Learning To Pray As Jesus Prayed.

Intimacy With God

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Experience Intimacy With God
Every Day Step Into The Presence of God

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<td>• Lift His Glory: Read Psalm of praise out loud - declare His glory!</td>
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<td>• Love His Worth: You are _______ (attributes of God) [adjectives]</td>
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<td>• List His Names: You are my ______ (Names of God or Jesus) [nouns]</td>
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How to Pray All Day
Extending Your Times with God

Jesus often spent a whole night in prayer to God. At the outset of His ministry He spent forty days and forty nights in prayer. How did He do that? I would fall asleep sometime during the first hour. I know, I’ve tried.

The secret is not in expanding your list of prayer requests to read off to God like a shopping list, nor is it to set a marathon goal of two hours of prayer, or twelve hours of prayer. Extended times with God were possible for Jesus, and for you, when you enjoy those prayer times. You do what you enjoy doing. When you have had a delightfully delicious meal at an elegant restaurant no one has to twist your arm to get you to go back the second time. No one has to force you, or ask a second time to eat a candy bar, or go to the beach, or go on a date with the person you love. You do those things again and again because you enjoy them. Pleasure motivates us.

So, we need to find ways to break the old stereotypes of prayer as long, boring, monologues of never-ending requests to God, about things that we have little or no interest in. If prayer is a taste of heaven, then it should be enjoyable and create a craving in us for more. How horrible if heaven turned out to be an extended Wednesday evening prayer meeting! I think even Jesus would fight to stay awake in one of those sluggish vigils.

How do you make prayer interesting? Do it God’s way. The Scriptures are filled with examples and admonitions toward prayer, and hardly any of them is an encouragement to spend hours listing prayer requests to God. Part of prayer is certainly asking, but that is not the substance of prayer. Prayer is a relationship with God. That relationship needs to be happy, enjoyable and intimate. Bottom line, prayer should be enjoying God. The famous Westminster Shorter Catechism answers well the question concerning the chief end of man.

_The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever._

It is the prime directive! It is the purpose for which we were created. It is what heaven is all about. If heaven were just mansions and streets of gold then God could have left us here on earth with those amenities. But heaven is where God is. And, as the song says, “Where Jesus is, ‘tis heaven there.” If we don’t enjoy God’s presence and conversation here on earth, how will we ever endure eternity in heaven?

What do you delight in? I delight to sit by the sea and watch the waves crashing onto the shore. My wife and I can do that for hours in silent timeless wonder. It’s delightful. I delight in soaking in a hot tub when my back and neck are aching from a long day of hard labor. I delight in a deliciously prepared, well-seasoned meal at a fine restaurant with friends and good conversation, then to finish it off with a smooth, rich bitter sweet chocolate dessert and an espresso coffee.

None of these delights compares to the delight I have found in a day or few days of retreat alone with God. When prayer becomes delightful, extending it is never a problem.
How to Plan a Day of Prayer

Variety is the spice of life, and it is variety in your prayers that will carry you through many exciting (not boring) hours of prayer. I used to fall asleep while praying. That is now a rare occasion. Using a variety of positions, expressions, voices, tools, and tactics will keep you alert and enjoying your prayer time.

Get Scheduled
We usually do what is on our schedule. If it is not on our calendar or in our Day-Timer it probably won’t get done. So, put God on your schedule. Treat it like any other appointment. No, better yet, treat it as more important than a doctor’s appointment. It is a MUST. Before a race three things are asked of the contestants: 1) Get on your mark 2) Get set 3) Go! We should approach prayer in the same way. Get on your mark: that is, get lined up to pray. Get it on your calendar. 2) Get set: Get yourself prepared to pray. Pack your prayer tool box. Gather all you will need on your prayer event. 3) Go! Then get started on time. If God is not on your calendar, or in your Day-Timer, then He has been left out of your priorities.

Get Organized
God is not the author of confusion so don’t blame Him if your prayers are a chaotic jumble of hop, skip, and jump from one subject to another. Get your mind organized for prayer. That is part of the discipline. Refuse the chaos. “Order my steps (my thoughts) according to your word.” (Ps 119:133) I have followed a 12-Step approach to prayer that I have found useful and thoroughly biblical. God commands us to pray these areas of prayer. Make up your mind to do so. Isaiah 55:8 tells us what we should already know, that our thoughts are not His thoughts and our ways are not His ways.

