

This week- take time to walk and pray around your own block, home or workplace. Or take a prayer bike ride or run. Wherever you go to pray, send us a picture or post on social media, #beecreekprays

This week we'll turn to prayers of thankfulness!

MONDAY *I have no complaint about your sacrifices*

*or the burnt offerings you constantly offer.
But I do not need the bulls from your barns
or the goats from your pens.
For all the animals of the forest are mine,
and I own the cattle on a thousand hills...
Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God,
and keep the vows you made to the Most High.
Then call on me when you are in trouble,
and I will rescue you,
and you will give me glory."*

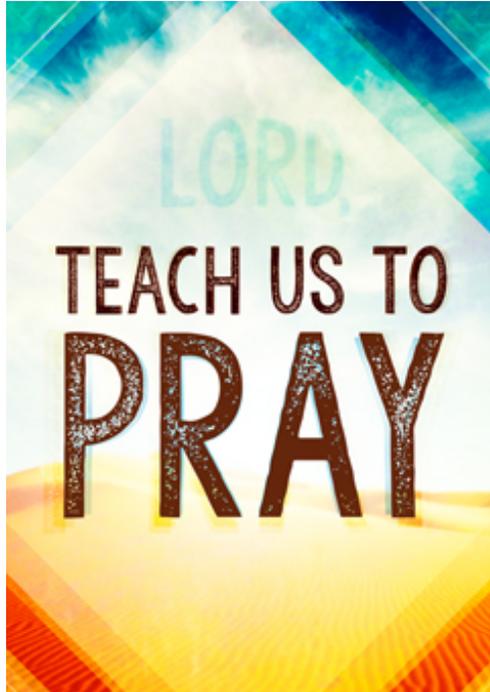
Psalms 50:8-10, 14-15

I love this scripture because it reminds me that everything belongs to God, who loves our financial sacrifices, but also longs for gifts of thankfulness (verse 14).

Do you regularly bring God sacrifices of thanksgiving? Are there answers to prayers you'd like to share as an offering of thanks and a way to encourage the community? Email them to laura@beecreekumc.org

TUESDAY *At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way. Luke 10:21*

Children bring joy to our lives. Don't you love to listen to their ideas during the children's time? Don't they bring a smile to your face? You



are God's child. Thank your Heavenly Daddy for calling you one of his own. Seek his guidance in how you can make a difference in the life of a child, either in your family, our church, or this community.

WEDNESDAY *Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.*

Let the whole world know what he has done.

Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

Exult in his holy name;

rejoice, you who worship the Lord. 1 Chronicles 16:8-10

So much of our day is busyness. Take some time to slow down and thank God for the precious gift of today. Ask Him to reveal to you the things in life that you can let go of to allow yourself time for what really matters in life.

THURSDAY *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28*

An attitude of thanksgiving can be hard to maintain when life is tough. But God is at work, even in the hard times. Pray that God would help you trust Him more. Ask God to help you wait patiently and to even give thanks as you do.

FRIDAY *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7*

It can be hard to feel thankful when you're sick, the house is a wreck, working is piling up and the car is in the shop...again. But no matter the setbacks and aggravations, and no matter how we feel, one thing remains the same- God is with us. With us in the good, and with us in the hard times. Even the smallest of trials do not go unnoticed by Him. Thank God for the ways he uses the challenges and setbacks to strengthen your dependence and faith. Pray for trust in God on the hardest of days and keep praises on your lips.

SATURDAY *Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and prayed, "Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 2 Samuel 7:18*

Sometimes prayer is just about thankfulness. Take some time to gratefully number the ways God has blessed you and your family. Thank God for bringing you this far.