## **Faithful Prayer**

Prayer is giving our attention to God in a two-way spiritual relationship where we talk to God and also listen to Him.

## \*Prayer is Communication with God\*

## 1. Confessing our sins before God

1 John 1:9

But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness.

## 2. Praising God

Psalms 145:1-3

- 1) I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever.
- 2) I will praise you every day, yes, I will praise you forever.
- 3) Great is the Lord. He is most worthy of Praise. No one can measure His greatness.

## 3. Thanking God

1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His faithful love endures forever.

#### 4. Asking God for our needs/desires

1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will. He hears us.

## \*Prayer is Communion with our Creator\*

Communion-an intimate connection

God invites us into a close covenant relationship with Him.

God knows everything about us...in the places of our heart and mind.

Psalms 139:1

O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me...

## \*Prayer is Central to the Christian Life\*

We are commanded to pray continually we seek God and grow in intimacy with Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Never stop praying.

# \*Prayer builds Community\*

Hebrews 10:24-25

- 24) Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.
- 25) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another. Especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

When you accepted Christ as your Savior, you became a child of God. But you are not an only child. You became part of a family.