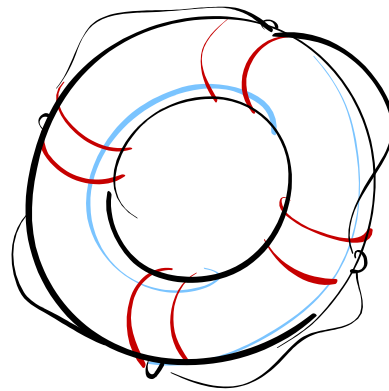


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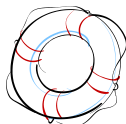
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Call to Prayer

Patterns for prayer

A number of patterns for prayer have been published through the years. Of course, the most famous is the Lord's Prayer.

One popular model for prayer is ACTS: (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). I must confess that I often – well, usually – reverse the order; I come before God with something on my mind, a request. It may not be a selfish request – it is frequently for another person or for other people or for larger groups like the church or nation or nations, but until I voice it in my mind, I cannot focus on the more important aspects of prayer.

God knows what we need and has promised to provide it – He knows our supplications before we voice them, yet despite this, He has commanded us to ask in His name.

Thanksgiving also comes easily. We have so much to be thankful for, both the general grace of sun and rain and the beauty that surrounds us as well as family and friends, and also more specially for Jesus and His salvation.

Which brings us to confession. Of course, God knows our sins – He knows our every thought, so why belabor the point? God knows our sins right enough, but do we? How do we repent of something we cannot even name? No, God does not need us to confess our sins, we need to confess, and not just "sins" in general - so generic that it requires no thought or self-examination - but our specific sins.

While the response to forgiveness for sin is thanksgiving, it is also adoration. As we contemplate Who is forgiving us and how far from sin is His holy character we realize how totally dependent upon Him we are.

The Lord's Prayer actually begins with supplication, though with a touch of adoration in the first supplication ("Hallowed be Thy name"), praying for God's will among all humanity, then for personal needs (daily bread, forgiveness and protection from Satan), before concluding with adoration. I do not think that God worries about the order of our prayers, but prayer that routinely goes no further than supplication demonstrates a lack of true relationship.

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MAY

Apr 30 - May 6

1. Read I Corinthians 1:1-8
2. Give thanks for the grace God has given us in Jesus Christ and for the knowledge and truth confirmed in those who give testimony to our Risen Lord.
3. Pray for all who stand up for life to be sustained to the end, steadfast in following Christ, and faithful in the work to which he has called us.

May 7-13

1. Read I Corinthians 1:10-17
2. Pray for PPL to be a peaceful presence as we bring God's truth to bear about human life across multiple denominations with a conflicted history.
3. Pray that you and I will fix our eyes on Jesus and identify as His followers undeterred by divisions around us as we seek to build a culture of dignity for all life.

May 14-20

1. Read I Corinthians 1:18-31
2. Give thanks to God for the Mother who bore you.
3. Allow God to humble your heart as you ponder the humility of your birth, the common weakness of each human life at our beginning and the amazing truth that Jesus came in like manner to redeem us and lend us his righteousness.

May 21-27

1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-15
2. Pray for PPL's Board of Directors as we seek God's direction for this ministry. Pray that our "faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."
3. Pray that God's Holy Spirit would blow across our land opening hearts and minds to spiritual truths especially in matters of life and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

JUNE

May 28-June 3

1. Read I Corinthians 3
2. Give thanks for men and women who have given their lives to protect others and secure our freedom.
3. Pray for unity within the Body of Christ and within the pro-life movement. Ask God to give us faith to trust His master plan and be content to do our part faithfully.

June 4-10

1. Read I Corinthians 4
2. Pray for leaders and pastors to be willing servants of Christ and faithful stewards of the mysteries of His word.
3. Pray for eyes to see the needs of those hurting around you and that you and I will be quick to respond with help. Pray for life teams to rise in congregations to support women and their children in tangible, long-term ways that lead to life not death.

