

Biblical Examples and Styles of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, which serves as a basic model for us (because it includes several kinds of petitions), and some prayers from Scripture give a wealth of methods, or styles, for moving your group to deeper levels of praying.

Opening	"Hear our prayer"	<u>Nehemiah 1:11</u> ; <u>Psalm 5:1-3</u>
Adoration	"Hallowed be your name"	<u>Deuteronomy 10:21</u> ; <u>1 Chronicles 29:10-13</u> ; <u>Psalm 34:8-9</u>
Affirmation	"Your will be done"	<u>Psalm 27:1</u> ; <u>Isaiah 26:3</u> ; <u>Romans 8:38-39</u>
Group Needs	"Give us this day"	<u>Psalm 7:1</u> ; <u>Nehemiah 1:11</u> ; <u>Matthew 7:7-8</u>
Confession	"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"	<u>Psalm 51</u> ; <u>Matthew 18:21-35</u> ; <u>1 John 1:9</u>
Renewal (protection)	"Lead us not into temptation"	<u>1 Corinthians 10:13</u>
Thanksgiving	"Give thanks to the Lord"	<u>1 Chronicles 16:34</u> ; <u>Psalm 75:1</u> ; <u>Revelation 11:17</u>
Blessing	"The Lord bless you and keep you"	<u>Numbers 6:22-27</u> ; <u>Psalm 1:1</u>
Commissioning	"Go therefore and make disciples"	<u>Matthew 28:18-20</u> ; <u>Acts 1:8</u>
Healing	"The prayer of faith will make you well"	<u>James 5:13-16</u> ; <u>Psalm 6:2</u> ; <u>Psalm 41:4</u>
Warfare	"Get behind me, Satan"	<u>Matthew 4:10</u> ; <u>Matthew 16:23</u>
Closing	"May the grace of the Lord"	<u>2 Corinthians 13:14</u> ; <u>Ephesians 3:20-21</u>

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