KINDS OF PRAYERS Ephesians 6:18-24

INTRODUCTION:

Prayer is important because it helps us to stay close to God. "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." – Martin Luther

o "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (Eph 6:18)

I. PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- A. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 5:20).
- B. As Christians, we represent Christ at all times -wherever you go, whatever you say.
- C. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess 5:18).

II. PRAYERS OF PETITION

- **A.** A Prayer of Petition is asking God for help for yourself or for someone else (Ps 121:1-2).
- **B.** Prayer of Petition for My Friends

III. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Rom 7:25)

- A. Paul said, "I thank God (who gives deliverance) through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- **B.** Jesus is the Greatest Intercessor of all times (Isa 53:12)
- C. Those, for whom we are to offer Intercessory Prayers (2 Tim 2:2; Matt 5:44; Phil 1:19)
- D. Pray for All the Saints (1 Thess 5:25; Heb 13:18)

CONCLUSION:

- A. "Prayer delights God's ear; it melts His heart; and opens His hand. God cannot deny a praying soul." Thomas Watson
- **B.** "Prayer is the link that connects us to God." A.B. Simpson
- C. "Prayer should be the Key of the Day and the Lock of the Night." George Herbert
- D. According to John 15:5 Christ's teaching on the Vine and the Branches Christ said, ... without me ye can do nothing."
- E. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).