

PRAYER DASHBOARD DISCUSSION GUIDE

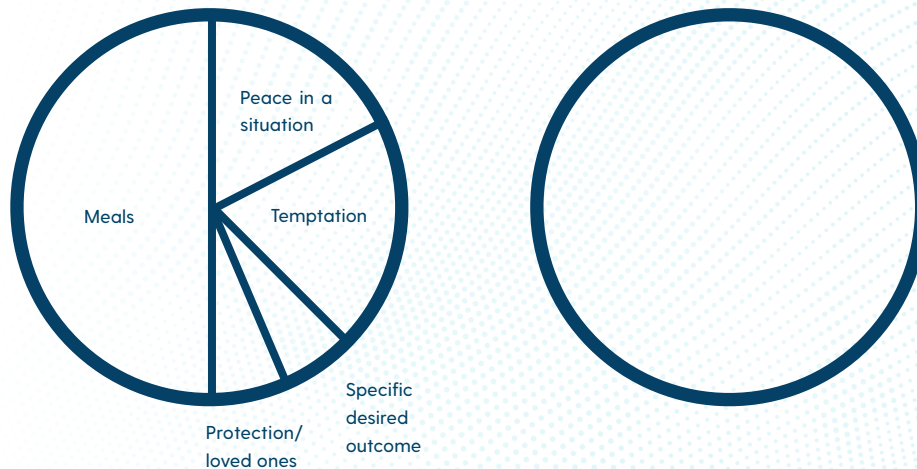
To use the Prayer Dashboard, complete these steps:

1. About how many minutes do you think you've prayed during the last seven days? _____
2. In the list that follows, place a checkmark by the most common reason(s) you've prayed over the last seven days.

"In the last week, I've prayed in order to . . ."

- Ask for a specific desired outcome.
- Ask for protection of loved ones.
- Ask for wisdom about an upcoming decision.
- Express anger about something that happened.
- Express regret or ask forgiveness for something.
- Express thankfulness for a meal.
- Express thankfulness for something other than a meal.
- Gain a better understanding of something in the Bible.
- Get help in improving a particular area of my life.
- Overcome a temptation I'm facing.
- See another person become a Christian.
- Seek peace during a difficult time.
- Tell God how great he is.
- Stay calm or focused in an upcoming stressful situation.
- Other

3. Make a pie chart that represents the amount of time you spent in prayer for each of your reasons.



4. Discuss these questions with your group:

- How did you feel doing this exercise? Why did you feel that way?
- What changes would you like to make in your prayer life?
- What do you feel is the most compelling reason we should pray?

VIDEO MESSAGE

Watch the 16-minute video about prayer located on GroupLeaders.org.

In the video, Andy Stanley explains Jesus' life-changing answer to his disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever experienced an answer to prayer? Share about that experience.
- Have you ever been impressed by the way someone prayed? What about the prayer did you like?
- Read Matthew 6:5–6. What is the problem with praying publicly as described in these verses?
- Respond to this statement: The purpose of prayer is to surrender your will, not to impose it on God.
- Do you believe that prayer can change God's mind? Why or why not?
- What makes it hard to sincerely pray "Your will be done"?

MOVING FORWARD

Imagine what would happen in our families, churches, communities—the world—if Christians prayed until we could earnestly say, “Your will be done.”

As you pray this week, declare God’s greatness, surrender your will, and acknowledge your dependence.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” -Matthew 6:6