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 Expressing our gratitude. (Thanking God for His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

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**4. PETITION**

 Making our requests. (Asking God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

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 Get real. Get specific. Get Biblical.

**5. INTERCESSION**

 Loving our neighbor. (Petitioning God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

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