

HOW TO PRAY

❑ **How to Begin Your Prayers** – Example: Nehemiah 1:5-11

- Recognize who GOD is -- *You are my Creator; You are Awesome; You are my Lord*
- Recognize what He's done -- *You rescued me; Saved me; Provide for me daily*
- Recognize His Holiness -- *There is none like You; You are Greater than..., Better than..., Higher than..., More Powerful than...*
- Rejoice in His name -- *I lift up Your Holy name; I praise Your name; I Honor You*
- Relinquish Control -- *I surrender my life; all that I am and all that I have is Yours...*

❑ **How To Get Your PRAYER Heard**

- PRAY persistently by asking, seeking, and knocking - Matt 7:7-8
- PRAY in Faith - Mark 11:24
- PRAY in Secret – Matt 6:6
- PRAY according to His will – I John 5:14
- PRAY in Jesus name – John 14:13-14
- PRAY in agreement with other believers – Matt 18:19-20
- PRAY from an Obedient life – I John 3:21-22
- PRAY while abiding in Christ and His word – John 15:7
- PRAY while delighting in the Lord – Psalm 37:4
- PRAY with Fasting – Acts 14:23

❑ **Pray with Thanksgiving**

- THANKSGIVING In Everything... I Thes 5:18
- THANKSGIVING For Everything... Eph 5:20
 - In order to Thank GOD In and For EVERYTHING we have to *by faith* come to terms with the fact that GOD is in Complete Control and that ALL things work for the good of the Christian – Rom 8:28
 - Example:
Imagine if you were Joseph serving in the midst of slavery, Daniel standing in the lions' den, David being taunted by Goliath, or Mary watching Jesus being crucified—and asking yourself, “*How can I thank God for this?*” Yet in each of these dark and painful moments, God was working amazingly for their good and would be greatly glorified through the details of those circumstances. So, *by faith* we too, should remain thankful in prayer!

❑ **Prayer of Supplication** - to ask GOD for something – Eph 6:18 / Phil 4:6 / Example: Luke 18:1-8

- It means to beseech, petition, or appeal for GOD to do or provide something

❑ **Prayers of Intercession** – carries with it the idea of intervening with a request on behalf of someone else. I Tim 2:1 Interceding is one of the most loving things you can do for others

- Esther – interceded in prayer for the Jews – Esther 4:16
- Jesus – intercedes on our behalf even to this day – Romans 8:34
- Holy Spirit – intercedes on our behalf – Romans 8:27