

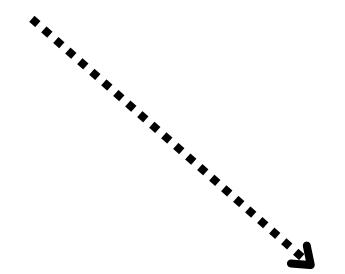
# PRAYERS FOR THE AGES

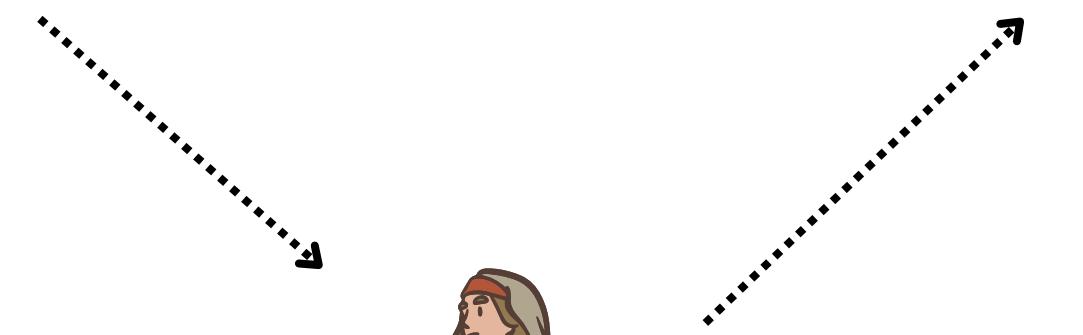
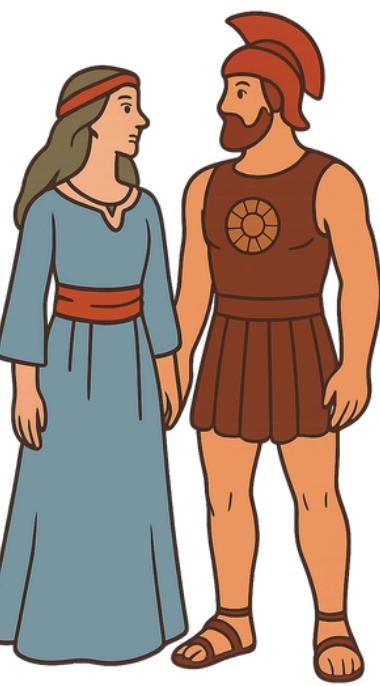
# CATEGORIES OF BIBLICAL PRAYER

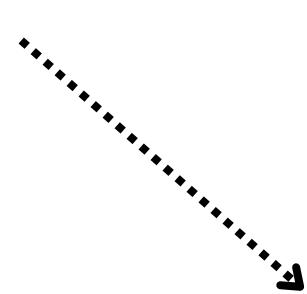
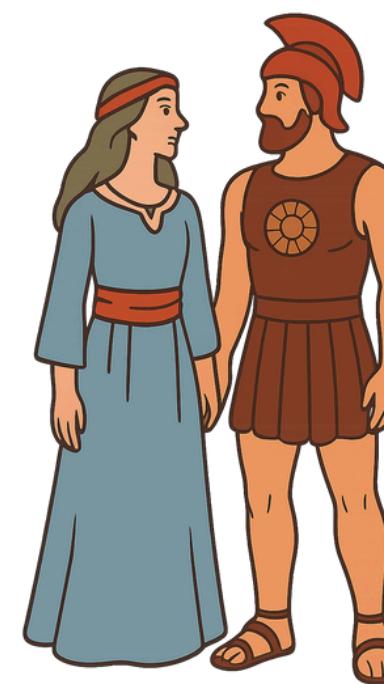
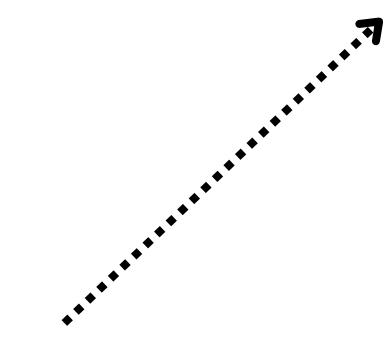
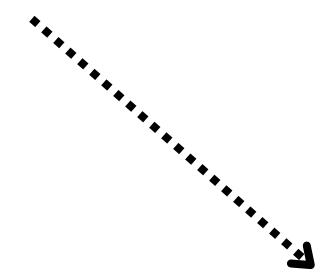
- **Adoration**: Praising God for his character, attributes, and mighty works.
- **Confession**: Acknowledging and repenting of sin openly before God.
- **Thanksgiving**: Expressing gratitude for grace, provision, and faithfulness.
- **Supplication & Petition**: Requesting God's help for personal needs.
- **Intercession**: Praying on behalf of others.
- **Lament**: Revealing sorrow, grief, or confusion, while still trusting God.
- **Imprecatory**: Calling on God's justice against evil.

