



# ISLAND LUTHERAN

## Approaching our Heavenly Father

Thank you church family for your hearts to pray to our gracious Lord. Prayers are separated into three categories: praise, petitions, and thanksgiving. Each having its own lens as to how to approach our Heavenly Father.

**Praise:** Refers to God's general character as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). We praise God for who he is and for great things he has done.

**Petitions:** Specific requests of God in our need.

**Thanksgiving:** Specific gratitude for his goodness in our lives.

Thus, in personal prayers you can approach God in these various ways: praising Him for who He is, coming to Him in need, and thanking Him specifically for what He has done in your life.

God bless you as you approach our Lord in prayer! He hears you!  
Kevin Duff, Sharing Pastor

## Important Information Regarding Prayers

"What a blessing it is to bring our thanksgivings, petitions and praises before the Lord! We thank God for your hearts to pray for your loved ones. For the sake of keeping our prayers pertinent from week to week, we will be keeping your prayer requests on our prayer list for three weeks. Please know that your loved ones remain in our personal prayers. If you would like us to keep the prayers on the prayer list for longer than three weeks, please let us know. It would also be helpful if you let us know when it is ok to take them off (if that time is less than three weeks before we would remove them anyway).

Thank you for your patience with us as we look to hold up our entire church family in prayer. Kevin Duff, Sharing Pastor