



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
06/23/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 38: What is prayer?

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. It is expected that parents will be teaching their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Read Psalm 62:1-12 (focus on verse 8)

Discuss

Prayer can be a lot of things. Sometimes prayer is praising God for who He is and what He has done. Sometimes prayer is confessing our sins to God and asking Him to forgive us. Sometimes prayer is thanking God for the many good gifts that He has given to each of us. Sometimes prayer is asking for God to meet our needs or provide a blessing we desire. But most often, prayer involves some of each of those parts.

All together these pieces paint a picture of pouring out our whole heart to God.

God already knows what is inside your heart. He knows what you need before you do. He knows our sins long before we come in confession. He is eagerly expecting to rejoice with us the moment we come to Him in thanksgiving. Like every Father, He desires to give good gifts to His children.

When we pray, we do so remembering that God already knows what we have in our hearts. We can pray openly and honestly because there is truly nothing we can hide.

Pour out your heart to God. He desires to meet your needs, bear your pains, and lead you into greater joy.

Discussion Questions

- How do you think about prayer?
- What helps you to pray honestly to God?
- Do you ever hold things back from God? Why is that a bad idea?
- Do you trust God to give you what you need?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Iran is an Islamic theocracy. Religion is tied to ancestry in Iran, meaning that if your family was Christian at the time of the revolution, you are allowed to remain a Christian. However, converting to Christianity is illegal. Converts face being cast from society, loss of jobs, financial ruin, beatings, arrest, imprisonment, and quite often death. Some have been imprisoned for years without any hope for release simply because they followed Christ. Most Christians gather in very small house churches, but even these are frequently raided with members being suddenly arrested and taken to prison without a sentence.

About the song:

This song is very modern, yet the words echo the very heart of prayer. Through it we pour out our heart to God, recognizing our dependence on God to save us and keep us. The lyrics lead us to recognize that Jesus Christ alone is our one defense and we are in need of His grace at all times and in all ways.

Pray

Thank God for allowing you to come to Him in prayer.

Sing

Lord I Need You
Matt Maher (2013)

LORD I NEED YOU

Verse 1:

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2:

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(Chorus)

Verse3:

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

(Chorus)



TUESDAY

**Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Psalm 63:3-4;
Revelation 4:8**

Discuss

A common model used for prayer is ACTS. This stands for: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (petition/asking). Each day this week we will examine one of these four parts of prayer. Today is: Adoration.

Adoration means to adore, to praise, to exalt. When we adore God, we are pouring out our hearts in praise of who He is.

Jesus demonstrates this for us in Matthew 6:9 when He teaches us to pray saying, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

Hallowed means holy. The first thing that Jesus does when teaching us to pray is to tell God how holy He is! Think of all the attributes of God that you can. Are these wonderful things? Isn’t God glorious? He is as the only all-powerful, all-knowing, merciful, gracious, holy, loving, jealous God. Doesn’t He deserve praise and honor for this?

Not only for who He is though, but also what He has done! Throughout history God has done amazing and wonderful things. From massive feats like setting the stars in the sky, to everyday miracles like causing a firefly to light up. Our God has filled the world with His wondrous acts and He deserves to be praised for them.

Discussion Questions

- What are things about God that deserve our praise?
- What are things that He has done that deserve our praise?

Apologetics:

Why does God remain so “hidden”? This is a question a lot of people have. How can I believe in a God that I cannot see? The truth though is that Romans tells us “For what can be known about God is plain to them... For his invisible attributes... been clearly perceived... in the things that have been made.” God isn’t hiding Himself. He is clearly seen in creation and through the Word. We only fail to see Him when we choose to ignore Him.

About the song:

Though Fanny Crosby lost her sight at a young age, she never stopped praising God. In fact she viewed her blindness as a gift that enabled her to be even more grateful for the gifts of God than others. This hymn of hers leads us to first rejoice in the work of Christ on the cross. We then rejoice in the atonement given in this life followed by the promise of the next.

Pray

Spend time adoring God for who He is!

Sing

To God be the Glory
Fanny Crosby (1875)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Verse 1:

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Verse 2:

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Great things he has taught us, great things he has
done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

[Refrain]



WEDNESDAY

Read 1 John 1:4-9; Psalm 51:10-13

Discuss

Yesterday we thought about adoring God. We spent time considering how wonderful and amazing He is. When we see how great and perfect God is, we are also reminded about how not-great we are.

The more we see the holiness of God, the more we also see the lack of holiness in us. The more we see His light, the darker our sins seem.

Adoring God leads us to confess all the ways that we have fallen short of His glory. How can we stand before the throne of God when we are holding onto sin that separates us from Him?!

Our confession should have a few parts. First, we should ask God to search our hearts. It is easy to have areas in our lives where we have sinned, but simply did not realize it! The Spirit works to reveal those to us. Second, we ask God to cleanse of all unclean things. This is a hard thing. It hurts when God cleans us. But it is necessary for our soul. Third, we confess specific sins. It is easy to pray, "Lord I have been mean, please forgive me." But it is much harder (yet more important) to pray, "Lord, I really hurt my friends when I said those means words. I didn't look like you when I said that. Please forgive me and allow me to be reconciled to my friends." Finally, confession leads us to ask for forgiveness and trust that God will forgive our sins.

