



Perfecting Prayer: Prayer and Thankfulness

Seven Things to Praise God and be Thankful For

I will praise the name of God with a song,
and will magnify him with thanksgiving. *Psalms 69:30*

David was so full of love for the Lord, and with an appreciation of the Lord's greatness and goodness, that he said, "Seven times a day I praise you." Psalms 119:164

1. Praise and thank God: He is our loving Heavenly Father

God is the Father of those who put their trust in Jesus as their Savior!

Malachi 2:10; Acts 17:24-29; John 1:11-13; Eph 2:18; Jn 14:6-9

"For in Him we live and move and have our being...
for we are also His offspring." *Acts 17:28*

2. Praise and thank God: Jesus Christ is our Personal Savior

Those that believe on Him will be saved!

The condition of man: *Lk 19:10; Eph 2:1; Jn 3:18; Jn 3:36*

The provision of a Savior: *Rom 10:9-10; Matt 1:21; Lk 1:47*

"...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe
in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved. *Rom 10:9*

3. Praise and thank God: Holy Spirit our Indwelling Comforter

The Holy Spirit is within every true believer!

Jn 14:16-17; Rom 5:5; Rom 8:9

"Now hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." *Rom 5:5*

4. Praise and thank God: The Bible is the Word of God

God's Word is the absolute and objective truth for all time.

Jn 17:17; Heb 4:12; Jn 14:6; Deut 6:4-9

"Thy Word is truth." *Jn 17:17*

5. Praise and thank God: God's People are our People

We all have a family—the community of His people on earth
and in heaven!

Eph 3:14-15; Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:12; Col 3:15

"...from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" *Eph 3:15*

6. Praise and thank God: The Whole World is our Mission Field

We are all His missionaries. Wherever the Lord has placed us on earth
to live for Him—we are His witness and light to those around us.

Matt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15-18; Matt 5:13-16

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." *Matt 28:19*

7. Praise and thank God: Heaven is our Eternal Home

This is NOT our real home—we are pilgrims destined for Heaven!

Jn 14:1-3; Rev 21:1-7; Rev 22: 1-5

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive
you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." *Jesus Jn 14:3*

The Power of Prayer and Thanksgiving

Philippians 4:6-7

Is it possible to 'never' worry?

The Greek word for worry or
anxious means to be divided,
split off or distracted.

Worry is a distraction from the
presence and power of God.

Here's how to live worry free!

1. In everything pray

This is more than praying a
prayer—this is 'living' in prayer.
'**Supplication**' means an
intense and extended prayer
whereby we transfer our
burdens into God's hands.

2. In everything give thanks

Greek 'eucharisteo' from charis'
grace. Continuous tense "Keep
on becoming thankful."
Thankfulness can be called a
'grace' that is cultivated
[*grace under construction.*]

3. Let God know everything

Why does God want us to ASK
Him what He already knows?
Answer: It is in the ASKING
that faith is released (*James
1:6*).

The Result: Peace through prayer and thanksgiving!

The result of this kind of prayer
is peace! This kind of peace:

1. Goes beyond understanding

This peace rises above all
uncertainty and the need to
know the outcome.

2. Guards our heart-mind

Our heart-mind is the center of
conflict. Will it be peace or
worry? The conflict is resolved
when we let the peace of God
rule in our hearts (*Col 3:15*).