

Prayer Liturgy – Week 4

[These liturgies are adapted from Kenneth Boa's (1993) *Handbook to Prayer*]

- *Adoration*
The Lord is great and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols,
But the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and joy are in His place.
I will ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
I will ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name
And worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Tremble before him, all the earth.
The world is firmly established, it will not be moved. (1 Chronicles 16:25–30)
Pause to offer a prayer of praise and adoration

- *Confession*
Save me from bloodguilt, O God,
The God of my salvation,
And my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth will declare Your praise.
For You do not desire sacrifice, or I would bring it;
You do not delight in burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart,
O God, You will not despise. (Psalm 51:14–17)
Ask God to convict you of sin and pause a bit to meditate. Confess your sin and thank God for his forgiveness.

- *Renewal*
May I trust in the Lord and do good; may I dwell in the land and feed on Your faithfulness. When I delight myself in the Lord, You will give me the desires of my heart. I will commit my way to the Lord and trust in You, and You will bring it to pass. You will bring forth my righteousness like the light, and my justice like the noonday. May I rest in the Lord and wait patiently for You; I will not fret because of him who prospers in his way, with the man who practices evil schemes. (Psalm 37:3–7)
Meditate on the Gospel: that through Jesus God has both removed your sin and made you completely righteous. God is now fully pleased with you through Jesus. Respond to God for this good, good news. Find refreshment in what God has provided and promised.

- *Intercession – pray for the following:*
 - The Waters family – for comfort, provision, and healing
 - The Carson family in Ecuador – for vision in ministry and provision in transition

- That God would increase our compassion toward others
- For those who need to know Jesus in our cities

- *Communal prayer*
You have loved me with an everlasting love;
You have drawn me with lovingkindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)
You led Your people with cords of human kindness,
With bands of love;
You lifted the yoke from their neck
And bent down to feed them. (Hosea 11:4)