

IN YOUR CLOSET

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

WHAT IS JESUS' INSTRUCTION?

*But thou, when thou prayest,
enter into thy closet,
and when thou shut thy door,
pray to thy Father
which is in secret;
and thy Father
which seeth thee in secret
will reward you.*

MATTHEW 6:6 KJV

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

*For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope.
Then you will call upon me
and come and pray to me,
and I will hear you.
You will seek me and find me,
when you seek me with all your heart.*

JEREMIAH 21: 11-13, ESV

1. Pray as a child prays in talking to his or her loving father.
2. Tell Him how you feel no matter how good or bad that may sound.
3. Thank Him for all the good things He has already done for you.
4. Pray for people you know who need His special touch.

5. Pray for caregivers who are treating those who become ill.
6. Pray for our leaders as they make difficult decisions.
7. Pray for those who do not know Jesus—they need Him now more than ever.
8. Pray for His will to be done and for Him to be glorified as His loving intervention becomes clear.

NOTE: These are merely ideas. Pray from your heart to His. You can trust Him completely.



HOW DO I MAKE A THANK-YOU LIST?

*Oh give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

PSALM 118: 1, ESV

1. Grab your favorite drink; tea, coffee, fruit juice, soft drink or water.
2. Grab your favorite device or journal or paper and begin by praying the verse above, something like this: "Father, you are good. My life is filled with examples. I particularly thank you for the following: ... (You begin writing your list.

3. Think of your family members.
4. Think of your friends.
5. Think of special teachers, mentors, pastors, youth leaders.
6. Think of memories you cherish.
7. Think of achievements God enabled in your life.
8. Think of spiritual milestones.
9. Think of special Scripture verses.
10. Think of times God has already delivered you.



HOW DO I LET GO AND LET JESUS SHEPHERD ME?

*I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.*

John 10: 11

1. Ask yourself some questions.
2. Has Jesus become your Savior? When?
3. Did He die on the cross for you?
4. Was He resurrected to assure your own victory over death as you trust in Him?
5. What is your earliest memory of His blessing your life?
6. What is the most remarkable gift He has given you since your salvation?
7. Who are some of His present-day disciples who have blessed you?
8. What is a recent discovery, accomplishment or friendship He has given you?
9. How many times has He forgiven you?

10. Where would you be now without Him?

Spend some time thanking God for all that Jesus means to you.

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD HAVE TO SAY TO ME IN A TIME LIKE THIS?

1. John 14:27: *Jesus gives us peace.*
2. Isaiah 41:10: *God upholds us.*
3. Philippians 4:6-7: *God's peace guards our hearts.*
4. Deuteronomy 31:8: *The Lord goes before us.*
5. Psalm 27:1: *The LORD is our light.*
6. Exodus 14:13: *See the salvation of the Lord*
7. Joshua 1:9: *The Lord is with us wherever we go.*
8. Isaiah 41:13: *God takes hold of our right hand.*
9. Psalm 23:4: *Our Shepherd's rod and staff comfort us.*
10. 1 Peter 5:7: *God cares for us.*
11. 2 Timothy 1:7: *God gives us a spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
12. Psalm 34:4: *The Lord delivers me from all my fears.*

IN ONE ACCORD AT ONE

*All these with one accord
were devoting themselves to prayer, . . .*

Acts 1: 14a

Would you daily join your FBC Glencoe faith family in praying a brief prayer for the Church and for the One person your are praying for sometime between One and Two P.M.? In this way many of us can be joined in ONE accord at One each day.

