KEYS TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER
Nehemiah 1

(v.4) Leaders do _____ than pray but they do nothing _____ they pray

1. Begin with praise (v.5)
Focus on how big our _____ is and not how big our _____ is
"You're great"-
"You're awesome"-
"You keep your covenant" (promises)

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the enemy (the impossible situation) *2 Chronicles 20:22*

Every stroke the Lord lays on them with his punishing rod will be to the music of tambourines and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm. Isaiah 30:32 (NIV)

We are called to praise the Lord over _____ X's
Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. Psalm 100:4

Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. Psalm 22:3
...thou that inhabitest the praises Psalm 22:3 (KJV)

Praise is God's divine antidote for _____
(put on) *...the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; Isaiah 61:3*

(Paul) ...*give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:*

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. Rom 1:21-23

2. _____ the sin in my life (vv.6-7)

3. Pray the _____ not the _____ (vv.8-9)
(Leviticus 26:33, Deuteronomy 30:4)

4. Be very _____ in what I ask for (vv.10-11)
Pray for _____

If I can't ask God to _____ what I'm doing then I need to do _____

5. Be _____ to be part of the _____ (v.11)

Four suggestions:

1. Establish a consistent prayer _____
Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. Mark 1:35

2. Have a _____ and keep a prayer _____
...remember what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt: Deuteronomy 7:18-19

3. Thank God in _____ for the _____
Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving; Colossians 4:2 (ASV)

4. Meet with _____ prayer _____ (v.11)