

Lord, your Word our Scripture, tells us time and again that when people come to you, you patiently listen to their concerns and respond to their needs.

Some ask questions about the Kingdom of God, wanting to learn more about your will for our lives and our place in the Kingdom of heaven. Some ask for blessing. Others ask for forgiveness of their sins or request healing or guidance with their problems.

Like your apostles who shared in your earthly ministry, we ask you to teach us how to pray. Like them, we need to understand that prayer is the way our hearts and our minds are opened to your Holy Spirit.

We know that you love us, you have given us the gift of life. You have blessed us in many ways,

We know that you forgive our sins. You sent
your Son to die for our sins. We know that you
care for us. You have provided us with the time,
talents, and treasures we need for our daily lives.

Let us pray lovingly, hopefully, expectantly, Con-
fidently, and faithfully in your Name -

Opening prayer: God of all grace and blessing, grant that your
face may shine upon us, that your way may be made
known, and your people may praise you. Through
Jesus Christ, Our Lord -