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# WHY ARE WE PRAYING? /

- To be obedient to God's Word (Colossians 4:2)
- To receive spiritual wisdom and insight (Ephesians 1:16-18)
- To receive a covering of protection (Psalm 91)
- To maintain unity in Christ (John 13:35)
- To experience power over evil (Matthew 26:41)
- To stay humble before God (Matthew 18:4)

# HOW ARE WE PRAYING? /

This guide is intended to lead you through an hour of prayer. You can use all of it or just parts of it – it's up to you! For this guide, we will be utilizing the foundation of the Lord's Prayer, divided into six categories, or as we call it, "The Six P's." We'll focus on some of the attributes of God combined with scripture and worship songs as we pray and dwell on Him. This guide can be utilized individually or with a group, so grab a Bible, follow along, and seek Him in prayer for an hour!

## 10 MIN / PRAISE

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,  
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

## 10 MIN / PRIORITIES

YOUR KINGDOM COME.  
YOUR WILL BE DONE

## 10 MIN / PROVISION

GIVE US THIS DAY  
OUR DAILY BREAD

## 10 MIN / PARDON

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,  
AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS

## 10 MIN / PROTECTION

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

## 10 MIN / PRAISE

FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER  
AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

This first section focuses on **PRAISE** to God based upon **“OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.”** Take some time to read through the attribute of God and provided scripture, then pray as you feel led, and then dwell on Him through the provided worship song. Before moving to the next section, feel free to pray the provided closing prayer, or pray as you feel led.

## **ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: HOLY**

The holiness of God embodies His perfection, His absolute sinless purity, and His transcendence above all things created and sustained by Him. There is nothing on this earth, or in all of creation, that is comparable to Him. He is set apart, distinct, and fully good and glorious. Holiness is not something that we possess as an inherent part of our nature; we only become holy in relationship to Christ.

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5)

“The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.” (Deuteronomy 32:4)

**SAY A PRAYER OF THANKS AND ADORATION  
FOR THE HOLINESS OF GOD, AND THEN  
DWELL ON HIM DURING THIS WORSHIP SONG.**




### **Worthy Worthy**

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## **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Lord, I confess that I am anything but holy. Forgive me when I have not sought holiness through the power of Your Holy Spirit. You command me to be holy because You are holy, and that command is good for me — I want to be like You. You have said that knowing You as holy is true understanding, so please help me know You better as the Holy One. I pray this in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.



This section focuses on God's **PRIORITIES** based upon **"YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE."**

## **ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: IMMUTABLE**

The immutability of God means that He is unchangeable in His essence, His nature, His perfections, His priorities, and His promises. It exhibits that He absolutely lacks nothing and needs nothing outside Himself.

Although He may choose to do certain things at certain times throughout history, God's nature and character never change. Rather than try and force God to bend to our will, we daily ought to seek to submit and align our priorities with His.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17)

"He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind." (1 Samuel 15:29)

**TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO PRAY THROUGH THIS LIST OF SOME BIBLICAL PRIORITIES. FEEL FREE TO LOOK UP THE PASSAGES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH. FOR GROUP PRAYER, ASSIGN EACH MEMBER A POINT, AND SPEND 30-60 SECONDS ON EACH ONE.**

- To love Jesus and my neighbors. (Luke 10:27)
- To proclaim and follow God's Word. (2 Timothy 4:2)
- To seek and follow God's direction. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- To give generously of my time and resources.  
(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
- To renew my commitment to pray. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



## CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord, You are unchanging. Help me align my will and desires to Your unchanging will and desires found in Your infallible Word. Thank you for the security that your immutability gives me in this ever-changing world. You keep all of Your promises, including the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. You are eternally good, righteous, glorious, and praiseworthy. I pray this in the unchanging name of Jesus. Amen.

This section focuses on God's  
**PROVISION** based upon **"GIVE US  
THIS DAY, OUR DAILY BREAD."**

## **ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: FAITHFUL**

The faithfulness of God means that He is completely and perfectly trustworthy. He is faithful to His Word — He does not lie. The Lord is the faithful Creator. He is faithful to forgive those who sin against Him when they come to Him by faith in Jesus, who is called the faithful High Priest. God's faithfulness is demonstrated in the fact that He will never abandon His people.

