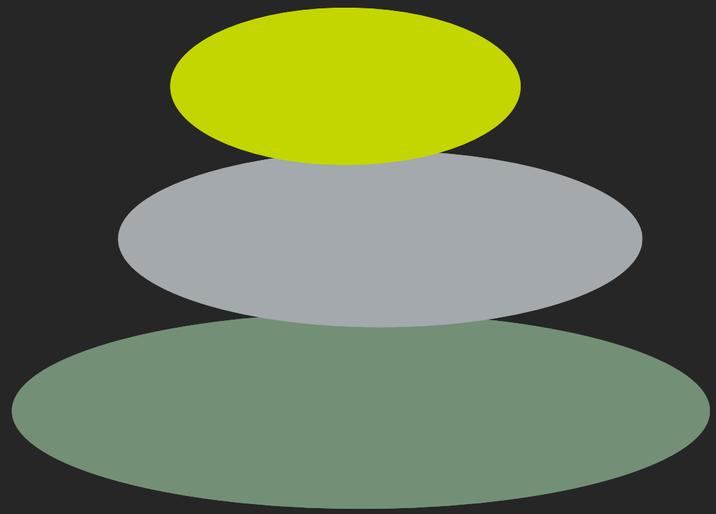
PRAYER SERIES / FINAL WEEK

The Prayer of Thanksgiving



Where we've been

The Lord’s Prayer

Adoration

Confession

Lament

Petition

Intercession

Thanksgiving

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–18 · NIV

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

In all circumstances? Even this?

EPHESIANS 3:17 · NIV

“...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,...”

The stones

JOSHUA 4:6 · NIV

“In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’”

Twelve stones from the Jordan

1 SAMUEL 7:12 · NIV

“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us.’”

Ebenezer: stone of help

Thanksgiving is going back to the stones.

COLOSSIANS 2:6–7 · NIV

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

THANKSGIVING KEEPS OUR HEARTS SOFT

“Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the believer in Jesus Christ. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.”

BILLY GRAHAM

Thanks in Scripture

JOHN 12:1–3

Mary of Bethany

Poured perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair

EXODUS 15

Miriam and Israel

Sang and danced after crossing the Red Sea

1 SAMUEL 2

Hannah

Prayed a song of praise after Samuel was born

LUKE 1:46–55

Mary

"My soul glorifies the Lord"

2 SAMUEL 6

David

Danced before the Lord as the ark came home

ACTS 3:8

Man at the gate

Walked, leaped, and praised God after being healed

ACTS 16:25

Paul and Silas

Prayed and sang hymns at midnight in prison

JONAH 2:9

Jonah

Gave thanks from inside the fish

Build a stone.

Write down one milestone: a moment God showed up.

Keep the card.