KING DAVID SINS  
AGAINST THE  
LORD









And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup>

**Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man**, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup>and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

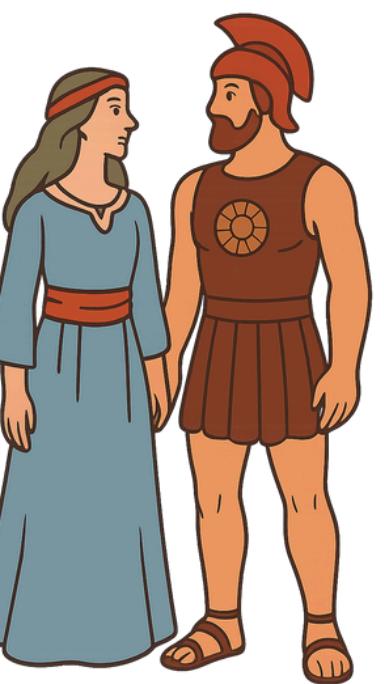
## 2 SAMUEL 12:1-6

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, “**You are the man!** Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

## 2 SAMUEL 12:7-10

<sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” <sup>13</sup> **David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”** And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.” <sup>15</sup> Then Nathan went to his house.

2 SAMUEL 12:11-15



# A PSALM OF CONFESSION BY KING DAVID

Have **mercy** on me, O God,  
according to your **steadfast love**;  
according to your **abundant mercy**,  
**blot out** my transgressions.  
2 **Wash me** thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and **cleanse me** from my sin!

### **Prayer Structure:**

- Begins with an appeal to God's character, being merciful & loving
- David uses covenant language, pointing to the need of salvation

# PSALM 51:1-2

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

### Prayer Structure:

- Clear confession of sin and wrestling with ongoing sin
- God is the chief offended party when sin occurs
- Recognizes his human sin nature
- God delights in our honest confessions & gives wisdom through this process

# PSALM 51:3-6

7 **Purge me** with hyssop, and **I shall be clean;**  
**wash me**, and **I shall be whiter than snow.**

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

9 **Hide** your face from my sins,  
and **blot out** all my iniquities.

### **Prayer Structure:**

- Petitions for cleansing work only the Lord can do
- David rejoices in the fatherly discipline of the Lord!
- He desires the Lord to remove his guilt

# PSALM 51:7-9

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and **renew a right spirit within me.**

11 Cast me not away from your presence,

and take **not your Holy Spirit from me.**

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and **uphold me with a willing spirit.**

### **Prayer Structure:**

- The Holy Spirit's presence renews us and holds us up with a willing spirit to obey what God has commanded.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to renew and uphold you!

# PSALM 51:10-12

13 **Then** I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
**and** my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips,  
**and** my mouth will declare your praise.

16 For you **will not** delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you **will not** be pleased with a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit**;  
**a broken and contrite heart**, O God, you will not despise.

**Prayer Structure:**  
• Pray what you  
know to be true  
**ACCORDING TO  
SCRIPTURE**

# PSALM 51:13-17

<sup>18</sup> **Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;**

build up the walls of Jerusalem;

<sup>19</sup> then will you delight in right sacrifices,

in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;

then bulls will be offered on your altar.

