

Herod seeks to destroy

Like Herod, you have an enemy who seeks to steal, kill and destroy you and those around you. Ephesians 6:11 says that the enemy is scheming for your soul. The Greek word for scheme literally means tailor-made plan. Imagine if Satan had an office with a filing cabinet with a folder in it with your name on it. What schemes would be in it? Spend some time silently praying for yourself. Use the following verses as specific things to pray for.

Ephesians 4:1-3, 10-18

Philippians 2:3-5, 14


Philippians 4:6-12



No good thing from Nazareth

Mary & Joseph were despised and ridiculed for the calling God had for their life. And when Jesus was older the Pharisees didn't believe He was the Son of God saying, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Many aspects of life can be difficult. This world is full of broken thoughts, beliefs and relationships.

Take a piece of string and tie a knot for each thing you have been worrying about. Then spend some time praying for that thing and surrendering the control of it to Christ as you untie the knot.



Baby in a Manger

Jesus was born not into a palace built for kings but in a feeding trough giving himself as the bread of Life. He was born into a broken and dirty world. He became sin for us that we might receive eternal life.

When we made the decision to let Jesus forgive our sin and take control of our life, He forgave us for everything we have ever done in the past, present and future. So we don't confess our sin to get more forgiveness, but to restore our friendship/fellowship with God. Ask the Lord if there is anything you need to confess and/or surrender to Him.

Write them down on a piece of paper and then burn it over the bowl remembering with gratitude how God has removed your sin as far as the east is from the west and will never again be remembered by Him.



Taking the Census

Often times we look to external things to find our value perhaps that was Herod's motives in taking the census. and yet God says, "How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!" Psalm 139:17-18

Count as many grains of sand as you can and think about God's thoughts toward you. Then spend some time reading through the verses that talk about your identity in Christ and spend some time thanking Him.



Angels we have heard on high

The angel announced to the shepherds, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:11-12) God put on skin and was born as a baby to live the perfect life we were unable to live and give His life as a ransom for our souls' eternity. After this, a great many more angels appeared, praising God with the words "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14) Spend some time adoring how wonderfully incredible God is.



No room at the inn

Jesus' mission was to bring salvation to the lost so that they would see the Father as He truly is. And yet, as there was no room for Him at the inn, many will not make room for Him in their hearts or lives. God's passion is for the world to know Him. Spend some time praying for the things He passionately cares about; for the world would know Him. Use the unreached people group cards and Operation World for specific things to pray for. Feel free to take one of the unreached people cards to keep in your Bible to pray for. Also make a list of the people in your sphere of influence you want to see come to know Christ and stand innocent before Him. Spend some time praying for them. (For God would soften their hearts and give them a desire to know Him and be able to see their sin for what it is etc.) Ask God to give you ideas of how to get into a spiritual conversation with them and then share the Gospel with them. Write down the ideas that come to mind.

Magi gifts

The magi sought out to worship Jesus with the time, treasure and talents entrusted to them by the Lord. Use the acronym below and ask God to show you more ways you can use the time, talents and resources He's given you to glorify Him.

Interests- What do you enjoy?

Nature- What is your personality?

Vision- If you could do anything for the Lord, what would you do?

Experiences- What experiences has God allowed in your life?

Spiritual Gifts- 1 Cor. 12:4-11 lists some of the spiritual gifts. What gifts do you believe you have or have others said you may have?

Treasure- What resources do you have?

How can you use these to make the invisible God visible to a lost and dying world?