

# Prayers In the Corporate Service

## Types of Prayers

### Prayer of Praise

A prayer that focuses on how wonderful God is. This prayer will usually focus on an attribute of God that is featured in the sermon text or in another Scripture read in the worship gathering.<sup>1</sup>

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

A prayer of gratitude, thanking God for both spiritual and physical gifts that He has given.

### Prayer of Confession

Confessing specific ways we have disobeyed (commission) or failed to obey (omission) God's Word.

### Prayer of Petition/Intercession (Pastoral prayer)

These are prayers where we go to our heavenly Father to ask Him for the needs of the congregation and beyond (missions, those in authority, other

### Prayer of Lament

A prayer that, in faith, expresses complex emotions and feelings.

### Imprecatory Prayer

Praying against evil in the world. This could be an evil organization, person, false teacher, or false ministry. We pray against any evil work these might be doing. At the same time, we pray for the salvation of the evil people and their victims.



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<sup>1</sup> In corporate worship, all prayers would do well to be tied to the theme of the sermon text or another text in Scripture. This helps our prayers to be more closely tied to Scripture, and it avoids being too general. "God we have sinned" is true, but not as helpful/edifying as, "God sometimes we neglect daily Bible reading and, instead, spend too much time watching TV or being on the internet."