

HOW TO PRAY AND GET ANSWERS

STEP 1

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

REALIZE WHO IT IS YOU ARE APPROACHING...RECOGNIZE HIS HOLINESS AND MAJESTY.

Spend time reflecting on this last week, mth or yr(s) thanking God for the things He has done in the life of your church

Psalm 103:2 (NKJV) ² *Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:*

What you can thank God for...

Answered prayer—how did God respond to what you prayed yesterday?

Spiritual blessings—are you closer today than you were last week?

Relational blessings—thank God for the people God brought into your life yesterday/today

Financial blessings—Thank God for how he has provided—this also includes gifts that are not monetary (don't forget the small blessings...)

1Thess. 5:18 *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

What you can praise God for...

His love, kindness, compassion, mercy, grace, forgiveness, faithfulness...

“Like nothing else, praise and worship prepare your heart for dynamic prayer.” –Greg Frizell

STEP 2

CONFESSION OF SIN

➤ **AFTER RECOGNIZING HIS HOLINESS AND MAJESTY
YOU CANNOT HELP BUT TO SEE HOW SINFUL WE REALLY ARE**

➤ **Get clean before God...this is where God corrects and adjusts your life**

Romans 8:29 *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

Psalm 139:23-24 (NKJV) ²³ *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;* ²⁴ *And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*

Five categories of potential sin for specific confession:

1. sins of thoughts and attitudes... 2Corinthians 10:5

bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

2. sins of speech...Mt 12:36

I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give acct of it in the Day of Judgment

3. Relationship sins...Mt 5:23-24

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

4. sins of commission...Stealing, dishonesty, going to sinful places, TV programs, r-rated movies, destructive habits, putting things before God...etc...1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5. sins of omission James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Proverbs 28:13 ¹³ *He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

Maybe you come to church with a *bad attitude*, perhaps something/someone at church gave you a bad attitude that affected your worship

Maybe you had some *bad thoughts* against someone or something that affected your worship

Maybe you *said something* to someone that wasn't very nice, gossip, inappropriate humor???

All of these unconfessed will stand in the way of your worship

STEP 3

SUPPLICATION (PRAYER FOR SELF)

➤ AFTER A THOROUGH CLEANSING OF SIN NOW YOU ARE READY TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF

1. Pray for your own personal and spiritual growth
2. Pray for your ministry and service to God (if you are not currently serving or feel you could do more ask God where you can join Him in serving the church)
3. Pray for your physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial needs
4. Integrity, character, God's personal will for you life and family

STEP 4

INTERCESSION (PRAYER FOR OTHERS)

➤ NOW YOU ARE AT THE PLACE WHERE YOU CAN PRAY FOR OTHERS

1. Your Church, your pastor, deacons, and Sunday school teachers (using guides below)
2. Pray for your spouse, marriage, children/grandchildren
3. Spiritual and physical needs of family and friends
4. Spiritual needs of work associates, classmates, and those we see in daily life (gas attendants, waitress/waiter, sales clerks, doctors...)
5. Those who don't know Christ (pray for them by name using guide below)
6. spiritual growth and protection of new believers
7. Revival and spiritual awakening in your church and your community
8. missionaries and persecuted believers
9. key denominational leaders
10. spiritual leaders and key churches of all denominations
11. national leaders
12. local, state, and national government
13. key mission strategies
14. key evangelism strategies

HOW TO SPECIFICALLY PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

1. Pray that God will create a spirit of humility and brokenness among the believers *God uses nothing unless he breaks it first ..Isaiah 57:15, James 4:6*
2. Pray for God to reveal to believers any sin that may be hindering their relationship with Jesus
3. Pray for a powerful move of God to bring deep conviction, repentance and mighty release of God's power
4. Ask God to reveal any obstacles that could hinder your church from experiencing genuine revival. Then pray for its removal...**Psalms 139:23,Mark 7:21-22 Romans 1:29-31,Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 4:25-31, 2Tim 3:1-5**
5. Ask God to deal with anything that would cause strife and disunity and that it will cease *"Nothing quenches the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit like broken relationships among believers."*
 - a. Pray for the reconciliation and return of absent members
 - b. Pray for a deep love among members
 - c. That Satan be completely bound from all members and their activities

6. That God may grant believers a deeper understanding and awareness of His holiness... **Isaiah 6:1-5 6:1 1pet 1:15-16**
 7. Pray for a powerful spirit of worship, prayer and holiness to permeate the church
 8. Plead with God to grant the believers a hunger and thirsting for the Word of God and a readiness and willingness to obey. *the church will only be as strong as the members in it ...when we focus on that which is secondary we lose sight of that which is primary...* **Psalms 119:97, Psalms 119:103, 1 John 2:3-6, Romans 15:13, Colossians 3:12-17 James 3:17, Galatians 5:22-23**
 9. Pray that the Pastor will preach the Word of God with power, conviction, compassion and authority... **1 Corinthians 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4**
 10. Pray that God will grant the believers a burden for lost people and an unceasing desire to share the gospel with them... **Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 9:1-3**
 11. Plead that God will give the believers a deeper love for the Lord Jesus Christ **1Jn 4:1-3**
 12. Pray that God will mold the church into a body that He can powerfully use
 - a. Pray for God to raise up laborers for his work
 - b. Pray for a strong wall of protection to surround the church and it's members
 - c. Pray that the church will clearly receive Gods direction in all decisions
 - d. Pray that the church clearly discerns Gods vision for the church
 - e. Worship--ministry--Evangelism--fellowship—discipleship—children—youth
 - f. Pray for people to be excited about working in the church
 - g. Pray for God to supply the resources needed to do ministry
 13. Pray for direction for pastors, deacons, and teachers (name them specifically)
- Nursery—Alicia Abbott; Preschool (ages 2-K)—Lori Faybik, Children 1 (Grades 1-3)—Lisa Paris; Children 2 (Grades 4-6)—Jon Proenneke; Youth (Grades 7-12)—Alan Paris/Gary Blizzard; Adult 1 (18-40)—Sheri Feikert; Adult 2 (41-59+)—Ina Hartmann**

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR AND DEACONS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That they have an overwhelming sense of God's presence 2. For a powerful conviction of personal sin and be wiling to confess it 3. That they have a deep and abiding love for God 4. They be filled with and display the fruit of the spirit | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. They have a clear vision for God's will 6. A deep sense of brotherly love 7. Purity and holiness in personal life 8. Protection from self and Satan 9. Protect their marriage and family 10. To be fruitful in ministry 11. To have pure motives |
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Along with these please include *7 days of praying for your pastor*

PRAYING FOR THE LOST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That God would convict them of sin • That God would reveal himself to them • That God would open the eyes of their understanding • That God would draw them to Himself • Bind satan from them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for grace and mercy to surround them • Help me to be the means by which he is saved and comes to you • Send people across their path the bring a witness of Christ |
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