

Prayers of Thanks
Praying the Psalms – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – June 14, 2020
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Ephesians 5:20 (ESV) giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

James 1:2 (ESV) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

1. Give thanks for God's _____

Psalm 32:1-2 (ESV) Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalm 32:5 (ESV) I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Psalm 32:6-7 (ESV) Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah

2. Give thanks for God's _____

Psalm 116:1-2 (ESV) I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Psalm 116:5-7 (ESV) Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Psalm 116:17-18 (ESV) I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

3. Give thanks for God's _____

Psalm 118:1 (ESV) Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:6 (ESV) The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Psalm 118:14, 19 (ESV) The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. ... Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Psalm 118:28-29 (ESV) You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Psalms 32, 116, 118).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Prayers of Thanks Study Guide

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- Intro. How might a prayer life of only asking God for help affect a person negatively?
- Intro. When is it hardest for you to give thanks to God? Why?
- Intro. How is it possible to obey Ephesians 5:20?
- Intro. Why is giving thanks the will of God (1 Thessalonians 5:18)?
- Intro. How can you count it joy when you face trials (James 1:2)?
- 1A. How does Psalms 32:1-2 illustrate God's comprehensive forgiveness of sin?
- 1B. How does David's experience of God's discipline contrast with the lack of remorse of a habitual sinner (Psalm 32:3-5)?
- 1C. What promises in Psalm 32:6-7 can we give thanks for as we are forgiven?

- 1D. How might you put the principles of giving thanks for forgiveness into practice in your own prayers?
- 2A. What makes possible our love relationship with God (Psalm 116:1-2)?
- 2B. What aspects of God's compassion in Psalm 116:5-7 can you give thanks for?
- 2C. How might thanksgiving be a sacrifice for us (Psalm 116:17-18)?
- 2D. What God stories might you give public thanks to God for?
- 3A. Give examples of how we can give thanks for the reasons in Psalm 118:1.
- 3B. Why does knowing the Lord is on our side give confidence (Psalm 188:6)?
- 3C. What other aspects of God's love in Psalm 118: 14,19 can we give thanks for?
- 3D. How does the realization that God is my God impact us (Psalm 118:28-29)?