This prayer strategy is based on 12 Biblical Steps of Intercession. It is divided into two parts: Intimacy and then Intercession. Each has six parts. One precedes the other like a horse before the cart. We must get it right or we will be tripping over ourselves trying to get the cart before the horse. Intimacy always precedes intercession.

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Get Focused
Your mind is a wild thing. It does not like to be told what to do. It does not like discipline. For those of us who have multi-tasking minds it is difficult to fix our minds on one direction. Nevertheless it is an important prayer discipline. “Fix (focus) your eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:2) That word “fix” or “look to” means to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on something else. Psalm 57:7 says, “My heart is fixed (steadfast) O God, my heart is steadfast.” That idea of “fixed” means to keep focused. Keeping your mind focused is a key to a successful prayer life.
**Get Involved** (Spirit, Soul, Body)

Man is not just a brain. He is made up with three separate and distinct parts that make him whole; body, mind, and spirit (emotions). All three of these human aspects need to be involved in the prayer experience. The following chart is a reminder of these three ingredients and hint at ways to involve them in the experience of extended prayer. Your body and emotions are to be involved in prayer as well as your brain. So activate them! Here are twenty-four. Check them off when you have completed that involvement.

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As you spend time in prayer consciously vary your experiences between body, mind, and spirit. Don’t just be a prayer-sitter and prayer-thinker. There are eight in each category. To be sure, you can think of others. This gives you 24 actions, attitudes, and physical expressions to share with the Lord during extended prayer times. At the end of a 2 or 3 day retreat check to see what have been your experiences with God. If you find you are too cerebral, and very sedentary, then you know how to adjust your experience to reflect a well balanced prayer time.

**Get Active**

Change your prayer positions often. Keep yourself alert by being constantly vigilant and moving positions while you pray. Don’t get stuck in one position or your body’s lethargy will affect you mental alertness. Keep moving!

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<td>• Kneeling - Eph. 3:14/ Philip.2:9-11</td>
<td>• Touching a person in need</td>
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<td>• Prostrate - 2 Chronicles 7:3</td>
<td>• Touching in agreement - Mat. 18:19</td>
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<td>• Bowing down - 2 Kings 18:42/ Ps. 95:6</td>
<td>• Laying on of hands- Hebrews 6:2/ 1 Tim. 4:14</td>
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<td>• Head bowed - Isaiah 58:5</td>
<td>• Whispering in unison - Acts 4:24</td>
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<td>• Eyes looking up - John 11:41 / John 17:1</td>
<td>• Aloud in one voice - Acts 7:60</td>
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<td>• Hands raised in worship - Psalm 134:2/ 43:6</td>
<td>• Singing to the Lord - Psalm 100:4/ Eph 5:19</td>
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<td>• Hands extended - Ex 17:8-15/Heb.12:11-12</td>
<td>• Weeping- I Samuel 7-10/ Psalm 126:5-6</td>
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<td>• Shout/applaud/cheer - Ezra 3:11-14/ Ps 47:1</td>
<td>• Spread it before the Lord - 2 Kings 19:14-15</td>
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**Get Into Worship**

You should be careful to minister to the Lord, not just bombard Him with requests. You can pray by singing to the Lord. Refresh yourself in the Lord’s presence by “singing songs, hymns, spiritual songs to the Lord.” Use a chorus book or hymn book as offerings to the Lord. Sing to Him.
**Get Into The Scriptures**

Did you know the best way to pray is to pray God’s word right back to Him? A marked and well-used Bible can be a wonderful asset to prayer. Take the time to review the Scriptures listed below. Mark them in your Bible, even copy this list to the fly leaf. Then salt your corporate prayer times with God’s word.

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<td>Confession</td>
<td>Psalm 51, Psalm 139, Isaiah 6:1-6, Daniel 9:4-19, John 1:5-10</td>
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<td>Philippians 2:6-11, Rev. 4:8-11, Rev 5:6-14, Rev 7:9-12, Rev 19:16</td>
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<td>Longing After God</td>
<td>Psalm 27:1-4-8, Ps 42:1-5, 62:1-4, Ps 84:1-4, 9-12</td>
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<td>God’s Presence</td>
<td>Exodus 33:12-23, 34:5-8, Ex 40:32-35, 2 Chron. 5:11-14, 2 Chron. 7:1-3</td>
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**Get Into God’s Promises**

There is no better time to use God’s promises than when at prayer. You are laying claim to our inheritance in Christ. Declare it! Believe God for it! Encourage one another in it! “Whereby are given unto us great and exceeding precious promises that by these you might be partakers in his Divine nature…”(2 Peter 1:4)

**Conclusion**

When you start making prayer more than a monologue to God, it becomes enjoyable and naturally extends the time you spend in prayer. Using this strategy assures that you will come back for more.
How to Pray for an Hour

I am often asked by people what I do during my extended times of prayer, and specifically, how do I organize my hours of prayer. Here are some more variations on how to organize your hour.

