

## PRAYER ELEMENTS

*Often best to LISTEN to GOD for a moment for any insights/Scriptures to guide you before praying through any of these dimensions of prayer.*

### PRAISE

- To “praise” God is to “prize” God...declaring divine honor
- JESUS, you are GREATER than \_\_\_\_\_  
(anything in creation, your life, or you past, present & future)
- Praise takes focus off self... freeing you to focus on GOD... and not on yourself
- China - world’s fastest growing church...80% of prayers are PRAISE... builds faith/boldness/God’s greatness in disciples of Jesus
- Use Colossians 1:15-20, Philippians 2:6-10 as springboards for praise

### WAITING

- Waiting is not necessarily a time of listening, but rather giving God our attention and honor through silence
- Waiting says softly.... I need you Jesus... You are the King of ALL Kings...it is my greatest honor to serve you God
- Give God’s Spirit opportunity to testify with your spirit that you are his son/daughter – Rom 8:15-16
- Be STILL and KNOW that I am GOD. I will be EXALTED among the nations....the earth... on campus - Psalm 46:10

### CONFESSION

- To AGREE with God...calling it what He calls it...not just saying SORRY, but OWNING it with God & others
- Be a QUICK CONFESSOR with GOD & OTHERS...don’t let it build up
- Confessing sin with a trusted brother/sister brings it into the LIGHT and BREAKS the power of it in you – James 5:16
- Declare...JESUS, you are GREATER than \_\_\_\_\_  
(whatever sin or habitual sin...from past or present)
- Be confident when we confess our sin. God is faithful and just. He forgives and purifies us from all unrighteousness – I John 1:9

### READ/MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE

- As you read Scripture:
  - Ask God’s Spirit to help you perceive a fresh word
  - Recognize these as the spectacular Words of God!  
*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Mark 13:31*
  - Be attentive to words or phrases which stand out
  - Hang out there.... don’t rush on... ask God for insights
  - Ask God how you are to obey, or who to share it with?

## SCRIPTURE PRAYING

- Speak prayers in Scripture back to God...HE LOVES IT...Matt 6:9-13; Eph 1:15-23, 3:14-21; Phil 1:9-11; Heb 13:20-21
- Rephrase ....*Thank you, God, I am presented holy in your sight, without blemish and free from accusation* – Col 1:22
- Put friends’ names in scripture: May the same Spirit that rose Jesus from the grave live and thrive in “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” - Eph 1:19-20

## WATCHING

- To watch is to be awake, vigilant, and alert....in order to guard...in order to see how to strategically move forward
- To watch is to open our spiritual eyes to discern by the power of the Spirit:
  - What is God wanting you to see... AROUND you... on CAMPUS... where the KINGDOM ISN’T?
  - What is hiding in the shadows? How is the enemy gaining footholds in you or relationships or campus or elsewhere?
  - What does God want to do THROUGH you?
- By God’s Spirit, we see beyond the surface of a situation: to see the root or what is behind the scenes, and pray for Jesus to penetrate it

## INTERCESSION

- Praying for OTHERS who are in need of Almighty God showing himself:
  - this is not done lightly, but w/great confidence in Jesus’ authority
- We are crying out to God...*who gives life from the dead and calls things that are not as though they were* – Rom 4:17
- As intercessors we must be ready to respond in playing a strategic role for who/what we are interceding for
- We are to pray and not give up – Luke 18:1-8 (Jesus & persistent widow)

## PETITION

- Praying for OURSELVES ...being confident in our IDENTITY in Jesus...being HONEST... SPECIFIC... THANKFUL... EXPECTANT
- Praying for:
  - God’s gold/silver/precious jewels to abound in us...and the wood, hay & stubble be burned off I Cor 3:12-13
  - The core teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to thrive in our attitudes/actions – Matt 5-7
  - For the DNA of Jesus to be in us, being filled with joy as we obediently make other disciples who are filled with joy

## THANKSGIVING – Ephesians 5:20 & I Thessalonians 5:18

- Gratitude/thankfulness is a discipline which takes intentional development
- Have nothing to do with complaining...cultivate gratefulness in you/others
- Thank God for what you see Him doing in people you are helping move towards Jesus, your own life, on campus, among the nations
- Sprinkle thanksgiving and praise throughout all dimensions of prayer

## SINGING

- Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord – Eph 5:19, Col 3:16
- 41 of the Psalms refer to “singing praises” to the Lord – Psalm 96
- Grow in the joy of singing to the Lord apart from Sunday morning
- *“I sing the Doxology and dismiss the Devil.”* Mary Slessor, missionary to China

## LISTENING

- Pause and ask God for any further insights:
  - from the time of prayer
  - about moving the Gospel forward in certain relationships
  - about personal next steps of joyful obedience
  - possibly write down/journal insights and next steps
- If not hearing God now about something, it is totally normal. Simply continue to be attentive to his voice in upcoming days
- As Jesus listened to the Father so we must grow in it as his disciples
  - The Spirit of Truth will guide us into all truth – John 16:13
  - This is essential to keep in step with the Spirit – Gal 5:16
  - To powerfully live out Jesus’ mission as his disciples – Matt 28:18-20
- Only as we hear the Father’s voice... can we dispel the voices of the world
- We must stop living like the voice of the Devil is greater than the voice of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus’ sheep FOLLOW him because they KNOW his voice Jn 10:1-5
- “The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy: **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**” John 10:10 (see below to recognize Jesus’ voice vs. the thief’s voice)

