KINDS OF PRAYER

(1 Timothy 2:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

(1 Thess. 5:17) "Pray without ceasing"

(Eph. 6:18) "with all prayer and supplication"

(Phil. 4:6) "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving"

(1 Tim. 2:1-2) "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks"

1. PRAYER (Gr. proseuche)

A general term for prayer and would include all kinds: (Acts 2:42) "in prayers" This word is defined as our conversing with God.

2. SUPPLICATION (Gr. deesis)

This refers to a petition for a particular benefit; to request for a need; ask.

(Heb. 4:25) "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace" (James 4:2) "Ye have not because ye ask not"

Asking is important in prayer: (Matt. 7:7 v11; John 15:7 and 16:24)

3. THANKSGIVING (Gr. eucharistia)

An expression of gratitude to God for blessings given and supplication answered. This should be a natural and expected prayer.

(2 Tim. 3:1-2) "perilous times shall come ... unthankful ..." (Luke 17:17-18) "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

Hymn #742 Count Your Many Blessings (Psalm 103:2) "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits"

4. INTERCESSIONS (Gr. enteuxis)

Meaning, "a falling in with;" translated "plead, petition, intercede" Examples:

(Acts 8:22-24) "Pray ye to the Lord for me"
(Matt. 5:44) "pray for them that persecute you"
(1 Tim. 2:1-2) "prayers ... be made for all men, for kings, and for all ... "
(Phil. 1:3-4) "in every supplication of mine on behalf of you"
(1 Thess. 1:2-3) "making mention of you in our prayers"
(Eph. 6:18, v19; 2 Cor. 1:11)

5. PRIVATE PRAYER - (Matthew 6:6) "enter into thy closet"

(Mark 1:35) "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, and he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."