

**Mid-Week Bible Study – September 2, 2020**

**Topic: Types of Prayer**

**Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

**Introduction:** As Christians, we need to consider the content of our prayer. Prayer requires thoughtfulness, it is a spiritual endeavor and not simply a random act. Sometimes, we rush down on our knees (if/when we do), close our eyes and utter a few words, and claim we have prayed. In most cases, we fail to consider the contents of our prayer, to God. Most of the time, we are asking God for something, without giving Him thanks for what He has done. Various forms/types of prayer can be used at different situations. Different situations call for different kinds of prayer. Therefore, it is especially important that we know the content and type of prayer when we approach the throne of Grace.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. God is Holy and Almighty! what will you do when you approach His throne of grace? *I Kings 18:30-36; I Timothy 1:17; Psalm 51:1-4; John 11:41-42; Daniel 2:20-23.*
2. What is the meaning of the prayer of supplication before God? *John 42:8-10; Psalm 22:1-2; Acts 12:5; Luke 18:1; Acts 9: 6.*
3. Why would you pray for all men? *1 Timothy 2:1-8.*

**Summary:** Prayer is our link with God; it is the link between the divine and he's mortals, the sacred and the ordinary. A good model prayer must include praise, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. The content of our prayer should reflect the situations but in prayer we need to adore God, confess our sins, thank Him for the mercies we had received, ask for personal needs and those of other people. The prayer of Saul at his conversion, "What shall you have me to do? *Acts 9:6*, is essentials for us as we faced this pandemic, racial injustice, and the forthcoming election, even battles with personal health, marital and other issues of life. Pray without ceasing. *1 Thessalonian 5:14*

Listen for the answer to your prayers, it could be Yes, No or Wait but God is never silent to prayers.

**Memory Verse:** "*I urge, then, first of all that request, prayer, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.*" *1 Timothy 2:1.*