

## Passcode to Peace

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Matthew 6:24-34; Philippians 4:6-7; (Luke 12:22-31)

1. Prayer is an ongoing relational process of listening to God and speaking with God. Share a way that is helpful for you to pray, and a place where you especially feel connected with God in prayer.
2. Petition is when we come before the Lord in agreement with others about a particular concern. Share an experience you have had when you have come together with other believers in prayer and how it built your faith and/or that community of believers.
3. Thanksgiving is a covenantal response that recognizes God's character, works, and gifts- functioning as both an attitude and an act of worship. In scripture, thanksgiving is never separated from faith. It is the grateful proclamation that God is worthy of glory and God's providence is good. If your group is willing, take time to answer this question in the form of a prayer- each person praying their answer to the following questions:
  - a. What can you be thankful for today?
  - b. Are there any names of God that are particularly meaningful to you? (Examples are: Almighty God, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father, Healer, the I AM, Provider, Creator, Holy One, Righteous Redeemer, Shepherd, Lord of Hosts One who is with us, Most High).
4. Read Matt. 6:34. This is the signal indicating the whole point of our passage about not being anxious. It highlights how incompatible it is to have dual allegiances. As Christians, we can only serve one Master. Is God prompting or inspiring you in some way to use your gifts and talents for God? What resources/gifts/talents has God given you that you use or can use for God's Kingdom purposes? OR Share how you have been inspired by someone else who has faithfully used their resources/gift/talents for the Lord.
5. Seeking God's Kingdom and righteousness is being free of the worries about things in this world and focusing on what God teaches us in the Bible, and living it out by the grace God gives us through salvation in Jesus Christ. Share a time when you were anxious about a need, and the Lord provided for you.