

as you remember and give thanks for all God has done.

4. S- Supplication

*I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.
- 1 Timothy 2:1 NLT*

The world around us is in desperate need of God. We have privilege of entering the throne room of God where we can bring prayers for others before the Almighty. 1 Timothy tells us to pray for all people.

Who are some of the people you know personally who have needs that only God can meet? Remember those who don't yet know Him, those who are sick or grieving, those who are struggling with finances, relationships, addictions, and depression. Broaden your prayers to pray for your church leaders, your community, state and national elected officials. For those impacted by natural disasters and war. Ask God to soften your heart and open your eyes to align your prayers with His will over all of these areas.

WRAP-UP

As a conclusion to this time of prayer and worship let's remember the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

"This, then, is how you should pray: "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. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." - Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

MEMORY VERSE

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Challenge – Start the New Year with a time of silent prayer and listen for the voice of God as you begin 2024.

A.C.T.S
New Year's Eve 2023

INTRODUCTION

We are ushering in the New Year with prayer and worship this week. Our prayer will be in four parts; Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Let your prayers this week be accompanied by praise and worship to the King of Kings.

Ice Breaker

What is one thing you are planning to do differently in 2024?

Key Passage

*A psalm of thanksgiving. Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.
- Psalm 100:1-5 NLT*

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. A- Adoration

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. - 1 Chronicles 29:11 NLT

We begin this study with the expression of our deep affection and love of God. These are the prayers of adoration. In prayers of adoration, we recall the many aspects of who God and that we love Him when we

pause to reflect on them. Consider more than what God has done, consider what His character is like and how He has expressed Himself to you.

15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. - Psalm 86:15 NIV

Begin your time of prayer by expanding on the qualities mentioned in Psalm 86 above. When has God shown Himself compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, or loving towards you?

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- 1 John 3:1 NIV*

One thing the Bible makes clear is that God is our loving Father. Jesus call God His “Abba”. That is a term of endearment, like we would use the word daddy.

Close your eyes and envision God looking directly at you with the love of a father. He doesn't have the flaws and shortcomings of our earthly fathers, but He is the perfect heavenly father we all long for. Let this prayer time be one of love expressed tenderly to your Abba.

If you know the praise song “Good, Good Father” you might sing it to God now as an act of worship.

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
You are perfect in all of Your ways
Oh, You're perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

2. C- Confession

*8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.
- 1 John 1:8-10 NLT*

When we hear the word confession we might think of a criminal. A confession is the acknowledgment of guilt. And when we confess, we acknowledge the guilt of our sin.

If a criminal confesses their guilt, they will probably be facing some penalties for breaking the law. But what does 1 John 1:9 tell us to expect when we confess our sins? The alternative to confession is either denial or concealing our sins. How do you feel when you carry unconfessed sins?

We can try to fool ourselves into believing we have no sin, or we can call God a liar because He tells us that all have sinned. But if we humble ourselves and confess our sins then we will receive forgiveness and cleansing.

Take a few moments in silence to acknowledge your sins before God.

3. T- Thanksgiving

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT

Giving thanks to God should be easy. He has given so much to us. But there are times when the circumstances in our lives plunge us into darkness and we struggle to see the blessings through the pain. When Paul told the Thessalonians to be thankful in all circumstances, he knew it would be difficult. However, we are not thankful for all circumstances, but despite them because we have God, the anchor and firm foundation in our lives.

Whether you are celebrating a time of joy or passing through a time of challenge, give thanks to God in prayer. If you begin with thanks for salvation and eternal life, you will find that your gratitude grows