

THANKFUL PRAYER 1

Talk about these things. Then, in prayer, thank God for them.

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2	food	home (shelter)	good, clean, healthy water to drink	schools & opportunities to learn	God the Father	God the Son	games	nature	toys	love *	2
3	children	brothers and/or sisters	safety	help from others when needed	God the Holy Spirit	the Bible	sounds & the ability to hear	feelings (emotions)	beauty	joy * (contentment)	3
4	pets	transportation (car, bus, etc.)	good friends	communion of the saints (the church)	the friendship of Jesus	the ever presence of Jesus	the compassion of God	health	fun times	peace * (calm sense of security)	4
5	bed	warmth	helping me to . . .	the grace (unmerited favor) of God	the example of Jesus	the Lordship of Jesus	the glory of God	things to read (books, etc.)	citizenship	patience * (not sin under temptation)	5
6	church family (each other)	money for what we need	people who can truly apologize	God's love	prayer	the angels of God	a forever relationship with God	sight	things we have fun with	kindness * (readiness for service)	6
7	literacy (ability to read & write)	fresh, clean air to breathe	creating us just like You wanted us	people who listen and understand	holy saints who pre-ceeded us	faithful Christian leaders	rain and snow	someone who considers our feelings	the sun	goodness * (able to do true good)	7
8	warm clothing	chores and ability to help my family	good conversations	those who keep us safe	comfort from God's Word	guidance from the Bible	generous, unselfish people	time alone to do my own things	grandparents or grandkids	faithfulness * (loyalty to Jesus Christ)	8
9	laughter	good mothers & good fathers	people who care about us	flowers & trees	God's protection from evil	heaven as our destination	those who rescue us in danger	happy endings	electricity	gentleness * (humble dependence)	9
10	peaceful relationships	the moon and stars	time when we don 't have to work or study	good sleep	the fruit of the Holy Spirit	help from the Holy Spirit	music and songs	people who can admit when wrong	favorite sports	self-control * (able to stay on track)	10
11	ability to smell	friends to learn from	wise people	hope in times of trouble	God's sovereignty and control	God's forgiveness over & over	medicines & cures	vacations and holidays	future success and accomplishment	the Lord's strength & the armor of God	11

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The Prayer Grids

Praise Prayer	Praising God in 100 ways
Thankful Prayer	Thanking God together for 200 things
Compassion Prayer	Talking to God about 100 troublesome things
World Prayer	Praying together for 200 countries
Missions & Ministry Prayer	Upholding missionaries & ministries in prayer
Our People Prayer	Praying together for people important to you

Instructions for Praying as a Family

Pass a different grid to each family member. If you want, some can have two. Acquire a grid designation by using one of the two methods described under “General Instructions”. Everyone can use the same two numbers or acquire their own. Then pray for those selections. Often it is a good idea to discuss the selections before praying.

The Thankful Prayer Grids

Here are 200 things to thank God for, actually more like 250 since many of the cells in Grid 2 contain more than one thing to be thankful for. In testing, these two 100-cell grids have been a lot of fun as people consider being thankful for things overlooked for some time, but very much appreciated. It is very refreshing to thank the Lord for these things. Often, you can sense family members smiling as something like “chocolate” or “clean sheets” is mentioned in thankfulness.

General Instructions

Roll 2 dice twice to locate a table cell. First roll is vertical and second roll is horizontal. 12 = you roll again. Or use a deck of cards where you ignore face cards and the ace is 11.

If that cell item has recently been prayed, use an item from any cell touching the cell of the numbers.

On pages with two grids of 25 cells, complete the first grid of 25 before going on to the next grid of 25.

If a person does not wish to pray for a selection, someone else can pray for the abandoned selection. It defeats the purpose to force people to pray. That will cause them to want to pray less, not more.

Family Prayer

Talking to God should be easy, like a comfortable visit with a loving grandparent. Hopefully, these grids can help make it a little more natural to talk with God.

Prayer by two or more Christians has great advantages. Listen to Jesus’ words in Matthew 18:19-20:

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.”

Family prayer can be very powerful. A family can agree on things and pray quite often.

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