### **Dothan First Interactive Prayer Guide**

July 29, 2020

Prayer Theme: Psalm 34–Thankfulness

# SCRIPTURE

- I will praise the Lord at all times.
   I will constantly speak his praises.
- 2 I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart.
- 3 Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together.



## SCRIPTURE

- 4 I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.
- 6 In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.

# **3** SCRIPTURE

- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need.10 Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no
- good thing.

## ACTION

Taste and see..."–We have been extended a warm invitation to **"Try God, you just may like Him."** When we take that first step of obedience in following God, we discover that He is good and kind. We learn that He can be trusted. Write down on this handout or in your prayer journal three things you have trusted God for and discovered His goodness and provision for you. Take a few moments to give Him thanks.

## ACTION

Praise and Exaltation–"Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness and exalt His name together."

Share with the person with you or in the comments, one thing God has done for you or revealed to you within the past week. Then let's praise Him together for His greatness.

## ACTION

Use the space below or your prayer journal to write down a need you are currently praying for. Commit it to God, tell Him you trust Him, and then spend some time thanking Him for answering your prayer.

<ul> <li>11 Come, my children, and listen to me, and I will teach you to fear the Lord.</li> <li>12 Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous?</li> <li>13 Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!</li> <li>14 Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.</li> </ul>	ACTION David said that a person who fears the Lord doesn't lie, turns from evil, does good, and promotes peace. Reverence is much more than sitting quietly in church. It includes obeying God in the way we speak and the way we treat others. Take a moment to search your heart for any evil way or thoughts you may feel towards God or another person. Repent and ask God to help you always do good and seek peace in all your relationships and activities.
<ul> <li><b>5</b> SCRIPTURE</li> <li>15 The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; his ears are open to their cries for help.</li> <li>16 But the Lord turns his face against those</li> </ul>	ACTION God hears the cries of His people. Those who cry out to Him for help will be rescued. According to Galatians 6:2, we are encouraged
<ul> <li>who do evil; he will erase their memory from the earth.</li> <li>17 The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles.</li> <li>18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.</li> </ul>	to share and carry each other's burdens. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring someone to your mind who might need encouragement– someone whose burdens you can help to carry. Write that person's name down, pray for them, and give God thanks for hearing and answering your prayers.

# 6

### SCRIPTURE

- 19 The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.
- 20 For the Lord protects the bones of the righteous; not one of them is broken!
- 21 Calamity will surely destroy the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 But the Lord will redeem those who serve him. No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

### ACTION

God doesn't promise that we won't experience troubles, but He does promise to be close and to be our source of power, courage, and wisdom helping us through our troubles. He also promises to redeem those who serve Him.

As we close out this time of prayer, we want to invite you to make an altar right there in your home. We are God's children, that means we are a family–His family. Pastor Adam is going to lead us in a song to close out the night. Let's celebrate God's goodness, provision, healing, protection and redemption together as a family. Let's praise and exalt His name together.