- **Top of the hour - 10 minutes of personal preps, worship, sing, give thanks, Scripture, etc**
- **10 minutes after to 40 after is intensive intercession time - follow the schedule for variety**
- **Bottom of the hour 10 minutes is break time to read, walk, get a snack, drink, etc or even spend some quiet moments chatting with a friend. Keep your conversation on spiritual things.**
- **Find your rhythm. This is not a law, but a suggestion. Find what works for you. Be flexible.**

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<td>At the top of every hour we begin a new step of intercession. This keeps us focused and moving along in our intercessory prayer time. Prayer discipline begins with “time.” Jesus asked His disciples, “Could you not watch one hour?”</td>
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<td>The first 10 minutes are preparatory so we use the first 3 steps of stillness, worship, and thanksgiving. Make this a regular pattern in your prayer life whenever you pray. “Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, be thankful and bless His name.”</td>
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<td>Each hour is composed of a solid 40 minutes of intercession on the step at hand. If you find trouble staying focused then use some prayer actions to keep attentive. Change your position often, journal to God, pray some out loud, pray Scripture, etc.</td>
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<td>The last 10 minutes of every hour is time for a break. You are only human and need to break your routine to keep from weariness. Take a bathroom break, a coffee or juice break. If you are on a retreat with others use this time to chat with a friend about what God is teaching you about prayer.</td>
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Another Hour Alone With God
An hour can seem like a century if you do not know what to do or if you have never spent a quiet hour with God. We must assume that you have no plan in place for the expenditure of lavish times with your Savior.

Meditate:
The first of every hour I spend transitioning to the next discipline. To do that discipline I need some instruction and time to think it through. So, the first 15-minutes is for reading and thinking about the discipline. Read the manual. If you are already experienced and have read the manual you might consider spending this first segment reading from a devotional book or reading scriptures pertaining to the discipline.
Workbook:
The second 15-minute period should be an active participatory exercise. Here the Workbook comes in handy. Do the exercises suggested in the Workbook and end the time by journaling – talking to God by writing out your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer:
This is now the time to do what you read about and what you did the exercises for. If it is “stillness” then practice it by getting alone in silence before God with your 3-minute timer. Find a position that is comfortable and restful. Tell the Lord you have come to be with Him, not to talk at Him. Ask God to quiet your heart and make you acutely aware of His presence. Be very still.

If you are on the discipline of thanksgiving then begin telling God all the things you are thankful for. Don’t fall into the trap of being stationary. Walk around, look at nature, lift your eyes to the heavens and think aloud (or at least focus specifically) on nothing but the goodness and provisions of the Lord. Revel in them. Rejoice in His creation and His loving care. Remember book by book and story by story the great things the Lord has done in history. Review your life and the things God has done for you through the years. Smile. Enjoy God. You get the idea. Just do it. This is prayer.

Activity:
It is not as though you were inactive during the ¾ of an hour but now is the time to get up and move about. It is time for prayerful activity. You could return to journaling, listen to a worship CD, read something light, go for a walk, memorize Scripture, take a nap, eat an apple, have a hot cup of tea or coffee, have a snack or just about anything you would like to do, but do it WITH THE LORD. The Gaither’s Song, “God Loves To Talk To Little Boys While They’re Fishin’” is a great example of this step. God loves to be with you. Invite Him to do something with you during this 15 minutes. I save the last five minutes just to stretch, jump, run, or to do something non-prayer related, just to break the hour and be ready to start the next.