Discussion Questions

- Do you make a practice of confessing your sins?
- Do you usually confess "general" sins or "specific" sins? Which is easier?
- Why do we need to confess specific sins?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

"Protoevangelium"

"First Gospel"

This word is used when speaking of Genesis 3:15. After the fall, as God giving punishment for the rebellion of man, God gives this verse of hope. This is the first promise of a Messiah. Scripture, with all the genealogies, follows the seed of the woman to see who will crush the serpent's head. "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15)

About the Song:

As we enter in a time of confession to God, this hymn reminds us that our only plea before Him is that we were bought by His Son. We are reminded of the Gospel, that through Christ alone we are completely forgiven as He bore our sins on the cross. Christ rose and triumphed over the grave, therefore we are free.

Pray

Come to God in
confession, even of
specific sins.

Sing

*Before the Throne of God
Above*

Charitie Lees Smith (1863)

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Verse 1:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in Heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Verse 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Verse 3:

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.



THURSDAY

Read 1 Chronicles 16:34;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Discuss

After confession, we are brought to remember the work of Christ on the cross for us. Without the cross, confessing our sins is a rather depressing endeavor isn't it? We list and remember our sins, but what do we do then? Because of Christ, we know that our sins have been cleansed. They have been washed away completely. This should make us overflow with thankfulness to God!

The gift of Christ on the cross is our biggest reason to be grateful, but it isn't our only reason! We have been given so very many reasons to be thankful.

While this life is hard, God has blessed you with the life you have been given for His glory. Has He given you your life and filled it with so many blessings that you will struggle to list them all!

God gave man all kinds of plants and animals to eat from. He gave us fruits, vegetables, and meats that have a variety of tastes and textures. These foods don't only taste good on their own, but God has made it so that when we combine them in different recipes they taste even better! Have you ever considered the gift God gave us by making food taste good? If you lost your taste in Covid, you know how much of a blessing it is to be able to taste food!

Discussion Questions

- What are things God has given or done for you that inspire thankfulness?
- Could we ever run out of things to be thankful for?

Important Theological Term:

Apostasy/Apostate: to walk away from the faith that one used to confess.

It should break our hearts, but there are a lot of people who once claimed to follow Jesus but now no longer do. They live lives in rebellion to God. Christians are warned throughout the New Testament to watch over ourselves to ensure that we are really in the faith and do not walk away. Those who are apostate are not considered Christians.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted."

Galatians 6:1

About the Song:

This modern song leads us to consider our thankfulness to God.

10,000 reasons and more are available as reasons to praise God and extend our song of thanksgiving.

Pray

Thank God for the blessings He has given,

Sing

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin
(2013)

10,000 REASONS

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before
me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus x2



FRIDAY

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Discuss

Today we discuss what we usually think of when we think of prayer! Supplication means: the action of asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly.

When we come before God, we bring our requests to Him. Maybe we pray for understanding when reading the Bible. Maybe we pray for healing from a disease. Maybe we pray for friendships to develop. All these things and more are likely common prayers.

It is a good thing to bring our requests and petitions to God. He is our Father and He wants to give us good gifts.

The problem is sometimes we ask for things that we think are good, but God knows are not going to be the best thing for us. As a child I wanted to have ice cream for dinner. Sometimes my parents would give that as a rare gift, but most of the time they only let me have ice cream after dinner. They knew that ice cream was not the best thing for me and I needed real food first. When God says no to some of our requests, it is not because He is mean, but because He loves us too much to give us a bad gift.

Whatever we ask of God, we trust that God will do the best thing, even if we don't like it right now.

Discussion Questions

- What are things that you would like for God to do?
- How can we pray so that we still trust God even if we don't get what we want? (Read Matthew 6:10)

Church History:

On June 27th, 1978, seven Siberian Christians take shelter at the US embassy in Moscow. The USSR had intensely persecuted Christians and the processing of asylum paperwork was slow. Desperate for escape, the "Siberian Seven" stormed past the Soviet guards at the embassy. The US sheltered them in the embassy basement for five year. On June 27th, 1983, exactly five years after their arrival to the embassy, the USSR permitted them to be brought to the US.

About the Song:

John Newton wrote this song with alternative title "Encouragement to Pray." His intent was to draw the singer to happily approach the throne of God with the petitions and desires. We are reminded of our need for God to answer our prayers, as well as His heart of love toward us to answer them.

Pray

Bring your supplications to God.

Sing

Come My Soul, Your Plea
Prepare
John Newton (1779)

COME MY SOUL, YOUR PLEA PREPARE

Verse 1:

Come, my soul, your plea prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid you pray,
Rise and ask without delay.

Verse 2:

I am coming to a King,
Large petitions with me bring;
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much.

Verse 3:

With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Your blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

Verse 4:

Lord, I come to You for rest;
Take possession of my breast;
There Your blood-bought right maintain,
And without a rival reign.

Verse 5:

While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Your love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

8:30pm

JULY 19

MOVIE NIGHT!

“THE PRINCE OF EGYPT”

Popcorn and soda

5:30pm

August 2

GAME NIGHT!

BOARD AND VIDEO GAMES

Chips, snacks, and soda

6:00pm

August 9

FIELD DAY!

**OUTDOOR GAMES, MAYBE
EVEN SOME NEW ONES!**

Burgers and chips

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ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE 6TH-12TH GRADES.
JOIN US FOR THESE FUN EVENTS!**

Summer at **GALVARY BAPTIST** **CHURCH**

10 AM

 **JULY 19**

BIBLES & BACKPACKS

Pre-register for our school
supply giveaway!

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!



6 to 8 PM

 **JULY 21-25**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AGES 4 YEARS OLD-5TH GRADE
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE



6:30-8:00 PM

 **JULY 28-AUG 1**

5 DAY CLUB

5 Days of songs, crafts, and
snacks pointing to Jesus!

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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

