

# Talking With God

## 1. God created us for Relationship.

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

*Genesis 1: 27-28*

## 2. Prayer is talking with God

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'

*Psalm 40:-6-8*

## 3. An easy pattern for prayer is the acrostic ACTS.

## 4. The First letter of this pattern stands for Adoration.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work...

*Psalm 111:2-3*

## 5. The Second letter of this pattern stands for Confession.

"David said to Nathan "I have sinned against the Lord"

*2 Samuel 11:1a*

## 6. The Third letter of this pattern stands for Thanksgiving.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 18

## 7. The Fourth letter of this pattern stands for Supplication.

For God delivers the needy when they call... *Psalm 72-12a*

## 8. Another prayer pattern easily learned and followed is called the Collect.

## 9. This form starts with a greeting to God.

## 10. The next step specifies God's attribute or His characteristic that we are asking Him to invoke.

## 11. Then comes our Petition.

## 12. And finally we state the intended outcome of our request.

## 13. When a friend asks for prayer, offer to pray with them.

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In the coming week, I will pray using one of the prayer patterns each day.

In the coming week, if a friend asks for prayer I will offer to pray *with* them, rather than *for* them.

In the coming week, I will commit to serious listening time after I have prayed.