48 Prayer Activities
Prayer will become enjoyable and the hours with God will fly by when you vary your prayer focus each hour. Using the six steps of intimacy with God we have prepared cue cards for mixing into your prayer times many of the various actions, activities, and expressions of prayer. There are eight activities for each of the six steps. We are sure you can think of even more. Enjoy God!
# A Guide to 48 Prayer Activities

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<td>Sing a love song to God. Worship is about loving God with all your heart. Minister to the Lord in song, yes, do it aloud.</td>
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<td>Use a 3-minute timer to be quiet. Lay on the floor and present yourself to God.</td>
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<td><strong>Relax</strong></td>
<td>Your Body Carefully examine your body. It is a gift of God according to Ps 139. Look in the mirror. Give thanks for your face, eyes, nose, etc. Examine your hands, arms, legs, toes, etc. Give thanks for all your parts.</td>
<td>Use a worship CD or cassette to prime the pump of praise and worship. Use music that lifts you into the presence of God. Join in the songs - don’t just listen. Sing aloud.</td>
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<td>Slowly and consciously relax your body. Begin with your head and neck and move downward. Say, “Lord, I give you my ____” (mention your body part)</td>
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<td><strong>Mind-Speak</strong></td>
<td>Open your eyes to see creation that you often are too busy to observe. Thank God for everything in His wonderful creation.</td>
<td>Read Psalms of praise and worship that exalt the Lord for who He is. Read them out loud.</td>
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<td>Slowly say in your heart. “Lord, here I am,” “Lord have mercy” or “I am yours, still my mind”</td>
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<td><strong>Sweep</strong></td>
<td>List 100 things you are thankful for in your life. Use the guide to remind yourself to give thanks for everything, the good, the bad, and the ugly. Remind yourself and God that all things are by Him, for Him, and through Him.</td>
<td>Tell the Lord of His excellent greatness in your own words. Use the Names of God. Stop on names that are significant to you and meditate on that name, then praise Him for being that to you.</td>
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<td>Sweep your mental clutter. As things come to mind that demand your attention deliberately put them away, or write them down on a pad to deal with later.</td>
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<td><strong>Sing Softly</strong></td>
<td>Use your senses Smell things, taste things, feel things, hear things, as you say “Lord you are good.” Flower, dirt, dust, flies, ants, trees, etc.</td>
<td>Write a love letter to God. Tell Him how much He means to you. Tell Him why you love Him. Tell Him how important He is to your life.</td>
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<td>In your mind and heart sing a slow song about getting still such as Be Thou My Vision, Be Still My Soul, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Walk Slowly</strong></td>
<td>Thank God for people Remember people who have had an important influence and who have helped shape your life--parents, your friends, your relatives, your teachers, your pastors, even your enemies.</td>
<td>Take a hymnbook and slowly go through the songs. Pick ones that lift up the Lord’s character and attributes. Sing a few acappella songs to the Lord. Worship Him with your own musical instrument, your voice.</td>
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<td>Once you have reached a quieter state of mind begin a slow walk. Deliberately slow your walk as you move down a path. Take 15 minutes until by the end you are barely moving.</td>
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<td><strong>Listen</strong></td>
<td>Listen to a tape or CD of nature, waterfalls, bird songs, wind, waves, etc. If you are in nature just listen for everything you often ignore.</td>
<td>Use your whole body to worship the Lord. Lift your hands in worship, smile, kneel, lay down, dance before the Lord. Review all the physical positions of prayer and use them in worship.</td>
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<td><strong>Stare-Examine</strong></td>
<td>Sing to the Lord Choose hymns or songs that focus on the goodness of the Lord, His creation, His blessings, and His faithfulness. Sing them aloud to God.</td>
<td>Play music to God. David played his harp, not just for the Lord or for his own enjoyment. He ministered to the Lord. If you play an instrument offer a sacrifice of praise to God on the guitar, piano, harmonica, whistle.</td>
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<td>Pick something in nature to focus on and carefully examine with a slow, thoughtful, careful examination. A spider web, ants, clouds, bark of a tree. Try not to analyze but just observe.</td>
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<td>Use the “Who I Am” list. Remind yourself what God says about you once you are forgiven. Look up the Scripture for each of those positions God gives us before His throne. Rejoice and reckon it so.</td>
<td>Sing a song to the Lord about your cares and His concern for you. “I Cast All My Care Upon You” is an excellent start. “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” is another.</td>
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Positions & Actions in Prayer

In praying we often adopt certain ways and stick into that pattern the rest of our lives. In studying the Word of God we find that prayer was not the passive event that we so often experience. The prayers and the pray-ers of the Bible were active in prayer. A wonderful way to rejuvenate your Prayer Life is to begin exercising yourself in prayer as God intended. Take the Word seriously, not just the commands but the examples as well. Here are a few activities to practice as you pray.

