

Keysis Outline

October 4th, 2006

FORMS OF PRAYER

Readings: Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) paragraphs 2623-2649
John 14:26, Acts 2:42, Luke 23:28, 34

- I. EARLY CHRISTIAN PRAYER BY THE APOSTLES AND FIRST BELIEVERS**
- a. They were taught by the Holy Spirit **Jn 14:26**
 - b. **Acts 2:42** They “devoted themselves to
 - i. “the apostles’ teaching and fellowship” **EARLY CHURCH**
 - ii. “to the breaking of bread” **EUCCHARIST**
 - iii. “and the prayers” **LEARNED IN SCRIPTURE AND MADE THEIR OWN**
 - c. Believers today are to do the same

THE FORMS OF PRAYER REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURES WERE THE ORIGINAL STANDARD FOR CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND THEY REMAIN THE NORM TODAY

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- I. BLESSING AND ADORATION**
- a. Prayer of time with God
 - b. To bless is to invoke God’s abundant goodness upon someone
 - c. We can bless because we have been blessed- we bless God, He blesses us
 - d. In Adoration, we spend time with God- Creatures before the Creator
*Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Blessed be your name

- II. PETITION**
- a. Prayer of bringing our needs before God
 - i. We are creatures who are not our own beginning
 - ii. Our petition is turning back to God after turning away as sinners
 - b. Method- Ask forgiveness (the tax collector: God, be merciful to me, a poor sinner), ask for our needs, and search for the Kingdom to come (thy kingdom come, thy will be done)
 - c. Ask for **every** need and at **all** times

In the Secret

- III. INTERCESSION**
- a. Praying on behalf of someone else, being their advocate
 - b. The Holy Spirit, who teaches us to pray, is The Advocate
 - c. Pray for those who do you harm!

Hear Our Prayer

IV. **THANKSGIVING**

- a. Prayer of what God has done
- b. The Church most often prays the prayer of Thanksgiving
- c. **Eucharist** actually means “thanksgiving”

Once Again

V. **PRAISE**

- a. Prayer of who God is
- b. Testifies and bears witness to who God is, beyond what he has done
- c. Just Because HE IS

You're Worthy of My Praise