Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Bible teaches several truths about offering praise and thanksgiving to God: The Lord is worthy of praise (Ps. 96:4). Everything that has breath should praise the Lord (Ps. 150:6). And God’s name should be praised continually (Heb. 13:15) to the ends of the earth (Ps. 48:10). Here are five ways to begin celebrating God’s greatness today.

1. **Praise God’s character:** holy (1 Pet. 1:16), compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, loving, faithful (Ex. 34:6), merciful, forgiving (Dan. 9:9), mighty, all-knowing (Ps. 147:5), unchanging, (Heb. 1:12), trustworthy (2 Sam. 7:28), and eternal (Gen. 21:33).

2. **Meditate on God’s names:** Almighty (Rev. 1:8), I Am (Jn. 8:58), Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35), Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6), Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:11), Immanuel (Isa. 7:14), King of Kings, Lord of Lords (1 Tim. 6:15), Messiah (Jn. 1:41), and Redeemer (Job 19:25).

3. **Give thanks for God’s promises:** eternal life (Jn. 3:16), forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), peace (Jn. 14:27), refuge (Ps. 5:11), rest (Matt. 11:28), strength (2 Sam. 22:33), courage (Matt. 14:27), comfort (Ps. 23), and enduring love (1 Chron. 16:34).

4. **Offer gratitude for God’s creations:** heavens, earth, day, night, sky, land, seas, vegetation, living creatures, men, women, and children (Gen. 1-4).

5. **Praise God for blessings received:** Jesus (Lk. 1:26-38), the Lord’s presence (Matt. 28:20), the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26), the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16), prayer (Matt. 6:9), spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:6-8), family and friends (Luke 1:58), pastors (Eph. 3:8), churches (Acts 16:15), faith, hope, love (1 Cor. 13:13), health (1 Sam. 25:6), and work (Jn. 5:17).

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