1. Eyes open - John 11:41 / John 17:1
2. Tears shed - I Samuel 7-10/ Psalm 126:5-6
3. Shout/applaud/cheer - Ezra 3:11-14/ Ps 47:1
4. Sing - Psalm 100:4/ Ephesians 5:19
5. Loud voice - Acts 7:60
7. Speak to obstacle - Joshua 10:12 "Sun stand still"/ Mat. 21:21
8. Speak with no sound - I Samuel 1:7-10
9. Say "Amen" to other’s prayers - I Cor. 14:16
11. Stand up - Nehemiah 9:3-5
12. Kneel - Eph. 3:14/ Philip.2:9-11
13. Lay down on bed - 2 Kings 20:2
14. Lay face on ground - 2 Chronicles 7:3
15. Walk (pace) - 2 Kings 4:33-35
16. Squat/bow down 2 Kings 18:42/ Ps. 95:6
17. Dance - 2 Samuel 6:14-16
18. Walk away, be restored - Mat. 5:23-24
19. Sackcloth & Ashes - 2 Kings 19:1
20. Sit - Mt. 26:36 / Mark 14:32,37-38
21. Bow head - Isaiah 58:5
22. Raise hands in praise - Psalm 134:2/ 143:6
23. Raise hands in authority - Exodus 17 8-15/Heb.12:11-12
24. Touch together the thing - Mat. 18:19 (sumphoneo)
26. Lay hands on (for commissioning) - Hebrews 6:2/ 1 Tim. 4:14
28. Spread it before the Lord - 2 Kings 19:14-15
### Places of Prayer

*Where Do You Pray?*

Be careful not to make prayer a thing limited to your secret closet or at church. Praying is to be done everywhere. Paul exhorts us to prayer everywhere, and for all men. What would happen if we actually did that?

**Try this:**

Instead of praying for people, pray with people. Instead of telling people we will pray for them, stop right then and there and pray *with them*. Whether you are in an office, a factory, a supermarket, on a street corner, or on the phone, practice praying everywhere by praying with people, not just for people. Whenever possible, lay your hand on them as you do. You will find it exciting and it leaves a godly impression upon the recipient.

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### OUTDOORS

- Wilderness - Mark 1:35
- Desert place - Mark 1:35
- Riverside - Acts 16:13
- Garden - Mat 26:39-42
- Hillside - Mat 14:23
- On camping trip - Gen 32:24-30
- Under a tree - 1 Kings 19:5
- In a cave - 1 Kings 19:9
- Beside a brook - 1 Kings 17:3-5
- In a chariot - Acts 8:36-37
- Up a tree - Luke 19:3
- On the street - Acts 3:1-6
- Street corners - Mt 6:5
- By a brook - 1 Kings 17:3-5
- On a walk - Luke 24:32

### INDOORS PLACES

- In a closet - Mt 6:6
- In a home - Acts 12:12-13
- Bed room - Daniel 6:10
- Upper room - Acts 1:13-14
- In synagogues - Mt 6:5
- Roof top - Acts 10:9
- At the table - Acts 27:35
- In the Temple - Acts 4

### PLACES OF TROUBLE

- In a fiery furnace - Dan 3:25
- On a boat - Jonah 1:6,14
- Tossed at sea - Mark 4:8
- Lions den - Daniel 6:22
- Bottom of a well - Jer 38:6
- In a dungeon - Acts 16:24-25
- Isle of Patmos - Rev 1:1-2
- Hanging on a cross - Luke 23:42
- While being stoned - Acts 7:59-60
- From belly of whale - Jonah 2:1
FOCUS ON GOD

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. – Psalm 100

**Make His Praise Glorious**

Praise - Give Glory - Magnify - Worship - Exalt/Extol - Sing - Ascribe - Bless - Declare - Shout - Delight in - Honor - Behold - Love - Clap - Lift up hands - Bow down -

Lord, You are _____ (attributes of God)  
Lord, You are my _____ (Names of Jesus)  
Lord, Your name is ______ (Jehovah-)


**Exalt His Name Together**

Ancient of Days – Almighty – Alpha and Omega –  
Amen – Anchor – Author – Balm – Bread –  
Bridegroom – Brightness of glory – Bright Morning –  
Star – Captain – Cornerstone – Counselor – Creator –  
Deliverer – Defense – Door – Eternal God –  
Everlasting Father – Fortress – First and Last –  
Immanuel – Hiding Place – High Tower – Judge –  
King of kings – King Eternal – Lamb of God – Lilly of the Valley – Lord Mighty in Battle – Lion of Judah –  
Life – Lifter of my head – Light –  Living Bread –  
Living Way – Lord Strong Mighty – Love –  
Mediator – Mighty God – Omnipotent – Only  
Potentate –Prince of Peace – Potter – Redeemer –  
Refiner – Refuge – Rock – Rose of Sharon – Savior –  
Shelter – Shepherd – Shield – Sun of Righteous –  

