

Prayer Liturgy – Week 18

These liturgies are adapted from Boa's (1993) Handbook to Prayer

Adoration

- “Blessed are You, O Lord, God of Israel, our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of all things. In Your hand is power and might to exalt and to give strength to all. Therefore, my God, I give You thanks and praise Your glorious name.” (1 Chronicles 29:10–13)

Pause to offer a prayer of adoration to God

Confession

- “O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, And do not chasten me in Your anger. For Your arrows have pierced me deeply, And Your hand has pressed down upon me. There is no health in my body because of Your wrath, Nor peace in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; As a heavy burden, they weigh too much for me.” (Psalm 38:1–4)

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any unconfessed sin. Confess your sin and thank God for the gift of perfect righteousness through Jesus

Renewal

- Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. But let me flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (adapted from 1 Timothy 6:9–11)

Voice your own prayer of personal renewal in faith and the pursuit of holiness

Petition and intercession

- *Pray for greater love and compassion for others*
Pray for God to fulfill his promise to care for the oppressed and the poor here in our cities, and in the midst of the war and refugee crisis in Syria
Pray for your loved ones
Pray for the opportunity to share your faith with someone this week

Affirmation and Thanksgiving

- “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.” (James 1:12)
“Those who suffer according to the will of God should commit themselves to their faithful Creator in doing good.” (1 Peter 4:19)

Pause to reflect on these Biblical affirmations and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God

Communal Prayer

- “The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God is my rock; I will take refuge in Him,
My shield and the horn of my salvation,
My stronghold and my refuge—
My Savior, You save me from violence.
I call on the Lord, who is worthy of praise,
And I am saved from my enemies.” (2 Samuel 22:2–4)