

Prayer Bugle #4



Introduction: There are over 650 prayers in the Bible, many different people who prayed those prayers, and an assortment of types of prayers that were prayed. In today's prayer bugle, we are going to look at some of the different types of prayers in the Bible.

Type: Prayers of Faith

Biblical Example: James 5:15 and Mark 11:22-25

Thoughts: This type of prayer is asking God to do something powerful and then believing that He will do it. It is often called "mountain moving prayer" based on Mark 11:22-25. It focuses on the big picture and is extremely bold. What is something that God could do in your life to show His power? Take a moment to pray a prayer of faith in your group asking God to demonstrate His power. *Example:* Lord, defeat and destroy this coronavirus.

Type: Corporate Prayers

Biblical Example: Acts 12:5

Thoughts: Corporate prayer is where a group of believers come together to pray for a common purpose. The church in Acts prayed that Peter would be released from prison. When God's people come together united in prayer, powerful things happen! Also, in corporate prayer everyone is involved. Just because one person is praying does not mean the rest are just sitting there doing nothing. Rather, they are involved and focused on the words of the prayer. They may even agree in prayer by saying things like "yes Lord" or "Amen," or by simply praying quietly with the person who is praying aloud. Take some time for corporate prayer. *Example:* Pray that the opening process for Sharon Baptist would go smoothly and that God's people would be blessed.

Type: Prayers of Request

Biblical Example: Philippians 4:6

Thoughts: This is the type of prayer that Christians are most familiar with. Sharon's "Talk of the Tower" which publishes "prayer requests" focuses on this type of prayer. Requests are often for self or for others. Take some time to share your prayer requests with your group and pray for one another. *Example:* someone in your group needs a new job.

Type: Prayers of Thanksgiving

Biblical Example: Psalm 100

Thoughts: Being thankful is something that has been somewhat lost in our culture. Many people do not even thank others for kind acts done to them, let alone the Lord. Yet, God is a wonderful God and He has done so much for us. Christians should be grateful to the Lord and express that thankfulness in prayer. They should tell God why they are so thankful. Take some time now to pray prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. *Example:* "Thank You dear Father for Your salvation because You have saved me from the destruction of sin and death."

Type: Prayers of Worship

Biblical Example: Daniel 2:19-23

Thoughts: Prayers of worship are about acknowledging God for who He is. These prayers focus on the greatness of God. Those who pray prayers of worship fall before Him in humility (Job 42:1-6). There are many things about God that are only true about Him and so these prayers focus on His character. Worshipful prayers lift Him up and exalt Him for all His wonderful attributes. *Example:* Pray the Daniel 2 passage back to God replacing "He" with "You".

Conclusion: There are many ways to pray to God. Consider these types of prayers as tools in your toolbox that you can use in your prayer life. Find ways to pray these five types of prayer sometime this week during your personal prayer time. For corporate prayer, find a family member or friend and pray with.