of prayers in Scripture which relate to the counselee.*
- *Psalm 51: A Prayer of Repentance*
- *Psalm 3: A Prayer of Lament and Assurance of Help*
- *Psalm 8: A Prayer of Praise*

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“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20–21, ESV)

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