



## In-Home Worship (Personal/Family)

## HANNAH'S PRAYER

*Greetings from TLC! Thank you for downloading this resource and making the effort to practice Christian faith in your home. You will never regret it. May God bless you as you grow in your life with Jesus Christ!*

**All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for this day You have made! As we come to worship, please open our hearts to all Your great mercies that are new with each morning, that we may turn from our sins, trust in Christ our Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen!**

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!***

***What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!***

***Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-***

***All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

***Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?***

***We should never be discouraged- take it to the Lord in prayer.***

***Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?***

***Jesus knows our every weakness- take it to the Lord in prayer.***

*Make a sign of the cross (nose, belly button, nose, left ear, right ear, nose) to remember your baptism. Dip your hand in water if you choose. Your sins are washed away. You have the Holy Spirit. You are a child of God!*

Leader: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader: To You, O Lord, I call;

Leader: Hear my cry for mercy

Leader: I lift up my hands

Leader: Praise be to the Lord,

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield;

Leader: My heart leaps for joy,

**All: Amen.**

**All: You are my Rock; please listen to me.**

**All: as I call to You for help!**

**All: to Your Most Holy Place.**

**All: for He has heard my cry for mercy!**

**All: my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me.**

**All: and with my song I will praise Him!**

*Take a moment in quiet reflection to confess your sins. Remember that silence is a great blessing for time with God.*

**All: Almighty God, please have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Leader: Because of God's great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent in order to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the grace to become His own children and grants them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord continue His good work within us!

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Leader: As high as the heavens are above the earth,

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

**All: so great is His love for those who fear Him.**

**All: so far has He removed our sins from us!**

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.***

***And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!***

***Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,***

***Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!***

***We do not live by bread alone, but by every word***

***That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!***



**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray a blessing on God's Holy Word:

**All: Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

From the Bible, read 1 Samuel 1. If gathered as a family, consider each person read verse-by-verse.

## Think/Talk About It



1. Have you ever wanted something so bad that it hurt? What was it? What happened to that longing? Did it go away, or did you get what you want?
2. Do you think it's okay to ask God for what we want? Read Matthew 26:39. What does Jesus want us to remember when we ask God for things?
3. What are some of the different ways God answers our prayers? Why do you think He answers certain prayers in certain ways?
4. We need to remember that however God chooses to answer our prayers, we've already received the best answer ever in another baby boy found in the Bible- that's right, Jesus! How does the gift of our Savior help us better understand how God chooses to answer all of our prayers?

**All: Lord, we give You today what is already Yours, because You have given Your all for us. Help us to give our lives in return- our time, talents, and treasures- out of love for You and the sake of Your work in the world. Help us be cheerful givers today. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Take time to pray to God. Remember the "2 Best Prayers We Know: 'Thank You for...'" and 'Please help...'."*

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen! **All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: God is good! **All: All the time!** Leader: And all the time- **All: God is good!**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!** Leader: Go in peace! **All: Serve the Lord! Amen.**

***Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray; so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.***

***Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, for You, the Rock of Ages, are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe, for when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.***

***Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come, I know that You will strengthen my steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend; so take my hand and lead me unto the end.***

### OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: "PRAISE - POEM"

After Hannah gave birth to her baby boy named Samuel, she sang a song of praise to God (turn to 1 Samuel 2:1-10 if you want to read through it). Take time today to write your own "praise-poem" to God as an expression of thankfulness for all His goodness to you. It can be as long or as short as you'd like. If working together as a family, try taking turns writing a line at a time. To get started, try using a favorite tune/melody.