

## Palmetto Baptist Church – *December 29, 2019*

Praying Like Jesus – *Luke: 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1; 22:32, 40-46*

### The Difficulties with prayer:

- It is hard work that requires concentration.
- It is time-consuming, with few “one-to-one” results.
- I can’t explain how it works so it must not work.
- I am afraid to be alone with only my thoughts and God.

### The Hindrances to prayer:

- **Willing Sin** (Prov. 28:9; 66:18)
- **Failure to Ask** (James 4:2)
- **Wrong Motives** (James 4:3)
- **Unforgiving Spirit** (Matt. 6:14-15)
- **Improper Family Life** (I Peter 3:7)

### 4517 Into The Day

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
I didn’t have time to pray.  
Troubles just tumbled about me  
And heavier came each task.  
Why doesn’t God help me, I wondered,  
He answered, “You didn’t ask.”  
I tried to come into God’s presence,  
I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
“Why child, you didn’t knock.”  
I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
But the day toiled on grey and bleak,  
I called on the Lord for the reason—  
He said “You didn’t seek.”  
I woke up early this morning  
And paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.  
—Author Unknown

### The Prayers of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, and John

- **Prayer of thanksgiving** (Matt. 11:25-26; John 11:41-42)
- **Prayer of submission** (John 12:28; Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42)
- **Prayer of supplication** (John 17)

### The Prayers of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke

- The Priority of Prayer
- The Purpose of Prayer
- The Practice of Prayer

## I. The priority of prayer

- A. **Jesus prayed frequently** (8x recorded in the Gospel of Luke: 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1; 22:32, 40-46)
- B. **Jesus prayed publicly** at His baptism [3:21]
- C. **Jesus prayed privately** [5:16; 6:12; 9:18]
- D. **Jesus prayed in community** [9:28]

# CHAPTER X<sup>1</sup>

## WHEN TO PRAY

If we would know the fulness of blessing that there is in the prayer life, it is important not only that we pray in the right way, but also that we pray at the right time. Christ's own example is full of suggestiveness as to the right time for prayer.

1. In the 1st chapter of Mark, the 35th verse, we read, "And **IN THE MORNING**, rising up **A GREAT WHILE BEFORE DAY**, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

**JESUS CHOSE THE EARLY MORNING HOUR FOR PRAYER.** Many of the mightiest men of God have followed the Lord's example in this. In the morning hour the mind is fresh and at its very best. It is free from distraction, and that absolute concentration upon God which is essential to the most effective prayer is most easily possible in the early morning hours. Furthermore, when the early hours are spent in prayer, the whole day is sanctified, and power is obtained for overcoming its temptations, and for performing its duties. ...

2. In the 6th chapter of Luke in the 12th verse, we get further light upon the right time to pray. We read, "And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued **ALL NIGHT in prayer to God.**"

3. Jesus Christ prayed **BEFORE ALL THE GREAT CRISES IN HIS EARTHLY LIFE.**

He prayed before choosing the twelve disciples; before the sermon on the mount; before starting out on an evangelistic tour; before His anointing with the Holy Spirit and His entrance upon His public ministry; before announcing to the twelve His approaching death; before the great consummation of His life at the cross. ([Luke 6:12,13](#); [Luke 9:18,21,22](#); [Luke 3:21,22](#); [Mark 1:35-38](#); [Luke 22:39-46](#).) He prepared for every important crisis by a protracted season of prayer. So ought we to do also. Whenever any crisis of life is seen to be approaching, we should prepare for it by a season of very definite prayer to God. We should take plenty of time for this prayer.

4. Christ prayed not only before the great events and victories of His life, but He also prayed **AFTER ITS GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPORTANT CRISES.**

When He had fed the five thousand with the five loaves and two fishes, and the multitude desired to take Him and make Him king, having sent them away He went up into the mountain apart to pray, and spent hours there alone in prayer to God ([Matt. 14:23](#); [Jn. 6:15](#)). So He went on from victory to victory.

5. Jesus Christ gave a special time to prayer **WHEN LIFE WAS UNUSUALLY BUSY.** He would withdraw at such a time from the multitudes that thronged about Him, and go into the wilderness and pray. For example, we read in [Luke 5:15,16](#), "But so much the more went abroad the report concerning Him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed of their infirmities. But He withdrew Himself in the deserts and prayed." (R.V.)

Some men are so busy that they find no time for prayer. Apparently the busier Christ's life was, the more He prayed. Sometimes He had no time to eat ([Mark 3:20](#)), sometimes He had no time for needed rest and sleep ([Mark 6:31,33,46](#)), but He always took time to pray; and the more the work crowded the more He prayed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ccel.org/ccel/torrey/pray.i.1.xiii.html>

Many a mighty man of God has learned this secret from Christ, and when the work has crowded more than usual they have set an unusual amount of time apart for prayer. Other men of God, once mighty, have lost their power because they did not learn this secret, and allowed increasing work to crowd out prayer.

