

PRAYER SERVICE

Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Prayer and fasting are our ACTS of listening, praising, giving thanks, and bringing our petitions to God, confident that He loves and answers us. Our pattern of prayer for this service flows out of our ACTS where we are called (1) to LISTEN and meditate silently on God's Word, (2) to REFLECT on the questions, (3) to SHARE what may have come to you, and (4) to PRAY for what is on our hearts.

ADORATION (Praise God for who He is)

PRAISE SONGS

LISTEN (Psalm 100)

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

REFLECT

What blessings in your life and in our congregation cause you to praise God?

SHARE

PRAY

CONFESSION (Own up to our sins)

LISTEN (Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12, David's confession when faced with his sin)

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.....
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

REFLECT

What do you need to confess before God? Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask to forgive you?

SHARE

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THANKSGIVING (Thanksgiving recognizes God for all that He has done.)

LISTEN



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(Psalm 100:4)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

(Philippians 4:6)

REFLECT

What and who are you grateful for in your life?

Are you able to be grateful in every circumstance, whether it is good or painful?

SHARE

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SUPPLICATION (Make requests before God for ourselves and others)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Luke 11:9)

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but Yours be done." (Luke 2:42 ... words of Jesus the night of his arrest)

REFLECT

What and who do we need to pray for in our congregation, government, community, and family?

What is God trying to teach you in your life circumstances?

SHARE

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CLOSING – OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Silence for reflection after each petition)

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: (Who or what tempts you? How will you overcome?)

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(What does it mean that I address God as "Father"?)

(How do I make God's Name holy?)

(Am I willing to let go of control and let God rule my life?)

(Am I willing to follow God's will and let go of my own?)

(Do I trust that God will always take care of me?)

(Who do I need to forgive?)

(Whom do I need to ask for forgiveness?)

(Who or what tempts you? How will you overcome?)

(Do I praise God with my life?)

PRAISE SONGS

BLESSING

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