

## **MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK**

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# **Praying with Others**

**Definition:** Prayer is a powerful way to interact with both God and others. Praying with others can be both encouraging and deeply meaningful. There are many benefits that come from praying face-to-face. You will see deepening relationships as you share and pray together in person. God's power can also be felt stronger as you lead a group in prayer.

**Audio Segment:** *Praying with others. Comments by Mike Weaver*

**Using the acronym ACTS – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication – We will pray together using the scriptures to guide us.**

**See ACTS pages for guidelines for our Table Discussion**

## Praying With Others

This past Thanksgiving, like many before, was filled with all my kids and now some spouses. Everyone is talking, debating, telling stories and laughing. Sometimes I am in the middle of it and sometimes I just sit there and listen with sheer delight. Looking at my children and listening to them is one of my greatest joys in life.

Our heavenly Father takes the same joy in watching us, listen to us, and talking to us as we do with our own children. He deeply loves us and desires to hear our voices call out to him with thanksgiving, stories, praise, and requests.

Author Max Lucado writes, "Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Today we are *not* going to talk about prayer. ***We are going to pray.***

### **Luke 11:1-4**

"Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:

"Father, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day the food we need,

<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation.

## **A**doration and praise

**Using the scripture to guide you take time to together and give praise to God.**

**Psalm 100:3 - 5** 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 145:3** The Lord is great and certainly worthy of praise! No one can fathom his greatness!

**Exodus 15:12** The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my **salvation**. This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

### **Names of God:**

**EI Elyon** (The Most High God) God that is above everyone and everything

**Adonai** (Lord, Master) God is in charge of his creation and his people, Lord of lords.

**EI Shaddai** (Lord God Almighty) God is our all-powerful and all-sufficient sustainer.

**EI Olam** (The Everlasting God)

**Jehovah Jireh** (The LORD Will Provide)

**Jehovah Rapha** (The LORD Who Heals You)

**Jehovah Shalom** (The LORD Is Peace)

**Jehovah Sabaoth** (The LORD of Hosts) God is always there to defend us, fight our battles, and win our wars. There is no enemy he cannot defeat.

**Jehovah Raah** (The LORD Is My Shepherd)

## **C**onfession

**Use the scripture to guide you and take time together and confess your sin.**

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us from all wickedness.

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

### **Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

Wash me clean from my guilt.

Purify me from my sin.

For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.

You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice.

Don't keep looking at my sins.

Remove the stain of my guilt.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a loyal spirit within me.

Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.

Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.

Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.

You do not want a burnt offering.

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.

You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

## **T**hanksgiving

**Use the scripture to guide you and take time together and express your thankfulness.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** In everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**Psalm 107:1** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.

**Psalm 75:1** We thank you, O God!  
We give thanks because you are near. People everywhere tell of your wonderful deeds.

**Psalm 136:4 – 9** Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

<sup>5</sup> Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

**Psalm 86:15** O Lord, you are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.

**Ephesians 2:8, 9** For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**1 Chronicles 29:12** You are the source of wealth and honor; you rule over all. You possess strength and might to magnify and give strength to all.

**John 16:33** I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble and suffering, but take courage—I have conquered the world

**Psalm 7:17** I will thank the LORD for his justice; I will sing praises to the sovereign LORD!

**1 Corinthians 1:14** I always thank my God for you

**Ephesians 1:16** I do not cease to give thanks for you when I remember you in my prayers.

## **S**upplication

**Psalm 40:11** LORD, don't hold back your tender mercies from me. Let your unfailing love and faithfulness always protect me.

**Matthew 26:41** Stay awake and pray that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**Matthew 5:44** But I say to you, love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you

**John 17:20** I am not praying only on their behalf, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their testimony, <sup>21</sup> that they will all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I am in you.

**Romans 10:1** Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of my fellow Israelites is for their salvation.

**Philippians 4:6** Do not be anxious about anything. Instead, in every situation, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, tell your requests to God.

**Colossians 4:3** At the same time pray for us too, that God may open a door for the message so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

**1 Timothy 2:1, 2** First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanks be offered on behalf of all people, <sup>2</sup> even for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.