

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PRAYER

General Considerations

- 1. Public prayer should be directed to God, not to the hearers.**
- 2. Public prayer should be edifying to the hearers.**
- 3. Public prayer should be easily heard and clearly understood by the hearers.**

Attitudinal Characteristics

- 1. Public prayer should evidence present personal communion with God.**
- 2. Public prayer should evidence trust in God's goodness and faithfulness and love.**
- 3. Public prayer should evidence submission to God's will and wisdom.**

Content Characteristics

- 1. Public prayer should emphasize God's grace in Christ as the ground of acceptance.**
- 2. Public prayer should express a sense of deep humiliation for sinfulness, and gratitude for forgiveness and cleansing.**
- 3. Public prayer should express thanksgiving to God for past blessings and deliverances.**
- 4. Public prayer should express confidence in God's promises.**
- 5. Public prayer should present definite petitions for provision for the concerns and needs of those for whom prayer is offered.**