

PRAY LIKE THIS: ESTABLISHING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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1 John 5:14-15 NIV

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Matthew 6:9-13 NKJ

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Seven Themes of Personal Prayer:

1. Establishing His presence
2. Expanding His kingdom
3. Submitting to His will
4. Praying in His blessing
5. Creating a clean heart
6. Preparing for the battle
7. Establishing His authority

Dynamics of Presence:

1. Your position and level of relationship with that person
2. Who you know that person to be
3. How confident you are in the presence of that person
4. How you hope or expect that person to respond

Hebrews 11:6 NKJ

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who

diligently seek Him.

Psalm 100:4-5 NKJ

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Matthew 6:9 NKJ

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Establishing His Presence:

1. Establishing your relationship
2. Connecting His character with your life

Hallowed: sanctified and set apart; to be revered as holy; to be praised and worshiped

Eight Names of God:

1. Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness
2. Jehovah M'kaddesh – The Lord our Sanctifier
3. Jehovah Shalom – The Lord our Peace
4. Jehovah Shammah – The Lord our Presence
5. Jehovah Jireh – The Lord our Provider
6. Jehovah Rapha – The Lord our Healer
7. Jehovah Nissi – The Lord our Victory
8. Jehovah Rohi – The Lord our Shepherd

Benefits of God's Names:

1. The promise of forgiveness and deliverance from sin's dominion

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJ

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

“You and I are receiving the riches of His grace on the basis of how free we are from the consciousness of sin.”

Jehovah M’kaddesh: the Lord who sanctifies

1 Corinthians 6:11 NKJ

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

2. The promise of the presence of the Holy Spirit

John 16:33 NKJ

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

John 14:27 NKJ

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Hebrews 13:5b NKJ

...“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:6 NKJ

So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Romans 8:31 NKJ

...If God is for us, who can be against us?

Psalms 16:11 NKJ

...in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

3. The promise of provision

Psalm 35:27 NKJ

Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Philippians 4:19 NKJ

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 37:25 NKJ

I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.

4. The promise of healing

Exodus 15:26 NKJ

"...For I am the Lord who heals you."

Psalm 103:2-3 NKJ

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases...

Isaiah 53:5 NKJ

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

5. The promise of a victorious life

1 Corinthians 15:57 NKJ

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJ

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

Colossians 2:15 NKJ

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Psalms 23:1-6 NKJ

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.