

## TEACH US TO PRAY

***“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.” Matthew 6:13***

We start with praise and we end with praise. Worship first, and then ask. Ask, and then worship. To give God the glory, and thanks, is faith in action. Thanksgiving is proclaiming trust and assurance in God’s goodness and faithfulness.

*“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, **and giving to thanks** be made for all men...”*  
(1 Timothy 2:1)

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your request be made known to God...”* (Philippians 4:6)

As we conclude our prayer time, we must give to God the honor due Him. Proclaim that it is His kingdom, His power and His glory. In other words, we proclaim that He imposes His unmerited favor to all people and to all creation—Grace, Grace, Grace!

*“So he answered and said to me: ‘this is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone **with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”**” (Zechariah 4:6-7)*

Above all else, a grateful heart is one we are to hold before the Lord. We are to give Him thanks and praise for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men!

**Here are two of God’s favorite choruses:**

***Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. (I Chronicles 16:34)***

***Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! (Psalms 107:8)***