

**Small Group  
Worship Ideas  
The Power of Prayer**

On a piece of paper have everyone in your group make three categories:

I am thankful for.....

Lord I need.....

Who needs Jesus.....

Give the group time to fill in the categories (5-10 minutes)

After they have done this, hand out the following verses and have group members read the passages to the group.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalms 30:12

I'm about to burst with song; I can't keep quiet about you. God, my God, I can't thank you enough.

Psalms 107:8

So thank God for His marvelous love, for His miracle mercy to the children He loves.

Luke 9:18

One time when Jesus was off praying by himself, his disciples nearby, he asked them, "what are the crowds saying about me, about who I am?"

Acts 4:31

While they were praying, the place where they were meeting trembled and shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak God's Word with fearless confidence.

Romans 8:26

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray

for, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans.

John 17:20

I'm praying not only for them but also for those who believe in me because of them (the disciples) and their witness about me.

Leader, inform the group that these passages remind us to give thanks, to pray as Jesus prayed, to understand the power of prayer, to pray for the unsaved, and to know that when we do not have the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit is right there for us. Let us take time now to pray and praise God for the good things in our lives and the promises that He makes.

Encourage your group to pray out loud for the items on their list, but also make everyone feel comfortable to pray silently as well. Close this time of worship and supplication with a prayer of thanks and praise.