

NCCS Prayer Topics and Ideas

How should I pray?	Scripture reference...
Declare who God is and praise Him	“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving ; go into his courts with praise . Give thanks to him and praise his name .” -Psalm 100:4
Proclaim in prayer what God has done	“Let us come to him with thanksgiving . Let us sing psalms of praise to him .” -Psalm 95:2
Give thanks to God	<p>“I come to your altar, O LORD, singing a song of thanksgiving and telling of all your wonders.” -Psalm 26:6-7</p> <p>“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” -1 Thessalonians 5:18</p> <p>“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving...” -Colossians 4:2, NASB</p>
Confess your own sins or corporate sins (i.e. confess on behalf of yourself and/or a nation, province, city, or group of individuals)	<p>“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” -1 John 1:9</p> <p>“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.” -Proverbs 28:13</p> <p>“And I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, ‘Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly...’” - Daniel 9:4-5</p>
Pray for your friends and family – for “each other”	<p>“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” -James 5:16, NLT</p> <p>“Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” -Galatians 6:2, NLT</p>

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Make all your needs known to God	“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything . Tell God what you need , and thank him for all he has done.” -Philippians 4:6
Tell God about the things that make you feel anxious	“Give all your worries and cares to God , for he cares about you.” -1 Peter 5:7
Pray for freedom from fear	“I prayed to the LORD , and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears .” -Psalm 34:4
Pray for our Prime Minister	“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people . Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them . Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” -1 Timothy 2:1-4, NLT
Pray for our Premier	
Pray for our Mayor	
Pray for anyone in a position of authority and leadership	
For anyone at all – i.e. “all people”	
For peace in Jerusalem	“Pray for peace in Jerusalem . May all who love this city prosper.” -Psalm 122:6, NLT
Pray for your city, town or community	“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf ; for in its welfare you will have welfare.” -Jeremiah 29:7
Pray that the Gospel will spread quickly in our city, nation and world	“Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes , just as when it came to you.” -2 Thessalonians 3:1, NLT
Pray for workers to be sent into the harvest field	“So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields .” -Matthew 9:38, NLT
Pray for opportunities to preach the Gospel, for yourself and for others	“Devote yourselves to prayer... that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ , for which I have also been

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<p>Pray for the ability to preach with clarity, for yourself and for others</p>	<p>imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.” -Colossians 4:2-4, NASB</p>
<p>Pray for boldness in proclaiming the Gospel, for yourself and for others</p>	<p>“I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.” -Ephesians 6:20</p>
<p>Pray that God will confirm the preaching of the Gospel with healing power, miraculous signs and wonders</p>	<p>““And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.’ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.” -Acts 4:29-31</p>
<p>Thank God for other believers and for the Church</p>	<p>“Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called – his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I pray also that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him.” -Ephesians 1:15-19</p>
<p>Pray for spiritual wisdom and insight, for yourself and for others</p>	
<p>Pray that you and others will grow in the knowledge of God</p>	
<p>Pray that your hearts, and the hearts of others, will be flooded with light</p>	
<p>Pray that you and others will be able to understand the confident hope that God has given to those he called</p>	
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<p>Pray that believers and the Church will be protected, delivered and kept from the evil one</p>	<p>“Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are... I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.</p>
<p>Pray for unity in the Church of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one... Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth... I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one... May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.” -John 17,</p>
<p>Pray that the Church will be holy and free from compromise</p>	<p>selected verses</p>
<p>Pray that the Church will know and understand the word of God</p>	
<p>Pray for believers who are persecuted and/or in prison for the sake of the Gospel</p>	<p>“I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.” - Colossians 4:18, NASB</p> <p>“So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.” - Acts 12:5, NASB</p> <p>“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit... and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains...” -Ephesians 6:18-20, NASB</p>
<p>Pray for the poor</p>	<p>“James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we might go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. They only asked us to remember the poor – the very thing I also was eager to do.” -Galatians 2:9-10, NASB</p>

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What can I do when I pray and worship?	Scripture reference...
Lift up your hands	“In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God , free from anger and controversy.” -1 Timothy 2:8
Look up to heaven	“Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up his eyes to heaven , He said, ‘Father, the hour has come; Glorify your Son, that the Son may glorify You...’” -John 17:1, NASB
Kneel down	“When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the father... ” - Ephesians 3:14
Bow your head or your entire body	“ I bow before your holy temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.” -Psalm 138:2
Lie down with your face to the ground	“...and so he will fall on his face and worship God , declaring that God is certainly among you.” -1 Corinthians 14:25
Do these things to be seen by God, not to be seen by others	“Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them ; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.” -Matthew 6:1

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Be encouraged to pray!

“I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.” - Psalm 34:4, NLT

“You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.” -Matthew 21:22, NLT

“Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” - Matthew 7:7-8, HCSB

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