

# Did You Think to Pray Language of Prayers

Teach the primary children the structure of prayer as you review Did you Think to Pray in singing time!

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<https://www.primarysinging.com/did-you-think-to-pray-language-of-prayers/>

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# *Structure of Prayer*

**1. Address** – Address Heavenly Father: “Dear Heavenly Father”

**2. Thank** – Express gratitude for the blessings you have received

**3. Ask** – Ask for the blessings you or others stand in need of

**4. Close** – Finish with “In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”

“Speak from your heart and share your hopes and desires as well as your worries and problems. You can ask God for help, direction, forgiveness, or healing. Whatever is on your mind, bring it to Him, acknowledging that His wisdom and timing is greater than yours. You can ask Him what He wants for you.”

-Come Unto Christ (<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/comeuntochrist/believe/god/how-to-pray>)

# 1. ADDRESS

Find a quiet place to pray to Heavenly Father. You may be praying alone, or with others. Start by addressing Heavenly Father.

## **Some Examples:**

“Dear Heavenly Father”

“Our Father”

“Dear Father in Heaven”



# 2. THANK

We can thank Heavenly Father for our many blessings when we pray. President Thomas S. Monson taught us to express gratitude for our teachers, our friends, our family members, our country, and for Jesus Christ and His gospel.



# 3. ASK

We can ask Heavenly Father to help us with things that are hard. We can ask for His help to forgive or be forgiven. We can ask for healing and for courage. “Whatever is on your mind, bring it to him.”



# 4. CLOSE

Close your prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

3 Nephi 18:19–20

“Therefore ye must always pray unto the Father in my name;

“And whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is right, believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be given unto you.”



## Language of Prayers Word Wall

“In all our prayers, it is well to use the pronouns *thee*, *thou*, *thy*, and *thine* instead of *you*, *your*, and *yours* inasmuch as they have come to indicate respect.” – President Spencer W. Kimball

Have children circle the words that are more appropriate when speaking with Heavenly Father through prayer.

**YOURS**

*THEE*

**THINE**

**YOU**

**THY**

**YOUR**

**THOU**



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