## 6. Jesus Christ prayed **BEFORE THE GREAT TEMPTATIONS OF HIS LIFE.**

As He drew nearer and nearer to the cross, and realized that upon it was to come the great final test of His life, Jesus went out into the garden to pray. He came “unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here while I go and pray yonder.” ([Matt. 26:36](#)) The victory of Calvary was won that night in the garden of Gethsemane. The calm majesty of His bearing in meeting the awful onslaughts of Pilate’s Judgment Hall and of Calvary, was the outcome of the struggle, agony and victory of Gethsemane. While Jesus prayed the disciples slept, so He stood fast while they fell ignominiously.

Many temptations come upon us unawares and unannounced, and all that we can do is to lift a cry to God for help then and there; but many of the temptations of life we can see approaching from the distance, and in such cases the victory should be won before the temptation really reaches us.

7. In [1 Thess. 5:17](#) we read, “Pray WITHOUT CEASING,” and in [Eph. 6:18](#), R.V., “praying AT ALL SEASONS.”

Our whole life should be a life of prayer. We should walk in constant communion with God. There should be a constant upward looking of the soul to God. We should walk so habitually in His presence that even when we awake in the night it would be the most natural thing in the world for us to speak to Him in thanksgiving or in petition.

### *I. The priority of prayer*

## **II. The purpose of prayer**

### **A. Jesus prayed to seek wisdom:**

1. for ministry direction [5:16... regarding the response of the people
  - i. **Should I stay and continue to heal the crowds or move on to another place?**
2. 6:12... regarding the selection of the 12 disciples...
  - i. **Who should I choose to partner with me in ministry endeavors**
3. regarding the opinion of the people regarding who he was 9:18–20...
  - i. **How effective am I in my current ministry?**
4. assumption is solid that His practice of prayer began years before He was introduced to the public scene [2:40; James 1:5]

### **B. Jesus prayed for the protection of others [22:31–32]**

### **C. Jesus prayed for the protection and submission of His own soul [22:42–44]**

- I. The priority of prayer*
- II. The purpose of prayer*

### **III. The practice of prayer [11:1-13]**

- A. Praise God (2a)
- B. Submit to God (2b)
- C. Depend on God for your physical needs (3) and your spiritual needs (4)
- D. Make requests to God! [9:5-13]
- E. Persist in prayer: two parables

- 1. an unwanted guest to a friend asleep in his bed [5-10]
- 2. a simple request – to a father from his children [11-13]

### **Application:**

- **Does the discipline of prayer have priority in your life?**
- **What keeps you from praying as you know you should?**
- **How has the study of the prayer-life of Jesus impacted you?**
  - Jesus asked for wisdom
  - Jesus prayed for others
  - Jesus prayed for himself
- **Time:**
  - An established time in the day
  - A time not encumbered with restraints
  - Coupled with an attitude of spontaneous/ unceasing prayer
- **Place:**
  - Anywhere can work.
  - Try to find a place that is free from distraction.
- **Length:**
  - Not the most important thing
  - However, your time should increase as you grow in the Lord because the communion is so sweet!
- **Posture:**

- kneel, sit, stand, on your face
- Our prayers are not heard just because we are in a certain posture.
- **Vocabulary:**
  - “Heavenly” language is not required.
  - You are talking with your Father so be genuine and sincere.
  - You are talking with the Sovereign Lord so do not be flippant.
- **P** -- Praise
- **R** -- Repent
- **A** -- Ask
- **Y** -- Yield
  
- **A** -- Adoration
- **C** -- Confession
- **T** -- Thanksgiving
- **S** -- Supplication

**Prayer Calendar (scroll down to follow a guide with Scripture references):**

- Sunday – Worship
- Monday – Ministry
- Tuesday – Family Needs
- Wednesday – Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Thursday – Victory
- Friday – Reflections
- Saturday – Praise in Preparation for the Lord’s Day

# Sunday

## *Prayers of Worship*

*"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name..." (Matthew 6:9b)*

"God is everywhere, watching, superintending, overseeing, governing everything in the highest interest of man, and carrying forward His plans and executing His purposes in creation and redemption. He is not an absentee God... The wonders of God's power are to be kept alive, made real and present, and repeated only by prayer." (E.M. Bounds, A Treasury of Prayer. [pages 190-191])

## *Prayers of Worship:*

### **Psalm 96:9**

**9** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

### **Psalm 100**

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

*A Psalm for giving thanks.*

**100:1** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**2** Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

**3** Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**5** For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Psalm 18:46**

