

UNDESTANDING THE TYPES OF PRAYER ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

1. **The prayer of faith:** [James 5:15](#) says, “And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.” In this context, prayer is offered in faith for someone who is sick, asking God to heal. When we pray, we are to believe in the power and goodness of God ([Mark 9:23](#)).
2. **The prayer of agreement (also known as [corporate prayer](#)):** After Jesus’ ascension, the disciples “all joined together constantly in prayer” ([Acts 1:14](#)). Later, after Pentecost, the early church “devoted themselves” to prayer ([Acts 2:42](#)). Their example encourages us to pray with others.
3. **The prayer [supplication](#):** We are to take our requests to God. [Philippians 4:6](#) teaches, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Part of winning the spiritual battle is to be “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication” ([Ephesians 6:18](#)).
4. **The prayer of thanksgiving and petition:** In [Philippians 4:6](#) We see another type of prayer which is thanksgiving or giving thanks to God. “With thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Many examples of thanksgiving prayers can be found in the Psalms. Paul wrote, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” ([Philippians 4:6–7](#)). In other words, “do NOT worry about nothing – instead pray about everything.
5. **The prayer of worship:** The prayer of worship is similar to the prayer of thanksgiving. The difference is that worship focuses on who God is; thanksgiving focuses on what God has done. Church leaders in Antioch prayed in this manner with fasting: [Acts 13:2-3](#) says, “While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called

them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off"

6. **The prayer of consecration:** Sometimes, prayer is a time of setting ourselves apart to follow God's will. Jesus made such a prayer the night before His crucifixion: [Matthew 26:39](#) "And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will'"
7. **The prayer of intercession:** Many times, our prayers include requests for others as we intercede for them. We are told to make intercession "for everyone" in [1 Timothy 2:1](#). Jesus serves as our example in this area. The whole of [John 17](#) is a prayer of Jesus on behalf of His disciples and all believers.

The Bible also speaks of [praying in the Spirit](#) ([1 Corinthians 14:14-15](#)) and prayers when we are unable to think of adequate words ([Romans 8:26-27](#)). In those times, the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us.

Important to NOTE:

All prayer **must be offered in faith** ([James 1:6](#)), **in the name of the Lord Jesus** ([John 16:23](#)), with the **help of the Holy Spirit** ([Romans 8:26](#)).