- I. A prayer of thankfulness
 - A. Thanks for a faith that is known
 - B. Thanks for a love that is shown
- II. A prayer for knowing God better
 - A. To know God better we need wisdom
 - B. To know God better we need understanding
- III. A prayer for eyes to see God's plan
 - A. To see the certain hope we have in Christ

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (Hebrews 6:19)

- IV. A prayer to comprehend God's blessings
 - A. They are abundantly rich spiritual blessings
 - B. They are gloriously beyond compare

"What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ." (Philippians 3:8)

- C. They are our eternal inheritance in Christ
- V. A prayer to know the great power of God
 - A. There is no power greater than the power of God

"For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

- B. The power of God was demonstrated by <u>Jesus' resurrection</u>
- C. The power of God is for those who believe in Jesus

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness." (2 Peter 1:3)

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)

- VI. A prayer to understand the greatness of Christ
 - A. Jesus is the <u>risen Lord</u>

B. Jesus is exalted to a place of honor

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." (Philippians 2:9)

C. Jesus is the final authority in heaven and earth

"He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (Daniel 7:14)

D. Jesus is the head of the church

"And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy." (Colossians 1:18)