

Day 4: Preparing for Worship

Scripture Readings: Psalm 138; Philippians 4:6-9, 19; Hebrews 4:14-16

Some (falsely) believe that God only hears the “big” prayers they pray at a corporate worship gathering, or only if others ask or agree in prayer with them. But God wants us to pray all the time (1 Thess 5:17). We do not have to wait until we get to church. God answers prayers big and small at work, in the grocery store, in the car, at the ball game, at the PTA meeting and anywhere else where we would call on his name and seek his will and answers.

As we enter the final (half) day of our fasting and prayer time, and prepare to meet one another in worship, lift any personal needs you and your family have up to God. If you have not had the opportunity to pray together during the fast, consider making breakfast time that time.

This is time to offer the things you may be anxious about to God or have been believing God for, for some time. The prayer may be for something new or a prayer of declaration stating that you believe him for it.

So, let your prayers be respectful, yet bold, remembering that your High Priest who you will celebrate this Resurrection Day, has offered himself, so that you have the opportunity to tell God what you need.

A Prayer Primer You Might Use: No prayer primer today, simply speak from your heart.

After praying, ask the Holy Spirit to confirm his will. Recount God's previous blessings. Think about how long you had to wait for the fulfillment of previous prayers and let this fuel your faith to believe for what you have asked for today. Confess that you will believe no matter how long it takes.

Finally, declare that if God does not do what you are asking that you will still love, submit to, and obey him, because is God and worthy of your praise. Carry that spirit of belief and worship to our time of corporate worship!

Closing Meditation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fd24fpsF1Qw>