

Prayer Guide: James 1:1-4

REMEMBER: These bullet points are *possible prayer prompts*, and generally work best in groups when the leader leads the group to pray *aloud* (so that everyone can hear), *briefly* (a sentence or two), and *clearly* (one thought at a time).

REVERENCE: This is our time to *praise or revere* God as Christ instructed us to begin our prayer with, "*Our Father, hallowed be Thy name...*"

Prompts for younger children to pray– just have them repeat after you:

- God, I praise you that you are my CREATOR! (v.1)
- Jesus, I praise you because you are the LORD of all the Earth! (v.1)
- Lord, I praise you because you are in CONTROL of all things! (v.1 & v.3)
- God, I praise you because what you say is TRUE! (v.2-4)

- I praise You that You are the Creator, Lord, and Master of ALL, even... (v.1)
- I praise You that Your good & sovereign hand plans our steps, especially when we are facing trials like... (v.1)
- You have graciously done work in me this week by... (v. 3)

RESPONSE: This is our time to *respond* to God, asking that "*your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...*" as Christ instructed us.

- I confess that I am often far too prone to complain about _____. (v.2)
- Lord, you are working in us to make us more like Jesus! Make my heart more _____. (v.4)

REQUESTS: This is our time to make *requests* of our Heavenly Father, in line with what He's promised to *give us* and how He's calling us to ask for His *forgiveness*, just as Jesus instructed us to pray, "*give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*"

- Lord, please forgive me for grumbling and complaining about _____!
- God, let our *joy* be seen in how we...
- Heavenly Father, please give us this day our daily provisions, such as...

READINESS: This is our time to ask God to make us *ready* to live in joyful obedience to His will, as Jesus instructed us to pray, "*lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*"

- Lord, this week, we will be tempted to forget who and Whose we are, so let us remember that You are... (v.1)
- Father, grant us the Holy Spirit's power to *count it all joy* instead of grumbling because we don't have _____ or we don't get to _____. (v.2)
- Lord, lead us away from the temptation to...