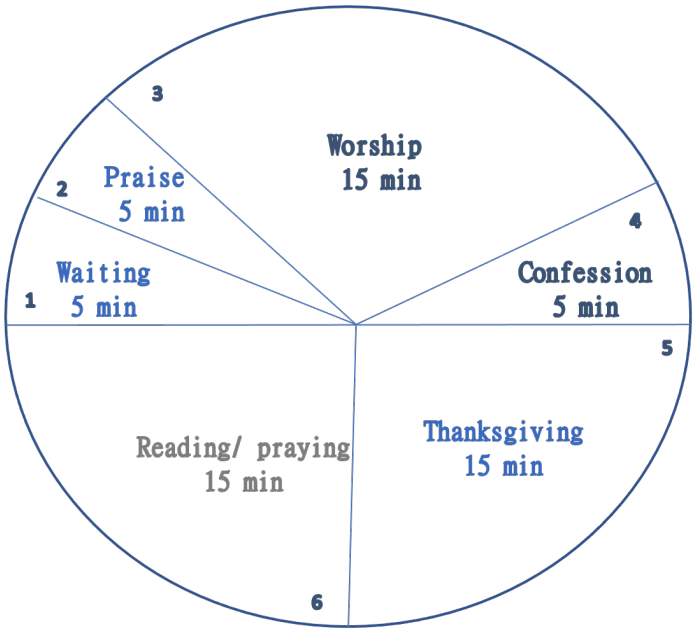


1. Waiting — Wait on the Lord; allow the Lord to make you conscious of His presence.
   Psalm 37:7a; Psalm 46:10; Lamentations 3:25

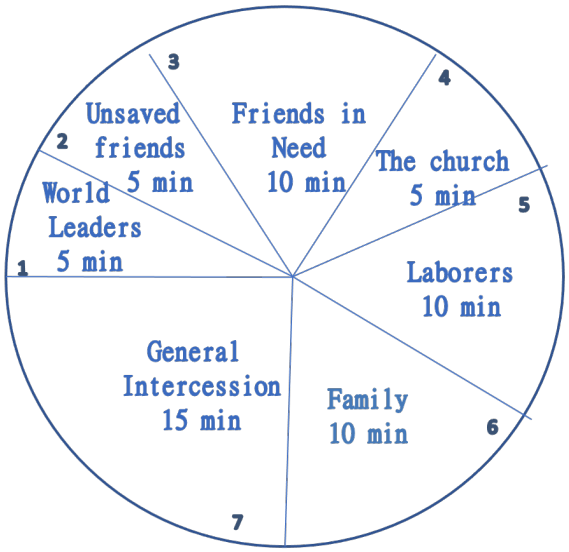
2. Praise — Praise is that aspect of prayer which vocally esteems God for His virtues – who He is – and His accomplishments.
   Psalm 100:3 – 5; Psalm 63:1 – 3; Psalm 150

3. Worship — Read Psalm 139
   Psalm 139 reveals the omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence of God; worship His greatness as revealed in this passage.

4. Confession — Pray Psalm 139: 23 – 24
   Allow God to bring to your attention any issue that needs to be confessed. Make a note to yourself if it requires any action on your part such as confessing to someone else besides God.

5. Thanksgiving — Read Psalm 116:1 – 2; Psalm 103
   Spend time thanking the Lord for these two passages plus additional things you desire to thank Him for.

6. Read and pray over Psalm 104



Intercession – This concerns praying for others who have needs.

1. World Leaders: read 1 Timothy 2: 1 – 2

2. Unsaved Friends: read 1 Timothy 2: 3 – 6

3. Friends in need.

4. The Church (Body of Christ): remember those who are poor, persecuted, isolated.

5. Laborers – remember pastoral staff and missionaries you know;
   pray Colossians 1: 9 – 11 for them
   pray for new laborers; pray Matthew 9: 36 – 38

6. Family: pray for each member of the family (immediate and extended).

7. General Intercession: let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Petition - This aspect of prayer concerns our personal needs. To petition God is to open our need to God through prayer.

1. The Word: read and meditate on Matthew 6: 6 – 15.

2. Basic Needs: Based on Matthew 6:11, place before the Lord all those needs you feel are basic to your well-being (both present and future).

3. Worry List: Give some thought to current conflicts, problems, concerns or frustrations. List anything "bugging" you. Number each of these items. No mater how small an item is, if it is of concern to you, list it. Ask God to reveal to you anything else which is an item of concern.

4. Evaluate Worry List: Go through the list, item by item. On each item you will conclude that you can do nothing about it because it is past or beyond your control…or…that you can do something to resolve the issue. If there is nothing you can do about a given item, then spend some time in prayer about it. If you feel you can take action on a particular item. You should also pray about it, then make a "do list" of things you plan to do specifically.

5. Personal desires: Psalm 37: 4 – 5. These are not needs but things you would like the Lord to do.

6. Meditation: Read and meditate on Matthew 7: 7 – 12.

7. Listening: Allow God, the Holy Spirit, to speak to our heart. Be silent. List or respond to anything He has to say.

8. Reflecting: Spend time reflecting back over TAWG and write out 1 – 3 prayer requests you wish the rest of us to pray for you the next 6 months.

9. Praise: Read Psalm 100: 4 and Ephesians 3: 20 – 21. Acknowledge His greatness and ability to do all you have asked and more.

FOCUS ON PETITION

I. THE WORD

Matthew 6: 6 – 15

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

This, then, is how you should pray:
"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one."

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Bur if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

II. Matthew 6: 11

"Give us today our daily bread."

III. PERSONAL DESIRES

Psalms 37: 4 – 5
Delight yourself in the Lord
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this.

IV. MEDITATION

Matthew 7: 7 – 12

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.