

PRAYING FOR YOUR CHURCH

Pray through the following questions. If something comes to your mind as you pray jot it down. As you share these ideas with others God will either confirm them or not confirm them. Trust that He can and will. Thank Him and don't be offended if an idea is not confirmed. We are learning to know God's will.

- What burdens has God given you as you have prayed about His will and about your place in His will for your church?
- What needs in your community have you felt a God given burden to meet?
- What activity in and around your church may indicate an invitation for you to join in God's work?
- What Scriptural command(s) has God used to convict you about an area your church needs to address (for example, ministry to the poor, needy, oppressed, widows, and orphans or ministries of tithing, loving, witnessing, teaching, and discipling)?
- Might the kinds of members God has been adding to your body indicate God's preparation for an assignment? (for example, medical personnel for medical missionary work, ethnic persons for starting a new church, or construction personnel for building churches in mission areas).
- Do you need more laborers to be sent into the field?

PAUL'S PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

- Knowledge of God's will, spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- Worthy living that would please the Lord.
- Spiritual fruit bearing
- Growth in the knowledge of God
- Endurance, faith, joy, love, and spiritual fullness.

SAMPLE PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

- I bless you, Lord.
- Honor and majesty belong to You.
- I stand in awe of your greatness and power.
- I love you because you first loved me.
- I long to be with you, Lord. I hunger and thirst for you.
- I glorify your name because you have done great things.
- The heavens declare your glory, Lord. I worship in the splendor of your holiness.
- Lord, your splendor and majesty are glorious. I worship you.

EXAMPLES OF WORSHIP

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. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being." (Revelation 4:11)

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased men for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:9, 12)

"Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed." (Revelation 15:3-4)

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is not just an act or statement. It is an attitude of gratitude.
Prayers of Thanksgiving reveal a relationship between the Giver and the receiver.

Focus on the following Scriptures of Thanksgiving.

- Express to the Lord your gratitude.
- Thank Him for all He has done for you.

EXAMPLES OF THANKSGIVING

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. (1 Chronicles 29:12-13)

You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. (Psalm 30:11-12)

We give thanks to you, O God,
we give thanks, for your Name is near;
men tell of your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 75:1)

O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant;
you have freed me from my chains.
I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord. (Psalm 116:16-17)

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
the One who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.” (Revelation 11:17)

THANKSGIVING COMMENDED

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:20)

In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

EXAMPLES OF CONFESSION OF SIN *

David ... said to the Lord, “I have sinned greatly in what I have done.
Now, O Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have
done a very foolish thing.” (2 Samuel 24:10)

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 that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
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.
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.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you. (Psalm 51:1-4, 7-13)

“Our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens.
From the days of our forefathers until now, our guilt has been great. ... But
now, O our God, what can we say after this? For we have disregarded the
commands you gave ... O Lord, God of Israel, you are righteous! ... Here we
are before you in our guilt, though because of it not one of us can stand in
your presence.” (Ezra 9:6, 7, 10, 11)

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12)

CONFESSION OF TRUTH

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matt. 16:16)

PROMISE FOR CONFESSION

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)