



MILLBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...” FOR YOUR CHURCH

Prayer Guide for
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“And he said to them, ‘When you pray say...’” Luke 11:2a ESV

“The Lord’s Prayer is a pattern for all Christian praying...analysis of the Lord’s Prayer requires reference to a spectrum of seven distinct activities.” J. I. Packer, pages 16-17

I. ADORATION AND PRAISE

The first distinct activities are “approaching God in adoration and trust; and acknowledging his work and his worth, in praise and worship.” J. I. Packer, page 17

Approach God in adoration and trust:

Our Father Who alone is God Sovereign Self-existent Holy Righteous Just

Acknowledge his work and his worth as revealed in Psalm 27, in praise and worship:

My light and my salvation	Stronghold of my life	My confidence in the face of evil
Full of beauty	Shelter in the day of trouble	Lifter of my life
My help	God of my salvation	One who never forsakes
Faithful	Protector	Defender

II. CONFESSION—SILENT

The third distinct activity is “**admitting** sin and seeking pardon.” J. I. Packer, page 17

Admit your sin and seek his pardon using:

“Search me O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way!” Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV)

III. THANKSGIVING

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving...” Psalm 100:4a (ESV)

Behold some of God’s endless riches revealed through John 17:

Eternal life	Finished work of Christ	Jesus’ prayers for us	Fulfillment of Scripture
Joy	God’s Word	God’s love	Knowledge of God and Christ
Sanctification	Protection from the evil one		

Respond with prayers of thanksgiving.

III. SUPPLICATIONS

The final distinct activities are “**asking** that needs be met, for ourselves and others; **arguing** with God for a blessing...; **accepting** from God one’s own situation as he has shaped it; and **adhering** to God in faithfulness through thick and thin.” J. I. Packer, page 17

Allow the Holy Spirit to use these distinct activities to shape your supplications.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for God to search each of our hearts and pinpoint any unholy attitude, any harbored anger or bitterness or any sinful pride and ask God to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
2. Pray for God to uplift and sustain each of our ministerial staff members and their families, to grant them grace and strength to fulfill their calling to Millbrook Baptist Church and to encourage and bless them in their service to Him.
3. Pray that God will give the Church Council and staff open hearts and minds to hear what He is saying through times of personal prayer, through wise counsel from each other, from those outside of Millbrook and from godly input from the congregation.

“So the Lord’s Prayer should be put to service to direct and spur on our constant praying. To pray in terms of it is the sure way to keep our prayers within God’s will; to pray through it, expanding the clauses as we go along, is the sure way to prime the pump when prayer dries up and you find yourself stuck.”
J. I. Packer, page 17

Six Simple Guidelines for Corporate Prayer Time

These simple guidelines are meant to serve as tools to help our meetings for prayer get started, encourage newcomers, and motivate the more timid to pray aloud.

1. Small groups---6-8 per group
2. Specific requests---see the list provided
3. Short prayers---secret of the success of small group prayer
4. Subject by subject---pray in one accord, one subject at a time
5. Simple prayers---keep it simple
6. Silent periods---gives time for those who are more timid to participate

