

WEEK NINE | A HEART OF GRATITUDE

WEDNESDAY

Gratitude in Prayer

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Philippians 4:6

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

KEY TRUTH

Thanksgiving changes prayer from anxious striving into confident dependence upon God.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Anxiety fills the mind with everything that might go wrong. Prayer brings those concerns into the presence of the One who is already there.

Paul joins requests with thanksgiving. Before the answer arrives, we thank God that He hears, cares, knows what is best, and possesses power beyond our limitations.

Thanksgiving does not make our requests less honest. It makes our prayers more complete by remembering the character of the God to whom we pray.

Bring your concern to the Lord today, but do not stop after naming the need. Thank Him for His presence, His promises, and His perfect wisdom. A grateful prayer places the problem in stronger hands and leaves the heart resting there.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read Philippians 4:6-7.**
2. **Name one concern before God.**
3. **Add three reasons for thanksgiving.**
4. **Spend five minutes praying without rushing.**
5. **Leave the outcome in God's hands.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"
- James Montgomery

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire."
Sincere prayer brings every burden to God while thanksgiving remembers the faithful heart receiving it.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Ask someone how you can pray for them, then pray with gratitude for the grace God is already providing.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I bring You every concern and request. Thank You for hearing me, loving me, and knowing what I need. Guard my heart from anxiety and teach me to pray with confidence, thanksgiving, and peaceful trust in Your wisdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Thanksgiving in prayer reminds the anxious heart that the answer rests with a faithful God.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

Week Nine | Thursday | Thankful for God's People | Philippians 1:3 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!