

1 Thes 5:17 - pray without ceasing...

A HUMBLE HEART - Expressed in our TOTAL DEPENDENCY on the Lord...and a DESIRE FOR GOD'S GLORY

A GRATEFUL HEART - Because of God's character...and His blessings

A BURDENED HEART - Because of our own SIN and GUILT...because of LOST PEOPLE...and because of the STATE OF THE WORLD

AN EAGER HEART - An eagerness for FELLOWSHIP...an eagerness to GROW SPIRITUALLY...and an eagerness to BE USED by God.

A NEEDY HEART - We have both SPIRITUAL needs...& PRACTICAL needs.

- 1. THE FOUNDATION OF PRAYER**
- 2. THE MOTIVATIONS FOR PRAYER**
- 3. THE MANNER OF PRAYER**

– Pray in a spirit of **REVERENCE**

Matt 6:9 - ...Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

– Pray in a spirit of **EARNESTNESS**

Heb 5:7 - ...(Jesus) offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears...

– Pray in a spirit of **HUMILITY**

Matt 6:5 - ... the hypocrites... love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men...

Isa 6:5 - ... I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

Job 1:21 - Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD

– Pray in a spirit of **SUBMISSION**

James 4:3 - You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

1 Sam 3:18 - ...It is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him.

1 John 5:14 - ... if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Deut 29:29 - The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

Matt 6:10 - ...Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

James 1:5 - But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God ... and it will be given to him.

John 14:13 - Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do...

John 15:16 - ... whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

– Pray in a spirit of **THANKFULNESS**

Phil 4:6 - ... in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known...

Col 4:2 - ... keeping alert in (prayer) with an attitude of thanksgiving...

– Pray in a spirit of **CONFESSION**

Matt 6:12 - And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Psa 51:12 - Restore to me the joy of Your salvation

Psa 66:18 - If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear...

Prov 28:9 - He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

Isa 59:2 - ... your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

1 Pet 3:7 - You husbands ... live with your wives in an understanding way ... and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Psa 19:12 - ... Acquit me of hidden faults.

– Pray in a spirit of **FORGIVENESS**

Matt 6:12 - ...forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Mark 11:25 - Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive...your transgressions.

Matt 6:14–15 - 14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

– Pray in a spirit of **BELIEF**

*Matt 21:22 - ...all things you ask in prayer, **believing**, you will receive.*

*Mark 11:24 – ..all things for which you... ask, **believe** that you have received them, and they will be granted you.*

*James 1:6 - ...ask in **faith** without any doubting....*

– Pray in a spirit of **BOLDNESS**

Heb 4:16 - Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace...

Eph 3:20 - ...(God) is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think...

John Newton wrote these words to the hymn *Come, My Soul, with Every Care...*

*You are coming to a king,
Large petitions with you bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such,
None can ever ask too much.*

WILLIAM CAREY: *Expect great things, attempt great things.*

– Pray in a spirit of PERSISTENCE

An older synonym is *importunity*.

Luke 11:8 - ... because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

Luke 18:7 - ...will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night...?

2 Cor 12:8 - Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

Mark 14:39 - Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words.

Matt 6:7 - ...when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do...

– Pray in a spirit of **WAITING**

Psa 27:14 - Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

Psa 38:15 - For I hope in You, O LORD; You will answer, O Lord my God.

Psa 130:5 - I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope.

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- 4. THE REQUESTS OF PRAYER**

– ILLUMINATION OF THE WORD

Psa 119:18, 27 – 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your law... 27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts...

Eph 1:17–18 - 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...

– OUR OWN SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Psa 119:35–37 - 35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments...36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies ...37 Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, and revive me in Your ways.

– THE PROCLAMATION OF THE TRUTH

2 Thes 3:1 - ... pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified...

Eph 6:19–20 - 19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 ... that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Matt 9:38 - ...beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.

– THE SALVATION OF THE LOST

Mark 10:27 - ...With people it is impossible, but...all things are possible with God.

– OUR MANY NEEDS

...physical needs...spiritual needs.

CORRIE TEN BOOM: Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.

– DIVINE INTERVENTION IN GOVERNMENT

1 Tim 2:1–2 - 1 ... I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

– THE HEALTH OF THE CHURCH

Pray that our church will **grow** in depth of understanding SX.

Pray that we will grow in unity and in our love for one another.

Pray that we will grow in holiness.

Pray that we will grow in our discipleship.

Pray and that we will grow in our outreach.

Pray for church leaders.

Pray for the church's finances.

MARTIN LUTHER: *To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.*

A PRACTICAL TEMPLATE – the *A.C.T.S.* acronym

A – adoration

C – confession

T – thanksgiving

S – supplication