June 11-17

1. Read I Corinthians 5
2. Pray for PPL's Executive Director, Marie Bowen, as she travels to the PCA GA in Greensboro, NC, teaches in a Seminar there, and talks with those visiting the PPL Exhibit Booth.
3. Ask God to purge sexual immorality wherever it exists within the Church that we may preach the sincere truth of the Gospel and protect vulnerable life, unhindered by sin among us.

June 18-24

1. Read I Corinthians 6-7:16
2. Ask God to give safe travel to PPL Board members and staff traveling to Fair Oaks, CA for the EPC GA. Pray for God's blessing on PPL's lunch forum on life team ministry that new leaders may be called to action.
3. Pray that God will strengthen marriages in church and society and cause young adults to value sexual purity and so glorify God with their bodies.

June 25-July 1

1. Read I Corinthians 7:17-40
2. Pray for Marie Bowen as she participates in workshops at the National Right to Life Convention in Milwaukee, WI, that she may faithfully deliver God's truth.
3. Ask God to bring contentment to pro-life workers so that they may find joy in daily following Christ and give their "undivided devotion to the Lord."

JULY

July 2-7

1. Read I Corinthians 8
2. Ask God to provide discernment to those in the pro-life movement especially within the church so that they may not be the cause of unnecessary division, yet be bold in speaking truth that saves lives.
3. Pray that those leading life teams, chapters, and all aspects of PPL's work would be known for faithful stewardship in their service to Christ and to others.

July 9-15

1. Read I Corinthians 9
2. Ask God to provide all the resources needed by PPL to carry out the work He is leading us to accomplish. Pray for God's blessing and protection for families of those doing pro-life ministry.
3. Pray for life team and chapter leaders to have strength to run the race before us and strength to heave away any impediments in our path so that lives are protected and hearts are nourished.

July 16-22

1. Read I Corinthians 10:23-33
2. Give thanks to God for all his good gifts in your life.
3. Pray that in every aspect of PPL's ministry we will not seek our own advantage, but open our hands to the needs of many that they may have abundant life on this earth and for eternity.

July 23-29

1. Read I Corinthians 11 & 12
2. Pray for Marie Bowen as she shares PPL's mission at PPL's exhibit table at the New Wilmington Mission Conference, that many churches may be moved to provide support for and join in PPL's ministry.
3. Ask God to call many gifted leaders to the work of protecting and promoting the flourishing of human life—unborn and born, old and young, able and less able—that all may have life and have it abundantly.

AUGUST

July 30 – August 5

1. Read I Corinthians 13
2. Give thanks to God for about 4,000 pregnancy centers in the U.S. that love pregnant moms by providing alternatives to abortion. Pray for provision for their care ministry.
3. Ask God to guide you, your congregation, and PPL in speaking forth truth that values life in ways that promote love and bring glory to God.

August 6-12

1. Read I Corinthians 14
2. Thank God for pastors who are boldly preaching about the dignity of human life at all stages.
3. Pray that God will raise up more clergy and lay voices to give voice to his incredible love and provision for human life and who will challenge our society and lawmakers to guard and nurture human dignity for all.

August 13-19

1. Read I Corinthians 15:1-34
2. Pray, asking God to keep your heart and mine focused on the message of "first importance": that Christ died for our sins and that he was raised on the third day. Praise God for the hope of new life in Christ!
3. Pray for the development of faithful church ministries of care for the aged and dying so that none will be alone in despair but all will know the hope of resurrection!

August 20-26

1. Read I Corinthians 15:35-58
2. Pray for God's help in combating the lies that attack the sacredness of human life, destroying the image of God in human kind by using embryos for utilitarian purpose.
3. Offer praise to God for His victory over death and allow the joy of it motivate your steadfast service in defense of life, knowing your labor is not in vain.

August 27 – September 2

1. Read I Corinthians 16
2. Pray and give thanks for God's steady supply for PPL through the planned gifts of his people.
3. Pray that all who work with PPL to defend life would *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."*