

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (Hebrews 4:14-16)

[14] Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In light of this passage, let us all choose to draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Carve out time each day this week to go before the Lord, and take full advantage of the access you now have to our God thanks to Jesus!! Below are a few suggestions to help as you go before the Lord in prayer, but don't feel limited by this list; pray as the Holy Spirit leads you!

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE:

- Give thanks for our Great High Priest & what He's done
- Thank Him for specific ways He's been at work in your life
- Thank Him for meeting every need
- Thank the Lord for His unending faithfulness
- Praise our God for He alone is worthy of our worship
- Praise Him for His willingness to receive our worship
- Lift up the name of Jesus, the name above all names
- Praise Him for being the Giver of life - temporal & eternal
- Think about the attributes of our God and praise Him

CONFESSION & COMMITMENT:

- The Lord gives "mercy and grace to help in time of need"
- Take time to confess your brokenness before the Lord
- Ask Him to search your heart and reveal even hidden sins
- If you've sinned against another, go to him/her & confess
- Confess anything you value over Him in your life (idols)
- Repent & seek the Lord for strength to walk in holiness
- The Holy Spirit is equipping us to live for God's glory
- Commit to the Lord to walk by the Spirit;
 - Give thanks again for His grace & mercy when you don't

REQUESTS & PETITIONS:

- Present your requests and needs to the Lord
- Ask for the Lord to draw your heart to love Him more fully
- Ask for strength and open eyes to temptations that come
- Pray for those in your life who are struggling & hurting
- Pray for the Lord to unite His Church for His glory
- Pray for the Lord to direct us, individually & corporately
- Pray for wisdom to navigate our hardships well
- Seek strength to love your enemies & pray for persecutors
- Ask for the Lord to use us to display His goodness to all