



PRAYER AS PETITION BY STEVE GRUSENDORF

The Big Ask

“Give us today our daily bread.” –Matthew 6:11

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” –Philippians 4:6–7

I. The Bible teaches us to petition God boldly when we pray.

- A. In His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus showed Himself to be a loving and sympathetic Savior who genuinely cares about our needs (Heb. 4:14–15).
- B. The writer of Hebrews concludes from Christ’s example that we can boldly pray to Jesus and expect Him to help us in our time of need (Heb. 4:16).

II. The Bible teaches us to petition God humbly when we pray.

- A. God alone is all-powerful. He has complete authority over our lives, our judgment, and our salvation (James 4:12).
- B. James teaches us to pray to God in humility, recognizing that His authority and position is so much greater than our own (James 4:10).
- C. A humble prayer of petition seeks to make known our desires to God while submitting ourselves to His plans no matter what.
- D. Example of a humble prayer: Paul’s passionate plea (2 Cor. 12:7–10). **Crucial Question:** How can we pray boldly and humbly at the same time?

III. Big Idea: An attitude of thankfulness as we pray grounds our boldness with humility.

- A. Prayers of thankfulness flow from one who has come to know God’s heart.
- B. Why should we be thankful?
 - 1. Because God is our sustainer (Acts 17:28)
 - 2. Because Jesus has saved us from our pasts (1 Tim. 1:13–14)
 - 3. Because of God’s timing (1 Tim. 6:15–16)
- C. When we petition God with a thankful heart, we are able to do two things simultaneously:
 - 1. We can submit to God’s will even as we ask Him for help.
 - 2. We can ask with boldness because we know God always seeks our greatest good.

Conclusion/Application: Make sure you have asked God for your petition (James 4:2), Investigate your motives (James 4:3), Remember that faith is a condition for answered prayer (Mark 11:24), don’t be afraid to “heckle heaven” until you gain a response from God, submit yourself to God’s priorities, not your own.



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Helping people take the next step in their relationship with God.

(prayed over by the elders)

Prayer Requests

Horizontal lines for writing prayer requests.

1/15/23

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

If you are a visitor today or church member with a prayer request or if you need to contact a staff member or elder, please take a moment to fill out the attached connection card and place it in the offering plate, located at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children ages 0 up to 4 years old. KidZone is available today for kids age 4-5th grade. Today's KidZone volunteers are Christina Frame, Molly Kadash, Blake Stevens and Josiah Schans All our workers have clearances and have been properly trained.

Steve Fish will be leading us in prayer.

Pastor Ron will be blessing us with the message. 40 Days of Prayer-Prayer as Petition.

The worship team will be leading the following songs: Hosanna, One True God, Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me, and Great Are You Lord.

Thank you for spending your morning with us!

Contact us on our cell phones if you need us.

Sunday
9:30am Worship Service

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~ Highlights ~

The 2nd offering for January will be going to GCF/Dannekers.

For 6 weeks we will focus on 40 Days of Prayer with the National C&MA Church. This is what you can expect for January and early February:

Mondays @ Noon - in-person prayer hour at Oak Grove

Tuesdays @ 8pm - Weekly Encounters online

Wednesdays + Thursdays - online meditation with Pastor Ron on our YouTube Channel.

Sign up for daily email devotionals here: <https://cmalliance.org/40days/>

Sign up for the Tuesday night Weekly Encounters here: https://www.bigmarker.com/series/40-days-of-prayer-2023-week1/series_summit

Subscribe to the YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@GreenviewAllianceChurch>

Links are also available on our Greenview Family News Facebook group and via email.

Update your contact info with us on Church Center

Update your contact information with us easily and at any time! Add new family members, change your email or mailing address, add birthdays, etc. Just scan this QR Code and fill out your information.



Youth and parents, be sure to sign up for the "Youth Group" group on the church center app. This will help with communication, scheduling events, and sign-ups. Use this QR code to join. Feel free to contact Pastor Steve if you have any questions.



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