

Four types of prayers

There are so many types of prayers and all these prayers have different forms too. The major types of prayers are **public prayer, private prayer, intercessory prayer and extemporary prayer.**

A. Public Prayer

Public prayer is formal, organized, less personal, congregational and lengthy. Usually this type of prayer is conducted under the leadership of a priest or someone else. A priest, ceremonial dress code, sacramental or ceremonial items, written prayers, pre-determined actions, symbolism are the integral part of public prayer. All sacraments except confession, other liturgical prayers and family prayer are examples of public prayer. Jesus went to synagogue for public prayers (Luke: 4:16-32) and some of the miracles also happened in Synagogues (Mk: 3:1-6).

B. Private Prayer/secret Prayer/self-prayer

Private/secret prayers are formal or informal, organized or not, more personal and brief. Anybody can conduct private/ self- prayer at any time. The organized secret prayers are self-confessional in nature and it also includes the prayer for others. The secret prayers are useful to increase self-discipline and self-motivation. Jesus's personal prayer before selection of disciples and prayer at Gethsemane are great examples.

C. Intercessory prayer

Intercessory prayer is the prayer for others. In Old Testament and New Testament we can see lot of examples for intercessory prayers. Abraham's prayer for Sodom (Gen.18:22-33) and Moses prayer for Israel (Ex.32:32) are famous among them. The Church intercedes for St. Peter when he was imprisoned and was released in a miraculous way (Acts 12:5). The intercession of departed saints is one of the important faiths of our Church, and we will learn this later.

D. Extemporary prayer

Extemporary prayer is the informal, spontaneous, verbal prayer. These are the prayers for different occasions which are conducted by anyone without any preparation.

Bedmor dhugharono thobo

Undakatte Nallormma

Moran mor Ignathiyos

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Aaboon mor Baseliyos

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Vaaboon mor Gregoriyos

Aaboon mor Gregoriyos

V'lan adar baslavosahun--Haleluyya.

Avar prarthana thunayakatte--Haleluyya.