

Practicalities of prayer

1. A.C.T.S.

Spend time: Adoring God, Confessing your sins, Thanking him. Supplication (that is, asking him for things)

2. Pray broadly with lists.

There are so many things to pray for. Sometimes that makes us feel, what do I pray for today, and so we just pray for things immediately effecting us or those we know well like family.

Here's a list of things (although there are others) we could pray for

And you could even split it up over days of the week.

Or if you only get to do this say 3 times a week, you could split it up over two weeks

Pray each day for yourself, and your family

Monday

Missionaries (E.g. Voice of the Martyrs), Bible College (Moore College, SMBC)

You could even subscribe for free for prayer points from these

Tuesday

Use the Lord's prayer and expand each line

Extended family

Wednesday

Government – for wisdom, honesty, justice, integrity, to allow the gospel to go out.

Church staff

Thursday

Church leaders of ministries at church – ones you're involved in and others

Your Growth Group

Friday

Youth and Lighthouse Kids

Fellowship of Independent Evangelical churches. (Facebook page has prayer points)

Saturday

Unbelievers you're praying for

Sunday

Come to church at 9.00-9.15am to pray for church

3. Use prayers in the bible for yourself and others. Put in the person's name

Use the Lord's prayer.

Use these prayers below

NIV Philippians 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember . 4 In all my prayers, I always pray with joy 5 because of _____'s partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Father, 6 being confident of this, I pray that having begun a good work in _____, that you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

NIV Philippians 1:9 And this is my prayer: that _____'s love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that _____ may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. I pray___ may be 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of you, God.

NIV Colossians 1:3 I always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when I pray for _____, 4 because of _____'s faith in Christ Jesus and of the love _____ has for all the saints-- 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that _____ has already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to _____. We pray Father, that this gospel will keep bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among _____ since the day they heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

NIV Colossians 1:9 Father I prayer you will fill _____ with the knowledge of your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And I pray this in order that _____ may live a life worthy of you Lord and may please you in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that he may have great endurance and patience. I pray that _____ may joyfully 12 give thanks to you, who has qualified _____ to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. 13 For you have rescued _____ and us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son, whom you love, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

NIV Colossians 4:2 Please help _____ to devote him/herself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And may we all pray for gospel workers and ourselves, that you, God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. 4 I pray that _____ may proclaim the gospel clearly.

NIV Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed _____ in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose _____ in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined _____ to be adopted as his son through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given _____ in the One he loves.

NIV Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that out of his glorious riches God may strengthen _____ with power through his Spirit in _____'s inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in _____'s heart through faith. And I pray that _____, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that _____ may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.