

## Biblical Examples of the Structure and Function of Prayer

### Petition

...The Lord stiffened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he gave chase to the Israelites. As the Israelites were departing defiantly, the Egyptians gave chase to them, and all the chariot horses of Pharaoh, his horsemen, and his warriors overtook them encamped by the sea, near Pi-hahiroth, before Baalzephon. As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites caught sight of the Egyptians advancing upon them. Greatly frightened, the Israelites cried out to the Lord.

*Exodus 14: 8-10*

When Aaron turned toward Miriam, he saw that she was stricken with scales. And Aaron said to Moses, "O my Lord, account not to us the sin which we committed in our folly. Let her not be as one dead, who emerges from his mother's womb with half his flesh eaten away." So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "O God, pray heal her!"

*Numbers 12:10-13*

### Praise

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord.

*Exodus 15:1*

Who is like You, O Lord, among the celestials,  
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,  
Awesome in splendor, working wonders!

*Exodus 15:11*

### Thankfulness

It is good to praise the Lord,  
to sing hymns to Your name, O Most High...

*Psalms 92:2*

Praise the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love is eternal.

*Psalms 118:1*