

## PRAYER HELPS

God speaks to us through His word. A primary way we respond is through prayer. Read through today's Psalm and respond by praying with God instead of to God. Pray before, during, and after you read. You can do that by including the P.R.A.Y. acrostic elements:

### P.R.A.Y.

- **P - PRAISE**
  - Does the passage reveal anything about God's character and ways? Thank God for who Scripture reveals Him to be, what it means and how it affects your life. (Examples of His character qualities include love, justice, creator, omnipresent—everywhere, omniscient. All-knowing, with us, healer, provider, redeemer, hope, comforter, God who sees).
  - Thank God for how and what He has communicated in this Scripture passage and others (specific instruction, examples, encouragement, conviction).
  - Thank God for what He has done and is doing (for you, our church, people you know, the world).
- **R - REPENT (Agree with God about your sin. Confess it, ask God for forgiveness and help to change, then choose to live differently.)**
  - Are you convicted by anything in particular as you read today's passage?
  - Ask God to search your heart like the psalmist does in Psalm 139:23-24. Be still and quiet long enough to listen for how He would convict your heart.
  - Talk to God about your attitudes, thinking and actions. Confess any shortcomings He reveals and seek His wisdom on how to respond and live differently.
  - Thank God for the grace and mercy of His forgiveness.
- **A - ASK (Make requests of God according to His will)**
  - For yourself
  - For our staff
  - For others (friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, government and community leaders, missionaries, acquaintances, non-believers, influencers, marginalized...)
- **Y - YIELD to GOD**
  - How is God leading or convicting you?
  - Seek His direction for how to best respond to the passage you read and other ways He is using to prompt you. How would He want you to adapt your beliefs and behaviors in light of what you have read?
  - Ask Him for direction regarding the circumstances and relationships in your life and prayerfully consider practical ways you will respond.

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### OTHER THINGS TO TALK WITH GOD ABOUT

- **CRBC**
  - **Character**
    - Display the heart of God
    - Be a light to our surrounding community
    - God's favor and protection
  - **Finances**
    - Wisdom in using them
    - Faithfulness in our giving
    - Generosity in responding to God's provision, gift of Jesus and lavish generosity. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).
  - **Staff**
    - Direction in leading
    - Fresh Anointing
    - Spiritual intimacy, hunger and encouragement
    - Faithfulness to God
    - Physical health/stamina
    - Relational health - community, marriages, etc.
    - Encouragement and faithfulness
    - Unity among them
  - **Members**
    - Spiritual intimacy and growth, Hunger for God
    - Faithfulness in following God
    - Godly community
    - Active involvement in CRBC
    - Joy in serving
    - Heart for evangelism and disciple making, availability to help others grow spiritual love
    - Deep love ❤️ for one another and strong spirit of unity
    - Hospitable to other members and visitors
  - **Visitors**
    - Feel welcome
    - Salvation
    - Find their spot at CRBC
- **PERSONALLY**

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- Heart for God, His Word and people
- Connecting God's Word to your everyday life
- Faithfulness