

Learning to Pray Script

Characters: Ray, Dave

Dave and Ray are at school. Listen to what happens.

Ray: I hate Fridays.

Dave: How could you hate Fridays? It's the day before the weekend.

Ray: It's not important.

Dave: No, really! I want to know. I don't like seeing you like this. What's wrong?

Ray: It's just that lately weekends and holidays at home with my family are awful.

Dave: That's not good. What's going on?

Ray: It's Uncle George. He's really sick. Everyone is pretty down about it. My parents are always at the hospital, and well, home is a pretty depressing place right now.

Dave: But at school you forget about the bad stuff for a while?

Ray: Yeah.

Dave: Hmmm. I'm sorry. Can I pray for you and your family?

Ray: Sure! I guess so.

Dave: Great! *(Dave begins to pray.)* Dear Lord,

Ray: *(Cutting Ray off)* Wait. Right now? You wanna pray right now? At school?

Dave: Well, sure.

Ray: I thought prayer was for before bed and at church. It's the middle of the day!

Dave: Well, God is with us all the time. He doesn't want us to worry. He wants us to bring our requests right to Him and trust Him with everything. So I thought since you are worrying now, and feeling down, I should pray now and ask God to help you.

Ray: That's pretty bold. I've never thought about praying in public.

Dave: If you are a Christian, you are a child of God! He loves you! He is your Father and He wants you to come to Him and talk to Him about what is going on in your life. Anytime!

Ray: Since I became a Christian last summer I started praying, but usually just before I go to bed! I don't think I know that much about prayer.

Dave: That's OK. I've been learning a lot about prayer lately that I didn't know either. I learned that the Bible talks about different kinds of prayer. Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. You can remember it with the letters A, C, T, S, it spells ACTS. Supplication is the kind of prayer I was just about to pray. It's when we ask God for something—like healing for Uncle George.

Ray: I think I get it. But I never heard of the different kinds of prayer. What is adoration?

Dave: Adoration is praising God for who He is and what He's done. It is acknowledging that He is great!

Ray: Oh, right. I see. What about confession? What's that?

Dave: That's when you confess your sin to God and ask Him to forgive you.

Ray: Huh. I never thought of prayer this way before. So, what does the "T" stand for again?

Dave: Oh! That is thanksgiving. We have lots to be thankful for. And God wants us to give thanks to Him for all the blessings. God wants us to understand that He is good, He does good, and we should be grateful to Him!

Ray: Wow! This all makes great sense. I am not sure I've been doing it right.

Dave: Don't think of it like that. You can't pray "wrong!" God knows your heart. And the more you learn about God and the Bible, the more you will learn about prayer. And that it is a wonderful privilege!

Ray: I like the idea that I can go to God anytime to pray. I want to start now. Let's pray for Uncle George, OK? And what kind of prayer is that? When we ask God for something?

Dave: That's a prayer of supplication. We can do that right now!

Dave: (*Bowing his head.*) Dear Lord, please comfort Ray and his family during this stressful time and give them peace. If it is your will, Lord, allow Uncle George to get well enough to come home from the hospital. And Lord, I pray that he will get the proper care he needs to recover—both at home and from the doctors. Thank you, Lord that you hear the prayers of your children. And thank you for Jesus, our Savior. It is in His name that we pray!

Dave and Ray: Amen!

Ray: Thanks, Dave. I feel better already. And I am going to try to remember this lesson on prayer. A-C-T-S —ACTS, right?

Dave: That's right. Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

Ray: Well, this weekend might not be so bad after all. I'll see you later.

Dave: OK. Bye.