

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP:

Congregational Prayer

We give thanks to God and bring our needs to him.

DEFINITION

The Congregational Prayer is the corporate prayer in which we approach God on his throne to praise him and bring our needs to him.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

DEVOTIONAL

To know God is to know he is the creator of everything we see and everything we don't. He upholds the universe by his Word. In honesty, how might you feel approaching such a God? Nervous? Frightened? Hesitant? Again and again in Scripture, we are invited and commanded to come boldly to the throne of the King. And this is what we do in the Congregational Prayer. This is the portion of the service in which we continue to be honest with the Lord...

about who we are as a people - needy! As needy people, we are driven to express our needs through prayer, to our loving God who listens and responds.

APPLICATION

Our Flock Notes are the weekly collection of prayer requests from our congregation. Reading them and praying over them is a special and profound way to connect with the church, to participate in God's work, and to be unified with our brothers and sisters in Christ. This week, try using the Flock Notes to pray for other members of the church.

My God and my Father, may all of creation truly worship you in humbleness for who you are. I praise you for who you are and what you have done in my life. Thank you Lord, for answered prayers. As I bring my needs, and the needs of others before you, Lord, may I feel your presence. Help me also to come alongside those who are struggling, and equip me to bless and encourage them. Amen.

(Adapted from the congregational prayer, October 25th)
