# **Bible Study Student Handout**

Session Four: Thanksgiving Prayer Author: Rev. Dr. Bancroft Williams

#### **Purpose**

To explore and practice prayers of thanksgiving as part of Christian life.

# I. Understanding Thanksgiving Prayer

Psalm 100:4 — Enter His gates with thanksgiving.

Discussion: What does it mean to give thanks as worship?

# **II. The Spirit of Thankfulness**

Psalm 95:2 — Offer joyful praise.

Psalm 50:14 — Thanksgiving as sacrifice.

Psalm 69:30 — Magnify God with thanksgiving.

Discussion: How can we make gratitude part of daily life?

### III. Thanksgiving in Worship and Daily Life

Leviticus 7:12–15 — Thanksgiving offerings.

Psalm 116:1–7 — Giving thanks for deliverance.

Psalm 147:7 — Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Discussion: Why does thankfulness bring joy to worship?

### IV. Thanksgiving as a Lifestyle

Philippians 4:6 — Pray with thanksgiving.

1 Timothy 4:3-4 — Give thanks for meals.

Ephesians 5:20 — Always give thanks to God.

Discussion: How can we be thankful even in hard times?

### V. Thanksgiving in the Life of Jesus

Matthew 15:36–38 — Jesus thanked God before feeding thousands.

John 11:41–42 — Jesus thanked God before the miracle.

Discussion: What can we learn from Jesus' gratitude?

#### **VI. Reflection & Closing Prayer**

Reflection: List three things you are thankful for this week.

**Closing Prayer:** 

Gracious Father, thank You for all Your blessings. Teach us to live each day with thankful

hearts. May our gratitude draw others closer to You. Amen.