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Name: _____

Praying from Scripture Worksheet

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

The Text: _____

A SIMPLE STRUCTURE TO PRAY

(1) **GREETING:** How is God addressed? Whatever way you want. Often the Greeting + Closing together is Trinitarian.

- ▶ Blessing: Bless You, O God, (*Benedictus*) – Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;
- ▶ Thanksgiving: Praise You, O God, (*Magnificat*) – My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

(2) **MOTIVE:** Start with a biblical text. Read it through several times. Read verses before or after for context. What does the text's place in the canon of scripture tell us? Is it Mosaic; Prophetic History; Prophetic Messianic age pointing; Writings, is it Letters to congregations; is it Pauline, is it Revelation, is it Gospel narrative, etc.?

- (a) What does the text reference: fear, gifts, trust, patience, conflict, struggle, joy, sadness. etc.
- (b) What did God do, or say, or speak, or promise, etc.? What narrative of God's goodness and grace is unfolding in the text?

▶ What is the statement of motive in the text that causes us to come to God in prayer?

- (3) **PETITION:** Request for God’s action based on the motive, on His attributes
- (a) What? teach us, nourish us, strengthen us, grant that I/we etc. and
 - (b) Why? To what end? That we might..., That we continue to ... That for faith be strengthened... For forgiveness be sought, given, received, understood, made known... FOR peace come to a relationship... For discernment in a decision, etc.
- ▶ God you said, did, guided, promised, etc., NOW fulfill your word in my/our current context.
 - ▶ As you _____; so also now _____
 - ▶ *Note regarding petitioning for others:* Say the name, point to them. God knows what’s going on in their lives. When you speak their names or point to them they are placed in God’s care.
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- (4) **CLOSING:** Trinitarian, Doxology
- ▶ In Jesus’ name.....
 - ▶ through their Lord and ours...
 - ▶ for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever...
 - ▶ Amen.–So shall it be. This is most certainly true.
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SAMPLE – PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE IN OUR CALLING (LSB, p. 311)

- (1) **GREETING**— Lord God,
- (2) **MOTIVE**— You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
- (3) **PETITION** Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us;
- (4) **CLOSING**— through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (193)

A prayer from the text:

✠ **Glory to God Alone** ✠