

Speaker Notes: from the First Quarterly GNC Training September 12, 2015
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Who was here at the kick-off? At that, I shared the vision of Moms in Prayer: that every school in the world would be covered in prayer. I talked about why we pray (we are commanded to pray), who can pray (a child of God), how we pray (corporately) and what we pray (scripture). Under the How We Pray, I also provided the Moms in Prayer four steps of prayer format, praise, confession, thanksgiving and intercession.



Today we are going to focus on the first step: Praise. One of verses in your first set of GNC lessons was Psalm 19:1: The law of the Lord is perfect. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. A great praise verse!

Praise is what is true about God—His character, His attributes, His name.

Moms in Prayer Founding President Fern Nichols wrote in one of her books: “If Satan can destroy our concept of God, it will undermine our faith and leave us fearful, weak and unbelieving. We must not allow the enemy to attack our faith of who God is.”

Praise is honoring Him for who he is, proclaiming His worth, and putting him in His rightful position as ruler over all, declaring His nature and power. It is focusing on who God is. It is not a time of thanksgiving. That comes later.

We start with praise because we want to put Him on the throne, not for what He has done, but for who He is. Praise time is worship, an appropriate response from his created beings: Isaiah 43:20-21, it gives Him glory: I Chronicles 16:24; we become aware of His presence: Psalm 89:15; it lifts our eyes from the battle to the victor, Jesus Christ: II Chronicles 20:12b; and it defeats Satan: II Chronicles 20:22. Sometime during a quiet time, read all of II Chronicles 20:1-30.

In our weekly prayer times, we begin with praise, as Jesus taught His disciples, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name.

WE reap benefits from praise. Praise changes us Psalm 56:3-4; it gives us strength Psalm 28:7 and 46:1; and it results in a peaceful heart, soul and mind Isaiah 26:3. It is hard to be angry or discouraged when you are praising God!

We **praise** God by using His word. We are going to personalize the praise passage from Psalm 145:1-10 making it our own. Take a few minutes and circle the attributes of God in the Psalm. When we are finished, we will read it aloud together.

Another praise tool I have for you is the printed version of the S. M. Lockeridge sermon given by Reverend Lockeridge in the late 70s available on utube.

An additional praise tool is a list of attributes, names and the character of God. This is homework, as you can use it as a Bible study by looking up the verses that speak to each name or attribute.

A final praise tool is one you can use in the dentist waiting room, walking your dog or when you wake up in the middle of the night. I call it alphabet praise. In my head (or out loud depending where you are) start with the letter A and think of an attribute of God, such as Able or Awesome. B, Beautiful. C, Caring, Compassionate. D . . .

Next Weds. Sept. 16 7 – 8:30, EFCC Chapel. Gateways to Better Education will give guidance on religious liberties in schools. Childcare available.
Bless our Schools Sept. 20. See you at the Pole Sept. 23. Igniting a Passion to Pray with Fern Nichols, EFCC, starts Sept. 30

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Psalm 145:1-10

*I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
Great [are you] Lord and most worthy of praise; [your] greatness no one can fathom.
[I] will commend your works to another; [I] will tell of your mighty acts.
[I] will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
[I] will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.
[I] will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
[You are] gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
[You are] good to all; [You have] compassion on all [You have] made.
All you have made will praise you, O Lord; [I] will extol you.*

