

Prayer Emphasis April 20-26

Introduction

Recently I read the old saying, "What's down in the well will come up in the bucket." The word says that the mouth speaks what the heart is full of (Matt. 12:34, Luke 6:48). May our choice to daily read the Word and spend time in adoration, praise, worship, and thanksgiving, fill our "wells" with that which is good, alive, and active (Hebrews 4:12), so that it will "come up in the bucket"-out of our mouths and lives to glorify the Lord and point others to Jesus.

Adoration

Part 1-Read the Psalm and praise and worship the Lord for who He is!

God Is King over All the Earth

Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!
 Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
 a great king over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued peoples under us,
 and nations under our feet.
- 4 He chose our heritage for us,
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,
 the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
 Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth;
 sing praises with a psalm!
- 8 God reigns over the nations;
 God sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples gather
 as the people of the God of Abraham.
 For the shields of the earth belong to God;
 he is highly exalted!

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace to help in time of need.

Galatians 3:8

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In You shall all the nations be blessed."

- Lord, we rejoice cheerfully and get excited, clapping our hands and shouting with loud songs of joy for You are King over all the earth! (Ps. 47:1)
- We worship You with awe, inspired reverence and obedience for You are the Most High, all-powerful, all-knowing, and glorious one, and the Great King over all the earth! (Ps. 47: 2)
- Lord, we praise You for your special care for your chosen ones. (Ps. 47:3)
- We praise You that You chose our heritage for us and we are confident in your wisdom and goodness. We trust in You. (Ps. 47:4)
- We praise You that You have gone up with a shout, and the sound of a trumpet signifying victory on behalf of your people! (Ps. 47:5)
- Lord, we will sing praises to You our Great King, the King of all the earth! (Ps. 47:6,7)
- We praise You that You reign over the nations. You are sovereign. You sit on Your Holy Throne with glorious authority and that Your holiness has been perfectly satisfied by the work of Jesus on the cross. We praise You that we may draw near to your throne of grace with confidence. (Ps. 47:8; Heb. 4:16)
- We praise You that the princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham and that in Jesus Christ the blessings of Abraham has come to the Gentiles. (Ps. 47:9; Gal. 3:8)
- We praise You that the shields of the earth belong to You. All power and authority is Yours. All is Yours and You are Highly Exalted! (Ps. 47:9)

Part 2-It would be good to sing a song of praise. (Ps. 47:6,7)

Confession and Repentance

Part 1- Read the scriptures below.

Psalm 32:1-5 (ESV)

- 1** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- 2** Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
- 5** 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*

Lord, Your word says we are blessed when our sins are forgiven, when our sins are covered. You tell us we are blessed when you do not count our sins against us and when our spirit is free from deceit. Please help us, Lord to not keep silent about sin in our lives but to humble ourselves, acknowledging our sin and repent, turn away from it, and confess our transgressions to You, O Lord. Lord, we praise You that You are faithful to forgive us! We praise You for the precious blood of Jesus which cleanses us and washes us white as snow! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Part 2- Ask the Lord to reveal any sin in your heart and write your own prayer of repentance.

Thanksgiving

- Lord, we thank You that You are the provider of all of our daily needs. Thank you for providing our daily bread and for not only blessing us with what we need, but also for giving it to us in such enjoyable and beautiful ways.

Psalm 104:14

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that He may bring forth food from the earth ...

Genesis 2:8-9

And the Lord planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring forth every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food...

- Lord, thank that You have given to us abundantly and we pray that we will have cheerful, giving hearts, showing You how grateful we are. Thank you that You promise that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

2 Corinthians 9:7b

...for God loves a cheerful giver.

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

- Thank you, Lord that good will come to those who are generous.

Psalm 112:5

Good will come to those who are generous.

- Lord, thank you that your steadfast love is better than life, and our lips will praise you as long as we live, lifting our hands to you in praise and thankfulness. Thank you that our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and our lips will praise you joyfully, for your love is sweeter and more satisfying than any food.

Psalm 63:3-5

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips...

Supplication and Intercession

Part 1-Read the scriptures and pray the points provided or as the Lord guides you.

- **Isaiah 58:10**

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

- **James 1:17**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, going down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

- **1 Timothy 4:4-5**

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

- **Malachi 3:10**

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

- **John 6:35**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'

Lord, we pray for the body of Christ

- That we will spend ourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the need and that our light will rise in the darkness and that our night will become like the noonday. Please show us ways to help those who have lost their jobs during this pandemic, those who

have lost their homes due to the tornados in our area, as well as others who are financially stressed. (Is. 58:10)

- That we will focus on You Lord, the giver rather than the gifts You have given us and that we will truly have thankful hearts acknowledging that every good and perfect gift is from You. (James 1:17)
- That we your people will remember to thank you for the food you provide for us daily that sustains us and delights us and to train our children and grandchildren to have thankful hearts and to be willing to share this gift with those who do not have enough. Please move our hearts and open doors for us to share with the hungry, thereby showing them your love.(1 Tim. 4: 4-5)
- That we will not neglect to bring our full tithe into your house, even though it may take some effort on our part to know how to best do it during this time of quarantine, that there may be food in your house and to test you in this Lord, that You might open the windows of heaven and bless your people until there is no more need. (Malachi 3:10)
- That we will never forget that Jesus is the Living Bread and only He can satisfy our souls. (John 6:35)

Part 2-Continue to pray as the Lord leads you for those who are sick; for medical workers, caregivers, emergency relief teams, and government leaders; for a cure for the virus; for teachers and students; for pastors and churches; for families; for peace for those living in uncertainty; for God's comfort and help for those in fear or anxiety or financial stress; for Christians to point others to Christ by showing others His love; for laborers in the Harvest Field; for the salvation of many souls; for a great Christ-centered revival in our country; for continued freedom to openly practice our faith; as well as others the Lord places upon your heart.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