"And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed." (Joshua 23:14)

"If we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself." (2 Timothy 2:13)

**TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY THROUGH THESE TWO LISTS. THE FIRST IS THANKSGIVING FOR PAST PROVISION; THE SECOND IS FOR FUTURE PROVISION, PERSONALLY AND FOR OUR CHURCH. FEEL FREE TO LOOK UP THE PASSAGES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH POINT ON THE LIST AS YOU PRAY. FOR GROUP PRAYER, ASSIGN EACH MEMBER A POINT, AND SPEND 30-60 SECONDS ON EACH ONE.**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR PAST PROVISION:**

- God's amazing provision in your life and at Grace Church. (Psalm 103:1-4)
- His faithfulness to you, your family, our nation, and our church. (Psalm 107:1-9)
- Protection during times of uncertainty. (Psalm 27:1)

### **FUTURE PROVISION FOR GRACE CHURCH — THAT WE WOULD:**

- Ignite a passion in others to clearly proclaim the Gospel. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Faithfully engage people in community and service. (1 Peter 4:10-11)
- Effectively equip people to engage in the work of the Church. (1 Corinthians 12:27-31)

## CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord, You are ever faithful, even when I am not. I thank You for your many provisions in my life and within our church. I am sorry when I take the things You've given me for granted. Thank You for providing my earthly needs, but ultimately, thank You for Your endless mercy and grace for me. I pray this in the faithful name of Jesus. Amen.

This section focuses on God's  
**PARDON** based upon **"FORGIVE US  
OUR DEBTS, AS WE ALSO HAVE  
FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS."**

## **ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: MERCIFUL**

God being merciful means that when we deserve punishment, He doesn't punish us, and in fact, blesses us instead. Mercy is the withholding of a just condemnation.

Throughout the Bible, God gives many illustrations of His mercy and fully and finally demonstrates it in Jesus Christ.

Instead of punishing us for our sin, God allowed His Son to take the condemnation in our place — the ultimate act of mercy.

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

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

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## **PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION**

Examine your heart, and ask Him to reveal unconfessed sin — things that you need to lay at His feet:

- Pride (James 4:6, Proverbs 16:18)
- Hypocrisy (Matthew 7:5)
- Self-seeking (Romans 2:8)
- Complacency, etc. (Proverbs 1:32, Revelation 3:15-16)

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION**

- Confession for our world, our nation, and our culture as the Church of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:9)
- Lord, forgive us for \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 28:13)

## **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Thank You for the grace bestowed on me through the sacrifice of Your Son. I am sorry for my sin. Please continue to show me things in my life that shouldn't be there, and continue to mold me into the image of Your Son by the power of Your Spirit. I pray that as You've forgiven me, I will forgive others as well. Help me never to forget the depth of Your grace for me. I pray this in the merciful name of Jesus. Amen.

# PROTECTION/



This section focuses on God's **PROTECTION** based upon **“AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.”**

## **ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: SOVEREIGN**

The sovereignty of God means that God is absolute in authority and unrestricted in His supremacy. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and unbound by space and time. Nothing in the universe occurs without God's permission, yet He cares for us and asks us to seek Him in prayer for the things we need.

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” (Psalm 90:2)

“All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’” (Daniel 4:35)



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## **PRAY FOR PROTECTION OVER:**

- Our families, children, grandchildren (Psalm 128:5-6)
- Grace Church staff, volunteers, and missionaries (Matthew 9:38)
- The global Church (Ephesians 6:18)
- Our cities, state, country, and government officials (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Media, law enforcement, military, first responders, and healthcare workers (Psalm 40:11)
- Schools, educators, students, and staff (Mark 11:24)

## CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord, You are all-powerful. I pray for Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection. Keep evil far from me, and help me to trust You as my refuge and strength. I pray You will guard my mind against harmful instruction and grant me discernment to recognize the truth. I pray You will make me strong and courageous, recognizing that You have overcome and will set right all injustice and wrong one day. Help me to find rest in Your shadow, as I live in the spiritual shelter You provide. I pray this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

# PRAISE /



This last section brings the focus back to **PRAISE** to God based upon **“FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.”**

## ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: ACCESSIBLE

The accessibility of God exhibits that He is a relational God. He is available and approachable. Not only does He desire to meet with us, but He delights in our fellowship. God didn't create us because He was lonely, as He does not need anything outside of Himself, but rather for His own good pleasure. He is not a God who is passively observing your life from a distance. He is not far off, disconnected, or distant, but near and accessible through a relationship with Jesus.

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” (Ephesians 2:13)

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

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NEARNESS OF GOD, AND THEN DWELL ON  
HIM DURING THIS WORSHIP SONG.**



**Way Maker**

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## CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for meeting here with me. Thank You for coming into my life. Thank You for opening my eyes to the saving truth of the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are ever-present, You are all-powerful, You are merciful, You are faithful, You are unchanging, and You are holy. All power, honor, and authority belong to You forever and ever. I pray this in the name of Jesus by which I now have access to you. Amen.



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