**46** The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation—

**Psalm 29:2**

**2** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**Psalm 104:24**

**24** O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Psalm 104:31**

**31** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,

**Psalm 33:9**

**9** For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

**Psalm 90:1-2**

Book Four

From Everlasting to Everlasting

*A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.*

**90:1** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**2** Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Psalm 27:4**

**4** One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

**Revelation 4:8**

**8** And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,  
“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”

**Revelation 4:11**

**11** “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

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# Monday

## *Prayers for Ministry*

*“Your Kingdom come. Your will be done” (Matthew 6:10)*

“God requires to be represented by a fiery Church, or He is not in any proper sense, represented at all... The great and eternal interests of heaven-born, God-given religion are the only things about which His Church can afford to be on fire.”  
(E.M. Bounds, A Treasury of Prayer. [page 133])

### *Prayers for Ministries in General:*

#### *Church Leadership (and All Authorities) –*

##### **1 Timothy 2:1-3**

*Pray for All People*

**2:1** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. **3** This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

#### *Pastors –*

##### **1 Corinthians 2:2, 4-5**

**2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified... **4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

#### *Missionaries –*

##### **Philippians 1:20-21**

**20** as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. **21** For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

#### *Personal Ministry to Others –*

## **1 Samuel 12:23-24**

**23** Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. **24** Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

### *Ministry to Family –*

*Pray for Reality in Your Children's Spiritual Lives:*

### *Saving Faith –*

## **Acts 26:18**

**18** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

### *Loving God's Word –*

## **Job 23:12**

**12** I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.

### *Living in Victory –*

## **John 8:32, 36**

**32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...**36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

### *Thinking of Heaven –*

## **Colossians 3:1-2**

*Put on the New Self*

**3:1** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

### *Finding Sin Repulsive –*

## **Psalms 38:18**

**18** I confess my iniquity;  
I am sorry for my sin.

*Staying Tender Toward God --*

**Psalm 51:17**

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Prayers for Ministries*

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# Tuesday

## *Prayers for Family Needs*

*"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11)*

"Prayer goes by faith into the great orchard of God's exceeding great and precious promises, and with hand and heart picks the ripest and richest fruit. The promises, like electricity, may sparkle and dazzle, yet be impotent for good till these dynamic life-giving currents are chained to prayer, and are made the mighty forces which move and bless." (E.M. Bounds, *A Treasury of Prayer*. [page 178-179])

*Note: We should regularly pray for family needs – whether its members are near or far. This may include physical needs, financial needs, spiritual needs or specific personal needs. But when we approach God's throne of grace, we need to do so in faith. For "without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6). (John S. Barnett, *The Joy of a Word Filled Family*. [page 390])*

## *Prayers for Family Needs:*

### **Psalm 37:25**

**25** I have been young, and now am old,  
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken  
or his children begging for bread.

### **Matthew 6:25-33**

#### **Do Not Be Anxious**

**25** "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? **28** And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32** For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**4 Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**19** And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**6** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**22** and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

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# Wednesday

## *Prayers for Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

*"And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12)*

"Men must walk in upright fashion in order to be able to pray well....Praying takes its tone and vigor from the life of the man or woman exercising it. When character and conduct are at a low ebb, praying can but barely live, much less thrive." (E.M. Bounds, A Treasury of Prayer. [page 163])

*Note: Immediately following the Lord's Prayer, Jesus said that if we don't forgive the trespasses of others, then our heavenly Father will not forgive us (Matthew 6:14). Furthermore, God tells us that if we regard iniquity in our heart, He will not hear our prayers (Psalm 66:18). While it's true that sins should be confessed daily (1 John 1:9), we also need a regular quiet time of concentrated examination to insure that our walk is not slowly being tarnished by undetected "black spots" ... keeping "clean accounts" with God and others is imperative if we are to live a Word-filled life. (John S. Barnett, The Joy of a Word Filled Family. [page 391])*

### *Prayers for Forgiveness and/or Reconciliation:*

#### **Proverbs 28:13**

**13** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

#### **Psalm 86:5**

**5** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

#### **Psalm 103:10-12**

**10** He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
**11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
**12** as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

#### **Ephesians 4:30-32**

**30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## *Prayers for Stability in Your Children's Relational Lives:*

### *Cultivating Love for Brothers and Sisters –*

#### **1 John 4:7-8**

##### *God Is Love*

**7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

### *Trusting God When Troubles Come –*

#### **1 Samuel 15:23a**

**23** For rebellion is as the sin of divination,  
and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.”

### *Loving God's Plan for Their Lives –*

#### **Psalms 139:14**

**14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

### *Waiting for God's Chosen Partner --*

#### **2 Corinthians 6:14**

##### *The Temple of the Living God*

**14** Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

## *Prayers for Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

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# Thursday

## *Prayers For Victory*

*“And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one” (Matthew 6:13a)*

“Prayer is a wonderful power placed by Almighty God in the hands of His saints, which may be used to accomplish great purposes and to achieve unusual results.” (E.M. Bounds, A Treasury of Prayer. [page 179])

