

TEACH US TO PRAY

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The “Teach Us to Pray” template can be used in either 15 minutes of praying or 30 minutes of praying. Break the prayer time into 3 equal segments and begin with the liturgy:

- Thanksgiving/Praise: Oh Spirit of God, guide us in our prayers and show us your goodness. Let us turn from complaint to thanksgiving. Let us see, with full awareness of deep wrongs, the particular ways you demonstrate your kindness. Oh Spirit of God, grant us eyes to see that you are always good.

(Open Prayer)

- Confession/Lament: Oh Spirit of God, let us turn from judgment and criticism to confession. Where are you calling us to lament what is broken in our lives and the world? Where are you calling us to confess and plead for mercy? Help us to accept your forgiveness, turn, and grow in faith, hope and love.

(Open Prayer)

- Discernment/Petition and Intercession: Oh Lord, help us to discern where you are at work. Let us turn from despair and frenetic busyness to your purposes for us. Illumine our hearts and minds. Give us clarity, direction and courage. Open our eyes to what you call us to do; help us to do no more and no less. Oh Spirit of God, guide us in our prayers. For what should we be praying today as we pray for this person or situation.

(Open Prayer)

- In all things, thy kingdom come. Amen