

CREEKSIDE'S PRAYER SUMMIT

THANKSGIVING (5 minutes)

Thank God for what He has done.

Thanksgiving is simply enumerating things for which we are grateful.

On your feet now—applaud GOD!

**Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves into his presence.**

³ Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD.

He made us; we didn't make him.

We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

⁴ Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank him. Worship him.

⁵ For GOD is sheer beauty,

all-generous in love,

loyal always and ever.

Psalm 100:1-5

Write down some things you are thankful for that fit into the following categories:

- a. Spiritual blessings
- b. Physical blessings
- c. Possessions
- d. People

Now take a few moments and tell God what you are thankful for from this list. By the way, it is okay to pray with your eyes open, Jesus seems to have prayed often if not always that way.

PRAISE (5 minutes)

Adore God for who and what He is

¹ I will praise the LORD at all times.

I will constantly speak his praises.

² I will boast only in the LORD;

let all who are helpless take heart.

³ Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness;

let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

³ Your unfailing love is better than life itself;

how I praise you!

Psalm 63:3

Here is a starter list of areas in which you can praise God for who he is and what he is. Go ahead and pray out of this list or add elements as you praise God directly.

- a. Goodness
- b. Patience
- c. Love
- d. Wisdom
- e. Greatness
- f. Knowledge
- g. Power
- h. Holiness
- i. Glory
- j. Grace

WAITING (5 minutes)

Spend time quieting your mind and heart before God, replacing any distractions with a reverential focus on the majesty and authority of God. Take a few moments to be still in God's presence, letting your mind be filled with thoughts of Him. This may be the most difficult of all the exercises you will go through tonight. Check out the passage below before you begin to wait.

**⁷ Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.**

Psalm 37:7

CONFESSION (5 minutes)

Sin is the greatest roadblock to prayer.
Confession is agreeing with God about my sin

**²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Psalm 139:23-24 New International Version (NIV)

**⁹ 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 New International Version (NIV)

Go to God and confess your sins knowing he had dealt with it all through the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. You may want to list your sins below and then confess them to God.

3. What is God asking you to do?

PRAYING THE PSALMS (5 minutes)

Earlier in your prayer time, you read the Word and allowed God to speak to you. Now pray the Word back to God. The book of Psalms is full of personal prayers (Psalm 15:1-2). “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms” (Psalm 95:2).

Psalm 95

- ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
- ²Let us come to him with thanksgiving.
Let us sing psalms of praise to him.
- ³For the LORD is a great God,
a great King above all gods.
- ⁴He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the mightiest mountains.
- ⁵The sea belongs to him, for he made it.
His hands formed the dry land, too.
- ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,
- ⁷ for he is our God.
We are the people he watches over,
the flock under his care.

Psalm 8

For the choir director: A psalm of David, to be accompanied by a stringed instrument.^[a]

- ¹O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.
- ²You have taught children and infants
to tell of your strength,

silencing your enemies
and all who oppose you.

³When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—

⁴what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them^(a) with glory and honor.

⁶You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—

⁷the flocks and the herds
and all the wild animals,

⁸the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and everything that swims the ocean currents.

⁹O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

SINGING (5 minutes)

Singing to the Lord is one of the highest forms of worship and praise.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing

Psalm 100:2

Perhaps there is a song you love that you might want to sing back to God now. Maybe it is an old hymn like Amazing Grace or a more modern one like Bless the Lord. Take some time now to hum it or sing it or just worship God through making melody in your heart to him.

PRAISE (5 minutes)

End your prayer time as you began it—with the extremely important act of

**Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will
show the salvation of God.**

Psalm 50:23