

Prayer Vigil



Prayer Guide

Colossians 4:2 “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Prepare to pray:

Ask God to help you spend a profitable time with him. Pray through some Scriptures. Jeremiah 33:3 “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Psalm 4:1b “Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.”

Four important areas of prayer [ACTS]:

1. Adoration: Reflecting on God himself. Praise Him for his love, his power and majesty, and his wonderful gift of Christ. Psalm 95:2 “Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!” 1 Chronicles 29:11-13, “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.”

2. Confession: Admitting your sins to God. Be honest and humble. Seek God’s forgiveness and accept his forgiveness. Psalm 51:10 “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

3. Thanksgiving: Telling God how grateful you are for everything he has given you—even the unpleasant things. Your thankfulness will help you see his purposes. Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

4. Supplication: Making specific requests, both for other and for you. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 “pray without ceasing” (NASB)