

5 TYPES OF PRAYER

B – Blessing

I – Intercession

R – Repentance

D – Declaration

S – Supplication

Matthew 6:26 - “Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather crops into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they?”

Isaiah 40:31 - “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

Matthew 10:16 - “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”

Psalms 91:16 - “One who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will lodge in the shadow of the Almighty.”

BLESSING – When we discover that we are the target of negative things, retaliation is not the answer. In fact, that is the very thing the enemy would have us do, for it multiplies the evil we are trying to repel. Satan will not push back Satan, evil is overcome with good. We must pray blessings over those who are cursing us, using us, or even praying their own will over us. We are not blessing what they are doing, but we are responding in the opposite spirit (good) of that which we are encountering (evil).

Matt 5:43-48 - “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?

Luke 6:27-28 - “But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who are abusive to you.”

Romans 12:14-21 - “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 17 Never repay evil for evil to anyone. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. 20 ‘But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.’ 21 Do not be overcome by evil,

but overcome evil with good.

INTERCESSION – One who intercedes; one who goes between. An intercessor is a person who chooses to be a spiritual advocate on behalf of those who need intervention through intercession and perhaps cannot intercede for themselves. This includes standing in the gap for not only a person but people groups, a body of believers, the land, a business, a region. An intercessor builds on the concept of prayer but moves beyond personal conversation with God and petitions and follows Holy Spirit's leading. An intercessor waits on Holy Spirit's direction and does accordingly. Through intercession, we get the tremendous honor of being a bridge between a person or a place that still needs to fully experience God and all He has for them, transforming them in God's kingdom aspects. This is often referred to as "standing in the gap." When there is a person or circumstance still defined by things that do not represent God's heart, such as brokenness, sin, poverty, lack of salvation or injustice, an intercessor recognizes a gap between the present reality and the truth and possibilities of God's kingdom—a kingdom of wholeness, truth, love, and justice. Through following Holy Spirit, that intercessor listens for God's plan to make a change for the good, to transform; allowing His kingdom to come and His will to be done in the situation.

1 Timothy 2:1 - "First of all, then, *I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people,*"

Hebrews 7:25 - "Therefore He is also able to save forever those who come to God through Him, since He *always lives to make intercession for them.*"

Romans 8:34–39 - "who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, *who also intercedes for us.* 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ezekiel 22:30 - "I searched for a man among them who *would build up a wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land,* so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one."

REPENTANCE – We can ask God to search us and show us where we have fallen short. Then let's go to the cross and honestly deal with our sin. It is the gospel that puts sin out of the way. So, the gospel is not only how we deal with sin, but it is also how we are forgiven. The cross is a wonderful place to visit. Like taking a shower to get clean, a visit to the cross cleanses us from our sin. When you acknowledge Who God is and adore Him for all that He is, confession is a natural follow-up. For, we cannot stand before the throne of a holy God with sin between us and our Savior. Thank God, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins!

Psalms 139:23-24 - "Search me and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

Psalms 51:10-13 - "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

1 John 1:4-9 - "And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Accept His forgiveness and cleansing."

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 - "As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."

DECLARE – Declaring God's Word is the secret to unlocking your faith! Faith is a powerful force, but if you don't know how to release your faith and put it into action it does you no good. Faith can move mountains, it can save a sinner, it makes the impossible possible, and faith is how you receive every and any of the promises of God. However, you have to use the key that unlocks that faith. You must know what that key is and how to use it. In other words faith that produces – believes, AND speaks. If you only believe God's Word and do not speak it the power of faith that's in your heart stays there. So, to unlock the faith that is in your heart you have to speak it out. Declaring God's Word is the key that unlocks your faith. God is not obligated to perform YOUR words or someone else's words, only HIS WORD.

Jeremiah 1:12 - "God watches over HIS Word to perform it."

Isaiah 55:11 - "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Job 22:28 - "You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you;"

Proverbs 18:21 - "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

2 Corinthians 4:13 - "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,"

Mark 11:22-24 - "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says

will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

S **SUPPLICATION** - Prayers of requests. This is the time to ask God for His divine help to meet needs, solve problems, work in someone's life, etc. Here we can pray for things like salvation, healing, strength, wisdom, guidance, comfort, etc. Because we know who God is (declaration) and we know He's helped us in the past (thanksgiving) we can be confident in asking him to meet our needs as well as others. So, don't be shy when asking God for help. He loves you, cares for you, and is always there for you.

Philippians 4:6 - *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

Ephesians 6:18 - *"Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints"*

Timothy 2: 1-4 - *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*