*Note: In John 15:5, Jesus said that without Him, we can do nothing. It is only through abiding in Christ, and His Word, that we can have the power to be victorious in whatever we face. The key to unleashing prayers that God always answers is to have them flowing from a Word-filled life! If you daily put on the armor of God, He will give the power to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11)! (John S. Barnett, The Joy of a Word Filled Family. [page 392])*

### *Prayers for Victory –*

#### **Matthew 26:41**

**41** Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

#### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

**13** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:57-58**

**57** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**58** Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

#### **Philippians 4:13**

**13** I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

### *Prayers for Integrity in Your Children's Personal Lives:*

#### *Maintaining a Clear Conscience –*

#### **1 Timothy 1:5**

**5** The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

#### *Learning to Stand Alone –*

## **2 Peter 1:3**

**3** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

*Seeking to Stay Pure in Mind and Body –*

## **1 Peter 2:11**

**11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

*Evidencing a Servant's Heart –*

## **Mark 10:44-45**

**44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*Not Becoming Bitter --*

## **Ephesians 4:30-32**

**30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## *Prayers for Victory*

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# Friday

## *Prayers of Reflection*

*“For Yours is the kingdom...” (Matthew 6:13b)*

“Humility is an indispensable requisite of true prayer. It must be an attribute, a characteristic of prayer. Humility must be in the praying character as light is in the sun... As a ship is made for the sea, so prayer is made for humility, and so humility is made for prayer.” (E.M. Bounds, *A Treasury of Prayer*. [page 148])

*Note: Friday's prayer theme places an emphasis on examining whether or not we are giving the King of kings first place in our lives. In other words, have you demonstrated vitality in your eternal life this past week so that you can lead your family to do the same? (John S. Barnett, *The Joy of a Word Filled Family*. [page 392-3])*

## *Prayers of Reflection –*

### **Jeremiah 17:10**

**10** “I the LORD search the heart  
and test the mind,  
to give every man according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

### **Psalms 26:2**

**2** Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.

### **Proverbs 16:19**

**19** It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor  
than to divide the spoil with the proud.

### **Proverbs 29:23**

**23** One's pride will bring him low,  
but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

### **1 Peter 5:5**

**5** Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

## *Prayers for Vitality in Your Children's Lives –*

### *Choosing a Life of Contentment –*

#### **Philippians 4:11-12**

**11** Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. **12** I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

### *Choosing a Life of Consecration –*

#### **Matthew 16:24**

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

**24** Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

### *Choosing a Life of Commitment –*

#### **Luke 9:62**

**62** Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

### *Giving a Life Back to the Lord –*

#### **1 Chronicles 28:9**

David's Charge to Solomon

**9** “And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

## *Prayers of Reflection*

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# Saturday

## *Prayers of Praise and Preparation for Sunday*

*“...and the power and the glory forever. Amen” (Matthew 6:136)*

“Prayer puts God’s work in His hands, and keeps it there. It looks to Him constantly and depends on Him implicitly to further His own cause. Prayer is but faith resting in, acting with, and leaning on and obeying God. This is why God loves it so well, why He puts all power into its hands, and why He so highly esteems men of prayer... [And] giving thanks is the very life of prayer. It is its fragrance and music, its poetry and its crown. Prayer is brining the desired down so it breaks out into praise and thanksgiving.” (E.M. Bounds, *A Treasury of Prayer*. [page 159 and 151])

*Note: To prepare for the Lord’s Day services, make sure you’ve asked God to search your mind and heart to reveal if there is anything displeasing in you (Psalm 26:2). Then, to experience the Lord’s presence more fully, ask Him to fill your mind and heart with praise, for God says that He inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3)! (John S. Barnett, *The Joy of a Word Filled Family*. [page 393])*

## *Prayers of Praise—*

### **Psalm 33:1**

The Steadfast Love of the LORD

**33:1** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.

### **Psalm 33:4-5**

**4** For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
**5** He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

### **Psalm 34:1-3**

Taste and See That the LORD Is Good

*Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.*

**34:1** I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**2** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

**3** Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

### **Psalm 96:1-6**

Worship in the Splendor of Holiness

**96:1** Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**2** Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.

**3** Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**4** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.

**5** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

**6** Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

### **Psalm 103:1-2**

Bless the LORD, O My Soul

*Of David.*

**103:1** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**2** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

### **Psalm 105:1-5**

Tell of All His Wonderful Works

**105:1** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**2** Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!

**3** Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**4** Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

**5** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**Psalm 147:1**

He Heals the Brokenhearted

**147:1** Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Hebrews 13:15**

**15** Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

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