

"Hands Offering"1

WHY PRAY? Pray to enter into God's Presence. "Apart from prayer, we can never contact God."²

ACTS

Four types of basic prayers can be remembered using the ACTS acronym.

Adoration - Enter with praise.

"... let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15

Confession - Admit your sins.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

Thanksgiving - Give Him thanks.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, \dots " Philippians 4:6a

Supplication - Express your requests.

" ... let your requests be made known to God; ... " Philippians 4:6b

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² El-Meskeen, Father Matta (Matthew the Poor). *Orthodox Prayer Life: The Interior Way* Crestwood: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2003, 259

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