### JESUS’ VOICE

speaks in present tense – **I AM**  
 how to deal with **past** I John 1:9  
 how to deal w/**future** Matt 6:34  
 speaks with **peace/assurance** Jn 14:27  
 will be **consistent** w/Bible  
 leads you to **obey** God  
 about sin – **conviction** John 16:8  
 about sin – **that is what you were** I Cor 6:9-11  
 to give **life** to us/others John 10:10  
 affirms our **identity** in Jesus Rom 8:14-17  
 appointed **go/bear fruit** that lasts Jn 15:16  
**make disciples** of all nations Matt 28:19

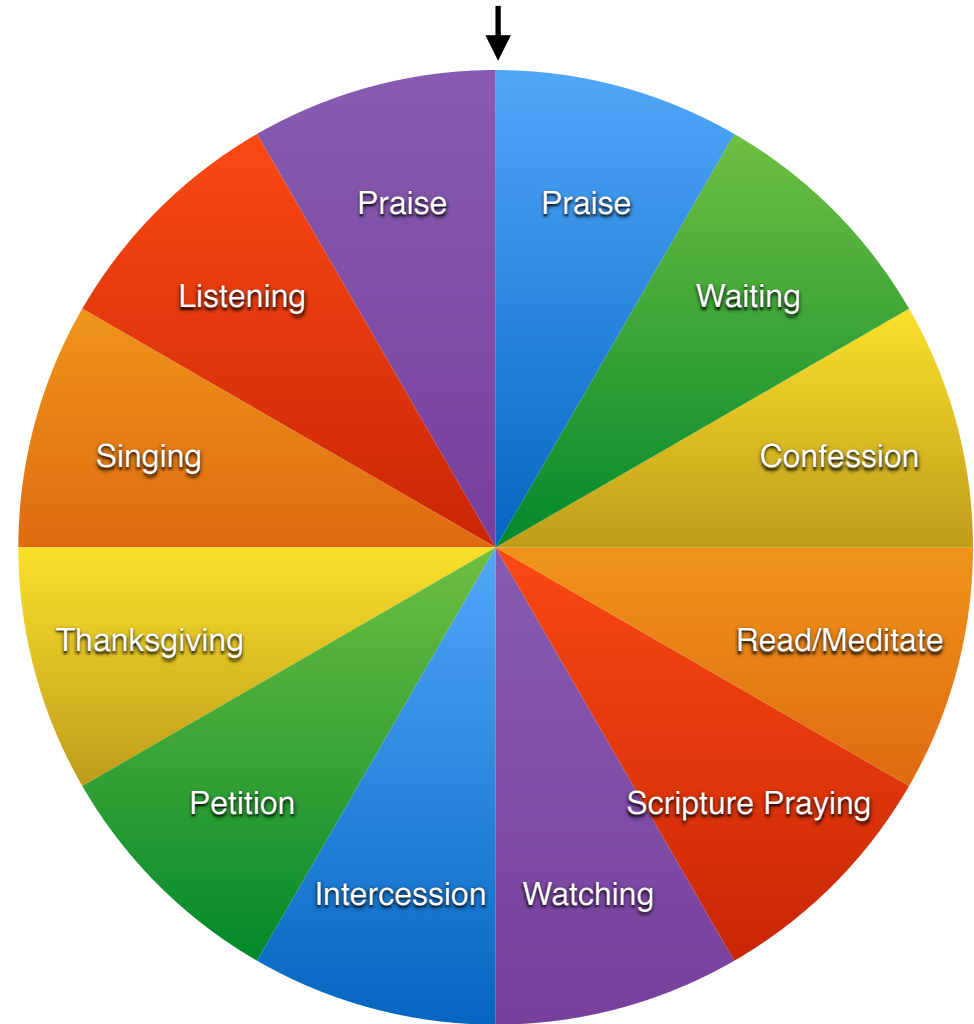
### THIEF’S VOICE

speaks/keeps you in past – **guilt**  
 speaks/keeps you in future – **worry**  
 speaks with **fear & accusation**  
**avoids Bible** or takes out of context  
 leads you to **not obey** God  
**condemnation** Rom 8:1  
**sin is still your identity**  
 to give **death** to us/others  
 identity from what always **changes**  
 you are **not capable** of doing that  
 just for professionals/**not your concern**

## PRAISE

- Praise God for his faithfulness, character and future answers to prayer
- Praise in private prayer...prepares us to conquer foes in our public lives
- Praise God for the privilege of our being his disciples who are actively helping others to become disciples who multiply

# ENCOUNTER JESUS THROUGH PRAYER



## Prayer Wheel

**Starting with praise, you can easily spend one hour in prayer by praying through each section for 5 minutes!**