

***We will continue our discussion of how we pray by focusing on the modes and channels of prayer; by this, we mean the different types of prayer that we may engage in as we approach God on a daily basis.***

- **There are \_\_\_\_\_ modes of prayer listed in the New Testament.**

*1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NKJV)*

*14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.*

*15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.*

- Praying with the \_\_\_\_\_: This refers to prayer spoken in the language you \_\_\_\_\_ and speak.
- You know \_\_\_\_\_ you are praying and the reason \_\_\_\_\_ you are praying.
  
- Praying with the Spirit: This refers to prayers prayed in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Often you \_\_\_\_\_ what you are praying or the reason why you are praying.
  
- Praying in your own language builds your understanding and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Praying in the Spirit builds your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jude 1:20 (NKJV)*

*20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit*

- **Prayer Channels**

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ channels that you can use when praying.

*1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)*

*1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men*

*Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)*

*9 In this manner, therefore, pray:*

*Our Father in heaven,*

*Hallowed be Your name.*

*10 Your kingdom come.*

*Your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven.*

*11 Give us this day our daily bread.*

*12 And forgive us our debts,*

*As we forgive our debtors.*

*13 And do not lead us into temptation,*

*But deliver us from the evil one.*

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

*Amen.*

– From Paul's list and Lord's Prayer, we find six channels of access to God.

1. Giving of Thanks/Praise – acknowledging the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, this is often a great way enter into prayer.

*Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)*

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

2. Worship – based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God Himself, who He is.
3. Supplications – \_\_\_\_\_; often prayers that are prayed for self, for personal needs, and personal requests.
4. Intercessions – prayers that are prayed \_\_\_\_\_, for external needs, often accompanied by a tremendous burden.
5. Prayers – simple \_\_\_\_\_ with God, talking to God, conversing with God, emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6. Repentance/Cleansing – asking \_\_\_\_\_ for sins/wrong actions/attitudes, and etc. Being made \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s presence.
- These six channels \_\_\_\_\_ be used when praying either with the understanding or in the Spirit.
  1. Praise
  2. Worship
  3. Supplications
  4. Intercession (often with deep groaning and travail)
  5. Prayer/Relationship
  6. Repentance
- If you are having trouble “finding” God (i.e. trouble connecting with God), just \_\_\_\_\_ the channel until you find Him.
- If (when) you find God on a certain channel, \_\_\_\_\_!

➤ **Effective Prayer**

- Effective prayer is prayer that is properly \_\_\_\_\_ with God!

*James 5:16 (NKJV)*

*16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

- Many people pray \_\_\_\_\_ prayers because they never connect with God.
- Those who connect with God get on \_\_\_\_\_ and learn how to pray prayers that move Heaven and earth.

- **Homework Assignment:** For the next week, pay attention to the channels of prayer that you use as you approach God. Take special note of any channels that help you find and maintain your connection with God.