



"Prayer Guide"

Use the following as a tool to assist you during your prayer time.

PRAISE: Praise is saying, *"I thank You for Who You are and what You have done!"*

*"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.
One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts."
Psalm 145:3-4*

Read a Psalm while looking for the greatness of God. Then praise Him for write a note to God telling Him what that means to you. That is pure praise.

Examples of what to praise God for:

- **For His attributes:** mercy, grace, love, kindness, justice, power, wisdom, riches, honor, all-knowing, ever-present, eternal, etc.
- **For His names:** He is our Refuge, Lord, Rock, Redeemer, King, Hope, Glory, Healer, Comforter, Strength, Provider, Judge, Joy and Crown, Bright Morning Star, etc.
- **For His great acts in history:** for the miracles of Scripture that reveal His power and presence, for coming to the aid of His people when they cried out for help, for sending Jesus to die for our sins, for sending His Holy Spirit into our lives, for building the Church to be the Body of Christ in the world, for revealing Himself through the Bible, etc.
- **For His present activity:** gives wisdom to all who ask, gives us our daily bread, works good in all things that happen in our lives, guides our path, gives us strength when we are weak, speaks to our hearts through His Holy Spirit, loves us through the fellowship of His Church, meets all our needs when we seek first His kingdom, takes our burdens upon Himself, guards us from the evil one, etc.

REPENT: Repentance is saying, *"I acknowledge the wrongs in life and I want to change direction. I realize what I have done that I should not have done, but I also realize what I should have done that I did not do."*

Key Idea: Search your heart from where you fell short in the last 24 hours.

*"Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
Psalm 51:9-10*

Examples of personal areas you want to examine, confess, and seek to change:

- **My thoughts and attitudes:** ungratefulness, grumpiness, bitterness, unforgiveness, pride, not having a servant heart, critical spirit, worry, lust, fear, anger, stinginess, doubt, unresolved anger, etc.
- **My words:** hurtful, sharp, sarcastic, not encouraging, lying, gossiping, making false promises, foul language or humor, negative, overbearing, critical, dominating, opinionated, etc.
- **My deeds:** harsh or rude actions, failure to show kindness and mercy, not putting God first, failing to stand up for my faith, unfaithfulness in worship, prayer, giving, reading God's Word, serving, etc.

Examples of corporate sins to confess:

- Not being devoted to God's Word and to prayer, boasting in what we have done rather than what God has done, not caring for the poor and needy around us, not honoring God throughout the week, etc.

ASK: Asking is called intercessory prayer. I simply say, *"I come before you interceding for..."*

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."*

Ephesians 6:18

- **Our families:** for salvation of family members, for genuine faith and spiritual growth for each family member, for the home to be the primary place for discipleship, for harmony in the family, for the marriage relationship to be Christ-centered, strong and enduring, for prayer to permeate the home, for family to impact others for Christ, for grace and forgiveness, etc.
- **Our church:** for boldness and faithfulness to God's Word, for spiritual growth, for perseverance in fulfilling God's vision for Pikes Peak Christian, for sensitivity to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for growth in faith, for deep caring for one another, for fellowship and unity among the members, for honoring God in tithes and offerings, for repentance to be continual, for outreach into the community and world, etc. Pray for the following church leaders, their families, and ministries:
 - **Elders:** Wayne Hinkle, Dan Kasson, KC Kuykendall, Darrin Ronde.
 - **Church Staff:** For the pastoral and support staff that lead our various ministries.
 - **Volunteers:** We have hundreds of people serving in a host of ways. Thank God for these servants and pray for them.
 - **Global Impact Ministries (World Missions):** Ministry Coordinators, Mark & Asa Fisher. For those serving other nations, Scott & Annelle Price, Randy & Miki Brooks, Rahim & Zema Agayev.
- **Our nation's leaders and all those in authority** (1 Timothy 2:1-2): for our new President and his family, for his dependence upon God and wisdom in leading this nation, for protection from physical and spiritual attacks, to watch over his family and keep them from harm, for courage to make tough decisions. For other leaders in our lives: parents, bosses and supervisors, military officers, other government leaders, teachers and coaches, etc.

- **Our military:** for physical and spiritual protection as they enter combat, for strength and courage, for success in their missions, for faithfulness and steadfastness in their faith in times of temptation, for those who don't know Christ to have their eyes opened to Him, for safety for their families and endurance during this time of separation, for friends and family to support them and "fill in the gaps" while dad or mom is away, for resolution to this conflict, etc.
- **Our community and nation:** for an openness to the gospel message, for humility before God, for cleansing of demoralizing influences (pornography, drugs, etc.), for an affirmation of biblical principles as the strength of this nation, for other churches to be a light in this dark nation, for a supportive relationship between the state and churches, etc.
- **Our enemies** (Matthew 5:44): Pray for the difficult people in your life and those people who are opposed to God and the values God advocates.

YIELD: For great things to happen in my life, I must become less concerned with "ME" and more concerned with Christ in me. To yield I simply pray, *"I surrender to Your will."*

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10

- Commit to accepting God's will in your life, your family, your church, etc., that even above your requests, that He would be ultimately honored and glorified in everything.

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