

Prayer Guide June 1-7

Introduction

In Prayer by Tim Keller, he says, “Ultimately, we are what we adore.” What do we adore? Who do we adore? How do we adore? Sara Hagerty says in her book, Adore, “Adoration makes it on the short list of gifts He gave to equip us. And eventually we become what we behold.” She also says, “To adore is to speak His words back to Him.” A question I read recently was, “What is Jesus’ ultimate desire for you?” It made me think, “What are the angels in heaven doing? What will we be doing throughout eternity? Praise. Adore. Worship. Glorify.” Dr. Bill Thrasher says, “To glorify God is to simply affirm the perfections of His revealed character.” Let’s agree with the Lord that He is who He says He is and speak His words back to Him in adoration. May we pray along with Dr. Thrasher, that the Lord will be glorified in our lives to the greatest possible extent-that we will display to the world our glorious shepherd.

Adoration

Part 1-Read the scriptures and praise God for who He is.

Psalm 34:1-8 (ESV)

Taste and See That the Lord Is Good

- 1** I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2** My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3** Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- 4** I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5** Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV)

23 Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, **24** but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

- *O Lord, I will bless You at all times! I choose to bless you, to praise You, to extol You, all the days of my life, regardless of circumstances or feelings because You are worthy of praise and worship! Please enable me to do so, Lord. (Ps. 34:1)*
- *Your praise shall continually be in my mouth! I will speak Your praise, sing Your praise, shout your praise and proclaim your praise to others! (Ps. 34:1)*
- *My soul makes its boast in You, O Lord-who You are, Your character as You reveal yourself to us in Your Word, Your attributes, Your covenant, Your promises, Your works! May I never boast in wisdom or strength or riches, but help me, O Lord, that I will only boast that You have opened my eyes to understand and to know You, for You are my Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth! For in these things You delight! We praise You Lord! (Ps. 34:2; Jeremiah 9:23-24)*
- *Let us exalt Your Name together, with other believers in Your house, O Lord! (Ps. 34:2)*
- *O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! May we come into Your house to praise You and exalt Your Name! (Ps. 34:3)*
- *I sought the Lord, and He heard me! We look to You in loving trust of You, knowing You are our Lord of Love! Lord we praise You that Your Word says that when we seek You, we will find You! We praise You that You hear our prayers and that You deliver us from our fears! (Ps. 34:4)*

- *O Lord we praise You that those who look to You are radiant, and their faces will never be ashamed! For through Jesus Christ our Lord, we are washed white as snow and we may enter into Your presence knowing we are received, that we have permanent standing in Your favor! Help us, O Lord, to look to You, to keep our eyes, our minds stayed upon You! (Ps. 34:5)*
- *Lord, we praise You that when we cry out to You, You hear us and save us! (Ps. 34:6)*
- *We praise You that the angel of the Lord, encamps around and delivers those who fear You! (Ps. 34:7)*
- *Help us O Lord, to encourage others to taste and see that You are good! Thank You O Lord, that we Your people have tasted the goodness of salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. We have tasted the goodness of the Holy Spirit in our lives and have tasted the goodness of Your Word! We praise You that You are good! (Ps. 34:8)*
- *We praise You that those who take refuge in You are blessed! You are our refuge! (Ps. 34:8)*

Part 2-It would be good to sing a song of praise and worship, possibly “To God Be the Glory”.

Confession

Part 1-Read the scriptures given and a typed prayer in response to the truth of the Word. Read the prayer as your own to God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God!

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

O Lord, sometimes when life is difficult, it becomes more difficult to maintain an attitude of praise and worship throughout our day. Our shift of thinking and our focus can become centered on lamenting our problems and struggles or even the conditions and problems we experience in our society. Please forgive us. May our goal always be to glorify You. Please give us that desire in our hearts-to honor all that You are and to

glorify You in all that we do. Thank you for Your forgiveness and Your enablement. We are so grateful for the examples in your word of those who glorified you even after being beaten, in pain, and prison. We are so thankful for the examples You place in our lives of others who glorify You as they become older and face difficult circumstances, yet are filled with Your contentment and peace. May we be faithful to join our hearts to proclaim always, "To God Be the Glory!"

Part 2-Ask the Lord to reveal to you any sin in your heart and to help you to receive His correction. Pray your own prayer of confession and repentance and receive His forgiveness.

Thankfulness

Part 1-Read the scriptures given and use the points provided to praise and thank the Lord, as well as allowing the Lord to show you other things to be thankful for.

Romans 10:17 (ESV)

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 5:1-2 (ESV)

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Colossians 3:12 (ESV)

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

- *Thank You Lord for blessing us with hearing the good news about Christ! (Romans 10:17)*
- *Lord, we are so thankful that we have been justified, declared righteous through faith. (Romans 5:1)*

- *Thank You, for blessing us with peace with You Father God, through our Lord Jesus Christ! (Romans 5:1)*
- *Thank You that through our Lord Jesus Christ, we now stand in grace, in permanent favor with You Lord. (Romans 5:2)*
- *We are so thankful we can rejoice in the hope of the glory of God! (Romans 5:2)*
- *Thank You Lord, that because of Jesus we are chosen, holy, and dearly loved! (Colossians 3:12)*

Intercession and Supplication

Part 1-Read the scriptures given and pray as the Lord leads you.

Luke 9:46-48 (ESV)

46 An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. **47** But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side **48** and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

John 3:30 (ESV)

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Luke 22:26 (ESV)

26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.

Colossians 3:12 (ESV)

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

Galatians 1:24 (ESV)

24 And they glorified God because of me.

- *Lord, we pray for the body of Christ that we will be protected from the desire for greatness. (Luke 9:26)*
- *Help us, O Lord, to not seek glory for ourselves but for Jesus Christ our Lord. (John 3:30)*
- *We pray that You will open our eyes to understand and receive the truth that greatness comes from serving and help us to give no thought to recognition or admiration. Please help us to eagerly seek opportunities to serve. (Luke 22:26)*
- *Lord, we pray that you will help us to clothe ourselves in humility. (Col. 3:12)*
- *O Lord, we pray that You will be glorified in our lives to the fullest possible extent. (Gal. 1:24)*

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 them 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; for those persecuted for their faith; as well as others the Lord places upon your heart.

Psalm 115:1

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your Name give glory because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.