



# Prayer Guide

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**Confession** – Confession is when we agree with God about our sin and seek forgiveness, repent, and are restored by the grace of God.

-Read and pray through Psalm 51

-Spend a few minutes in silence, allowing the Spirit to search your heart and convict you

-Verbally confess your sins to God

-Confess the sins of the church and community

-Commit to a lifestyle that reflects that of our Lord

-If so lead, pray this prayer

Most merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
In thought, word, and deed,  
By what we have done,  
And by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us;  
That we may delight in your will,  
Walk in your ways,  
And share your love,  
To the glory of your Name,  
Amen

**Praise** – Praise is when we prayerfully reflect on and speak the nature of God. (His character, love, grace, beauty, and such.) It is distinct from thanksgiving in that thanksgiving responds to God for what he has done, not for who he is.

-Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 or Psalm 103

-Reflect on the greatness of who God is

-Try calling out the various names of God (Father, Master, Adonai, Yahweh, and others)

-How has God's character shown up in your life?

-Call out adjectives that reflect who God is (great, mighty, gracious, forgiving, and others)

**Thanksgiving** – Thanksgiving occurs when we acknowledge the work of God in our lives. This is when we respond to him for what he has done.

- Read Psalm 126 or Exodus 15:1-18
- Spend a few minutes counting your blessings from this past week
- Rejoice and give thanks for what God has been doing in your life!
- Speak aloud and talk to God about the great things he has done in our midst

**Intercession** – Intercession is when we pray on the behalf of others and for events and situations.

- Read Luke 18:1-8 or Colossians 1:9-12

Those that are sick and in need \_\_\_\_\_  
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Those that are in poverty or struggling with meeting their basic needs \_\_\_\_\_  
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Children that are in poor situations with their families \_\_\_\_\_  
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Those that have recently experienced tragedy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Local political leaders \_\_\_\_\_  
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State political leaders \_\_\_\_\_  
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National political leaders \_\_\_\_\_  
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Coryell Community Church \_\_\_\_\_  
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Church elders and staff \_\_\_\_\_  
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Revival and growth in the church \_\_\_\_\_  
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Those that are lost and in need of Christ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other churches in Gatesville \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gatesville school system \_\_\_\_\_

Local law enforcement \_\_\_\_\_

Those that need to know Christ \_\_\_\_\_

Your family members \_\_\_\_\_

Your extended family members \_\_\_\_\_

Your neighbors \_\_\_\_\_

Your co-workers \_\_\_\_\_

Your boss and company \_\_\_\_\_

The Persecuted Church \_\_\_\_\_

Missionaries that you know of \_\_\_\_\_

Other requests \_\_\_\_\_

**Petition** – Petitionary prayer happens when we pray for ourselves and our needs.

-Read Matthew 7:7-11 and Psalm 25:1-2

**A Model for Praying Prayers of Petition – The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power  
And the glory, forever. Amen

**Why the Lord's Prayer?**

- Begin with adoration ("Hallowed...")
- Set your requests in a mindset of the Kingdom of God ("Your Kingdom come...")
- Ask for the bare essentials of life ("Give us today our daily bread...")
  - This could be clothing, food, money to exist on, a warm coat, healing, relationship issues, or any basic part of life.
- Ask for forgiveness ("Forgive us...")
- Pray for your Spiritual well-being and growth ("Lead us not...")

Virtues or attitudes God wants to develop in me \_\_\_\_\_  
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Spiritual needs to be restored to fellowship with my Father \_\_\_\_\_  
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Spiritual needs to be reconciled with fellow Christians \_\_\_\_\_  
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Spiritual growth and maturity \_\_\_\_\_  
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Being a godly family member \_\_\_\_\_  
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Being a faithful church member \_\_\_\_\_  
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Guidance for family, work, church, and ministry \_\_\_\_\_  
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Strength to overcome temptations \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deliverance or protection from. . . \_\_\_\_\_  
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