### **Prayer Structure:**

- Pray for those who might have been impacted by your sin against God

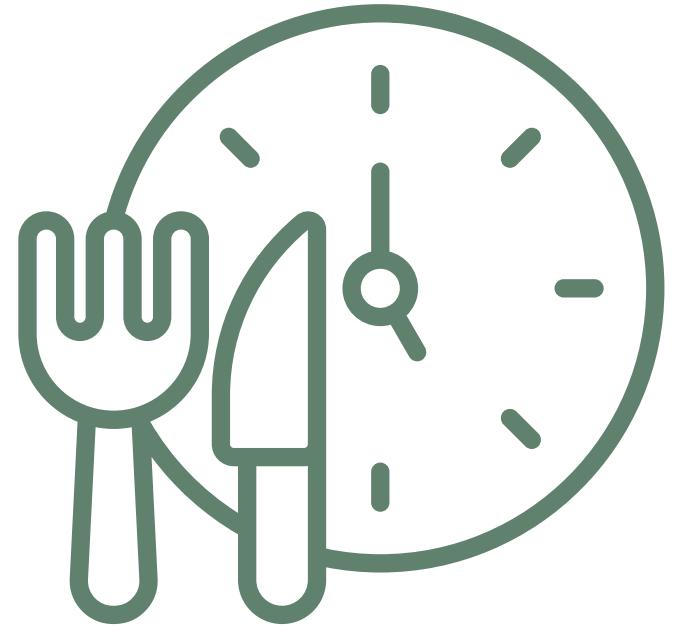
**PSALM 51:18-19**



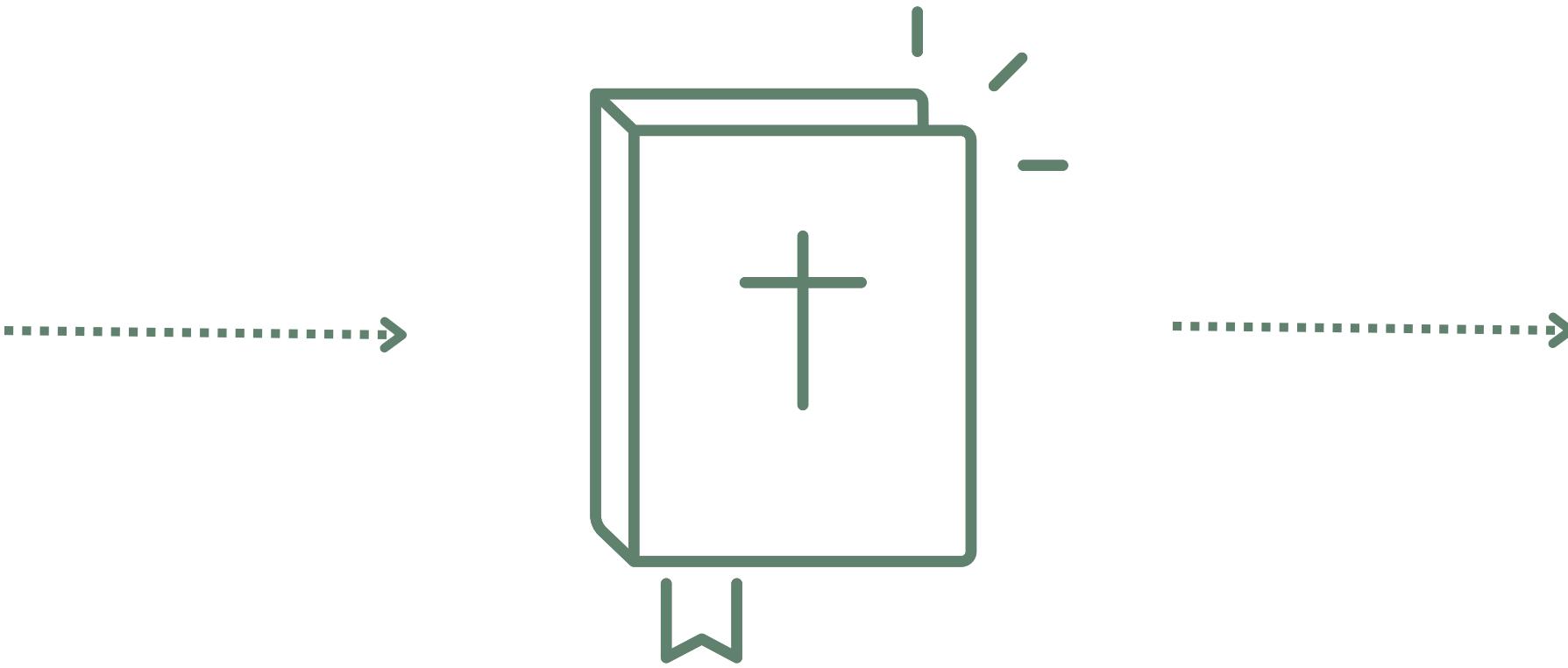
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- **Anchor** your prayer into the good, merciful, and forgiving nature of God.
- **Remember** the good news of the gospel. *You will be saved on the Day!*
- **Confess fully** what you have done that is evil in the sight of God. **USE SCRIPTURE.**
- **Accept** the judgement and consequences God has for you.
- **Ask the Holy Spirit** to renew your heart and will to **WANT** what God wants.
- **Acknowledge** what you will do to correct your sin and restore any damage done.

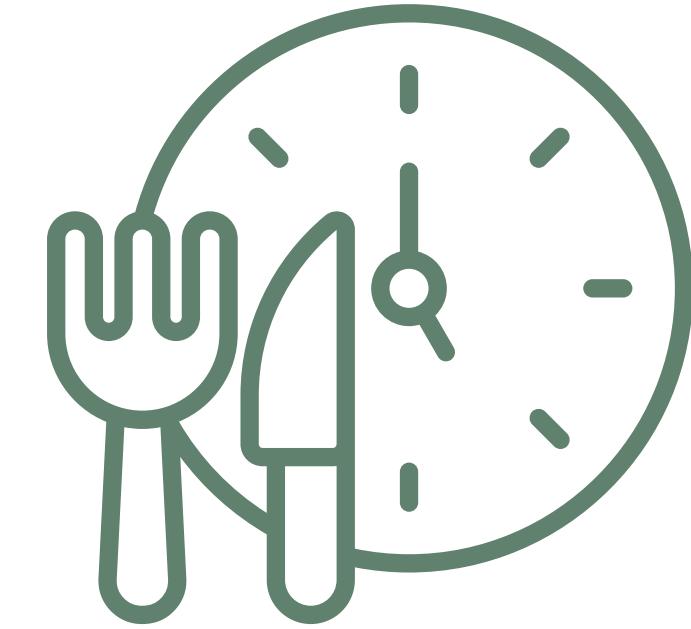
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