

Devotional Life Zoom Class

Thank you for your interest in the devotional zoom class and those that were able to attend Monday.

Jim Sedgwick has put Monday's class recording online at: <https://ljpres.org/devotional/> .

I have attached the following information for your use:

4 Slides from Zoom class – A C T S outline
The Prayer Hand illustration we discussed Monday night.
5 Reasons Why God Isn't Answering Your Prayers
3 Things God wants us to know about

I want to encourage you to learn perhaps one verse a week, that relates to the Obedient Christian in Action Wheel.

Spend some time each morning or during the day with God as you read a portion of His Word and then fill out the Quiet Time page.

Next Monday we will continue with the wheel illustration and the horizontal spoke which is fellowship and share some thoughts that may be helpful.

Be aware of the presence of Jesus during your devotional time and through the day. Be ready to share your Saturday Week Summary and one growth step you decide on.

Hope to see you at our zoom meeting Monday night at 6:30.

I will send you a refreshed zoom link next Sunday.

May you enjoy Gods' presence each morning,

Marvin

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THE WHEEL



1

Get a Grip on ACTS

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

2

Assignment For The Week

- Continue with a time and place to meet with God each day.
- Fill out your quiet time page now for the chapters of John you read.
- When we meet next Monday we will discuss your Summary for the week that you wrote out on Saturday and specifically your One Growth Step.
- If you have another reading plan, that is fine, but please fill out the daily quiet time page.
- If reading a chapter is too much, read what you want whether a few verses or a paragraph.
- Learn one verse from the Wheel illustration.
- The main thing is to spend some time with God each day in His Word.

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Imagine



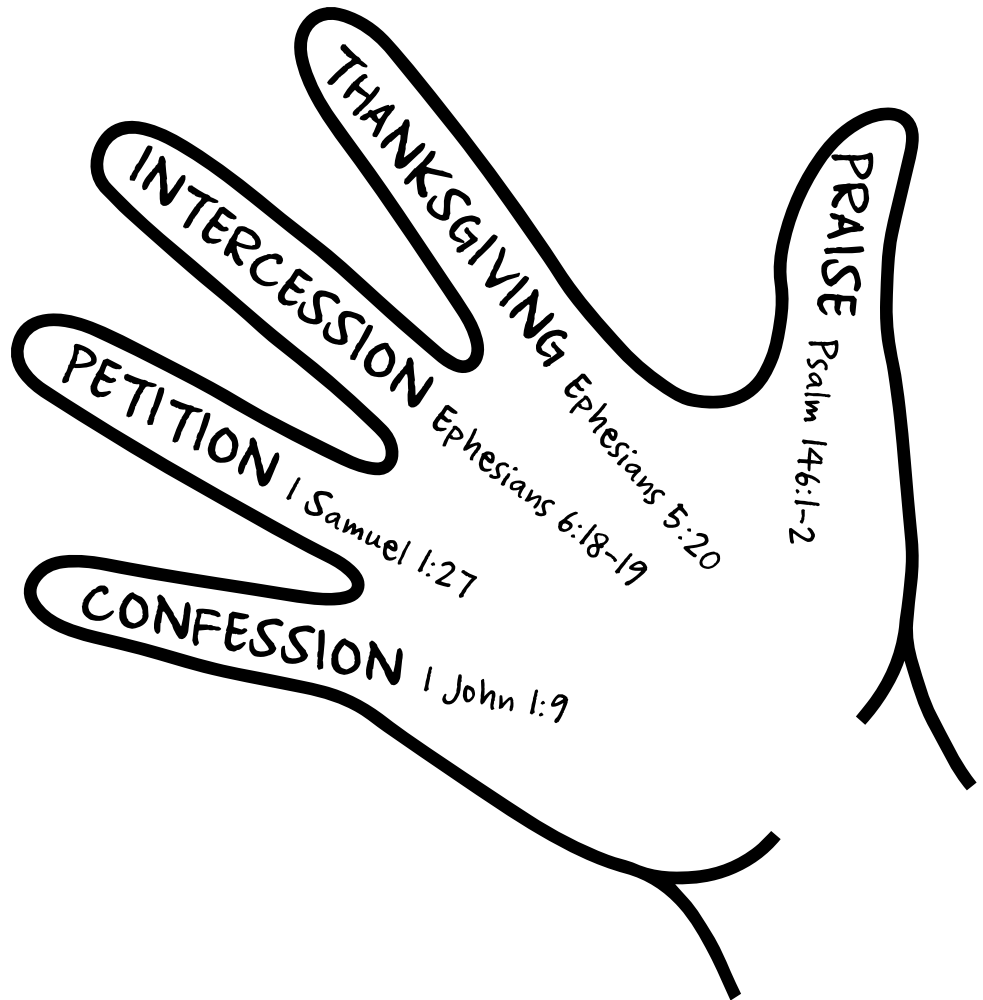
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Navigator Discipleship Tool

Many believers find extended time in prayer is a difficult spiritual discipline. Here's an easy way to remember five essential aspects of prayer. Pray through each of these five aspects, remembering that prayer is really about aligning our hearts with God's, and as the fifth aspect explains below, praises to God should permeate every part.



THE PRAYER HAND

- ① **CONFESSION**
I agree with God about my sin.
“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”
1 John 1:9
- ② **PETITION**
I ask God to provide for my needs.
“I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.”
1 Samuel 1:27
- ③ **INTERCESSION**
I ask God to provide for the needs of others.
“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel...”
Ephesians 6:18-19
- ④ **THANKSGIVING**
I thank God for what He has done in, through, and for me. I thank Him for His answers to prayers in the lives of those around me and for His ongoing work across the nation and the world.
“...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Ephesians 5:20
- ⑤ **PRAISE**
I let my enjoyment and adoration of God overflow into words. As the thumb is able to touch all four other fingers, so praise should permeate every part of my prayer life.
“Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.”
Psalms 146:1-2



5 Reasons Why God Isn't Answering Your Prayers

5 Reasons by Cindi McMenamin Crosswalk.com

1. God's idea of a "good thing" might be different than yours.

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Mat 7:11)

2. God is waiting for you to be obedient.

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (1 Pet 3:7)

3. It isn't the right time.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless. (Ps 84:11)

4. You aren't asking in faith.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. (Jam 1:5-8)

5. God has something better for you than what you are asking for.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, (Eph3:20)



3 Things God wants us to know about Prayer

1. God wants us to pray individually and with others

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes 5:16-18)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (Jam 5:16)

2. God wants us to know he hears our prayers

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. (1 Jn 5:14)

We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. (Jn 9:31)

3. God wants us to know that he answers our prayers according to his will - not our will.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14-15)