



## Prayer Notes:

### IN the FOYER:

- Sermon Outline & Bulletin
- THRIVE: Great overview of the Fellowship which is celebrating 70 years. Excellent!
- Canada Watch plus postcard to send to your MP. Ask you MP to vote for Bill C-314 which would reverse the law allowing medical assistance in dying for people with mental illness.
- FAIR brochure - read about the mission and aid of this arm of the Fellowship

### On the Calendar:

Oct 10 (Tues) @ 6:00pm - Baptism Classes

Oct 11 (Wed) @ 7:30am - Men's Bible Study

Oct 11 (Wed) @ 7:00pm - Discipleship and Prayer Time

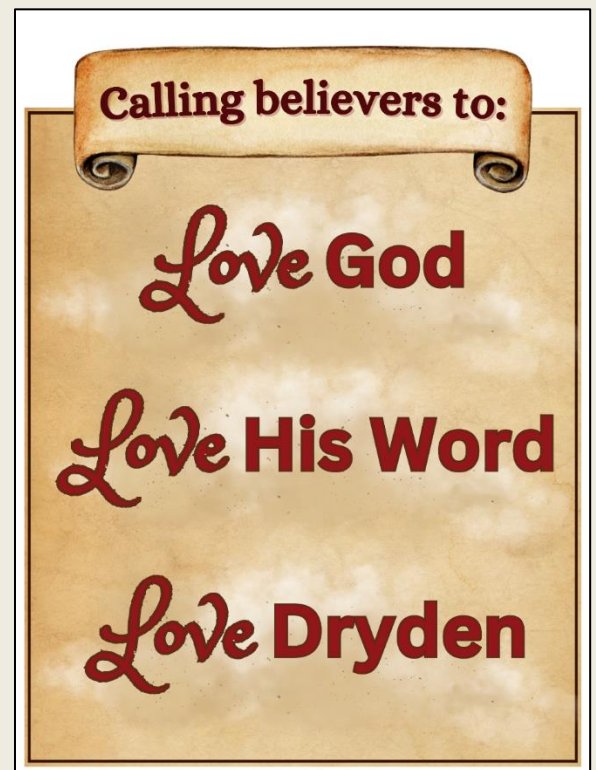
Oct 14 (Sat) - Bible Story Time @ 10:30am at the Dryden Public Library

Oct 15 (Sun) – Baptism and Membership Service

Oct 15 (Sun) - following service membership vote

Oct 15 (Sun) @ 6:30pm Freedom Church

Anyday – get things together to pack a Operation Christmas Child Shoebox (or donate on line.)



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## A NEW COMMAND

JOHN 13:34-36 ESV

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## BIBLE STORY TIME



At the Dryden Public Library  
on Saturday, Oct. 14 @ 10:30 - 11:30am

- ➡ Puppet Show
- ➡ Craft
- ➡ Book Reading
- ➡ Snack
- ➡ Music



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a day  
for  
dinner



Oct 8 through Nov 5



**PRAY FOR THESE WORKS OF THE CHURCH.**



# Dryden First Baptist Church

## **Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:**

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am

Junior Church occurs during the worship hour.

Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.

Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.

Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm

(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

## **Social Media:**

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church

Facebook - Sonshine Saturday

YouTube - Christian Canuck

Website - [firstbaptistchurchdryden.com](http://firstbaptistchurchdryden.com)



## **Office Hours**

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## **Officers:**

Elders - Peter Egli, Adam Hall & Milton Harder

Deacons - Brock Penner, Graham Penner, Ron Rhyner, Luke Egli

Treasurer - Gordon Robinson

Clerk - Ken Wickstrom

# Psalm 138: Give Thanks to the Lord Who is Gracious and Sovereign

Pastor Adam Hall ☞ Dryden First Baptist Church ☞ Oct 08, 2023

Psalm 138 English Standard Version

- <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- <sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.
- <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- <sup>5</sup> and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.



## Introduction and Background

**Psalm 9:1** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**Psalm 75:1** We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

**Psalm 92:1** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

- Psalm 138 has three distinct parts

1) in Psalm 138:1-3, David gives thanks to the Lord among the gods

2) in Psalm 138:4-6, David calls the kings of the earth to give thanks to the Lord

3) in Psalm 138:7-8, David addresses his troubles and his enemies

### 1) (138:1-3) Give Thanks

(138:1) I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

a) a whole grateful heart

**Psalm 106:1** Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

b) false gods

**Psalm 135:5** For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

**Jeremiah 10:5** Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good."

(138:2a) I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name

c) worship a holy God

d) five reasons to thank the Lord

(138:2b-3) for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

#1) For The Lord's Steadfast Love

**Exodus 34:6-7** The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,"<sup>7</sup>

keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

- but most importantly, we must think about the person and work of Jesus Christ
- John 1:17 says that Jesus is full of grace

#2) For The Lord's Faithfulness

#3) For The Lord's Exalted Name and Word

#4) For The Lord Answers Prayer

**Psalm 3:4** I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah

#5) For The Lord Strengthens the Soul

**2) (138:4-6) Give Thanks Kings**

**(138:4)** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

a) political leaders praise God

**Psalm 2:1-2** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

**Daniel 4:34** At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;

**(138:5)** and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

b) they will thank and worship God

**(138:6)** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

c) exalt the Lord or be punished for pride

**James 4:6** But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

### **3) (138:7-8) Great Works of the Lord**

a) history and present day

i) God's hand = sovereignty

**(138:7)** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

ii) preservation and deliverance

**(138:8)** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

b) David is confident in the Lord

i) purpose

ii) sovereignty

**Psalms 139:16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

iii) forever and ever

### **Application**

#### **1) Do You Have a Thankful Heart?**

**1 Timothy 1:13-16** though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,<sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.<sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

## 2) Political Leaders Are to Thank the Lord

**Psalm 93:1** The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

**Psalm 47:8** God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

## 3) Be Thankful for God's Sovereignty

**Psalm 138:7-8** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Psalm 31:15** My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

## c) actions matter

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