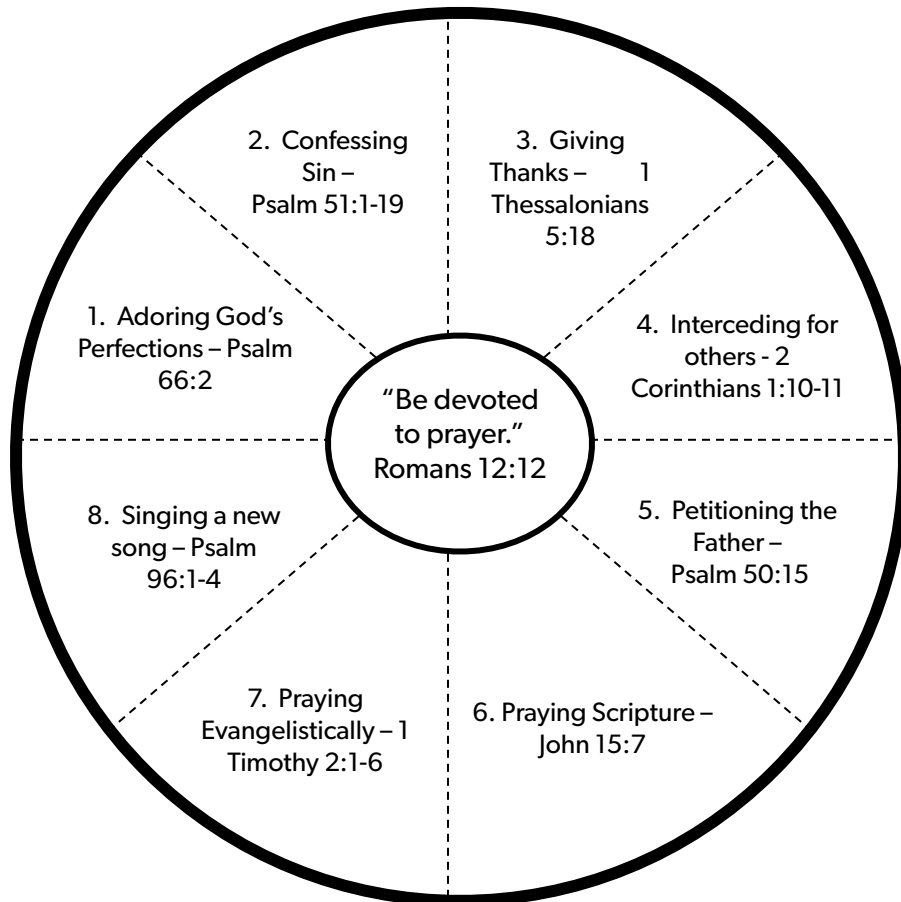


A PLAN FOR PRAYING



This eight-step prayer guide outlines some of the most important aspects of Biblical praying, and is meant to be applied with flexibility, not rigidity. Determine how to use it to meet your own needs, and then develop your own plan.

PRAYER GUIDE

Using the outline the Lord gave us in Matthew 6:9-13, write out some practical requests that you can use to seek God's heart for our church and community.

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'" (Matthew 6:9-13)

The Father's Character (give God first place as you write out what our church needs to remember and rely upon, and what our community needs to see about Him)

The Father's Kingdom (talk with God about specific people and places where God's rule and reign needs to advance in our church and our city)

The Father's Will (write down specific Bible verses that reflect God's desire for our church and our city, then pray God's Word back to Him)

The Father's Provision (ask God to give us what He already knows we need, but be specific about our church, our leaders, our mission, and our city)

The Father's Forgiveness (seek God's mercy to produce needed change in our attitudes and actions as a church and for Him to reconcile people to Himself in our city)

The Father's Guidance (write down the people and places where you see God at work and ask the Lord to give you wisdom in the decisions you make in each of those situations)

The Father's Protection (share your concerns with God about any specific attacks or temptations you see against our church or our community)