**Be Thankful Unto Him**

· His mercies new every morn  
· His benefits  
· His way and will is perfect  
· Good, bad, and the ugly

“In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” – 1Thess 5:18

**He Has Made**

· Earth by His great power  
· Me, I am fearfully and wonderfully made  
· All things small an great  
· All things richly to enjoy  
· This day  
· Good and evil

“Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?” – Ecclesiastes 7:13

“I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.” – Isaiah 6:1-4
FOCUS ON YOU

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. – James 4:7-10

Cleanse Your Heart
- **Words** - have you spoken evil of anyone, criticized, sharp words
- **Attitudes** - complaining spirit, depressed, grouchy, know-it-all
- **Thoughts** - evil desires, lusts, doubts, fears, hatred, bitterness
- **Actions** - broken God’s laws, trespassed on forbidden ground

My Sin, Oh, The Bliss
- paid in full – Romans 5:11
- forgiven / pardoned – I John 1:9
- laid on Jesus – Is 53:6
- washed whiter than snow – Is 1:18
- covered – Ps 32:1
- cleansed by blood of Jesus – Heb 9:22
- blotted out (swept away) – Is 44:22
- removed east from west – Ps 103:12
- cast in depths of sea – Micah 7:19
- forever forgotten – Jeremiah 31:34.

Resist the Devil
- Bind the enemy Mat 18:18-20
- Resist the devil James 4:7
- Claim the blood Rev 12:11
- Declare loosing of captives Luke 4:18
- Pull down strongholds II Cor. 10:3-5
- Put a hedge of protection Ezek 22:30
- Command him to leave Mat 10:1
- Rebuke him in Jesus Mat 17:18

Stand Firm on the Promises of God.
- complete in Him Col 2:10
- free from sin’s power Rom 6:14
- sanctified wholly 1 Cor 6:11
- meet for the Master’s use 2 Tim 2:21
- loved eternally 1 Pet 1:5 /
- safe in the palm of His hand
- kept from falling Jude 1:24
- kept by the power of God 1 Pet 1:5
- not condemned Rom 8:1-2
- seated in heavenly places Eph 1:3
- the head and not the tail Deut 28:13
- protected from the evil one 1 Jn 5:18
- secure in Christ Jn 10:28-29
- set upon a Rock Ps 40:2
- more-than-a-conqueror Rom 8:37

“Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” – Isaiah 6:1-4

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Get Into Worship

Pray Songs, Hymns and Psalms

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. – Colossians 3:16

Preparation
• Sweet Hour of Prayer
• More Love to Thee
• My Jesus, I Love Thee
• Holy Ground
• As the Deer

Hymns
• Holy, Holy, Holy
• All Hail the Power
• To God Be the Glory
• How Great Thou Art
• Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
• Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
• O Worship the King

Exaltation
• Holy Holy (chorus)
• Holy, Holy, Holy (hymn)
• He is Lord
• We Worship and Adore You
• I Love You, Lord
• Bless the Lord O My Soul
• Be Exalted, O God

Adoration
• I Exalt Thee
• My Jesus, I Love Thee
• I Love You Lord
• Thou Art Worthy
• Blessed Be The Name of the Lord
• His Name Is Wonderful

Thanksgiving
• Great Is Thy Faithfulness
• And Can it Be
• All Hail King Jesus
• Glorify Thy Name
• It is Well With My Soul
• Thank You Lord for Saving My Soul

Examination
• Jesus, I Come
• Just as I Am
• Search Me O God
• Be Thou My Vision
• Take Time to Be Holy
• Open Our Eyes Lord
• Change My Heart O God

Consecration
• Take My Life and Let it Be
• In My Life (Be Glorified)
• Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
• Refiners Fire (Purify My Heart)
• Change My Heart O God
• Create In Me A Clean Heart
• Draw Me Closer

Burdens
• I Cast All My Cares Upon You
• Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary
• No One Understands Like Jesus
• What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Get Into the Scriptures
*Pray the Scriptures Aloud*

A marked and well-used Bible can be a wonderful asset to prayer. Take the time to review the Scriptures listed below. Mark them in your Bible even copy this list to the fly leaf. Then salt your corporate prayer times with God’s word.

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Get Into the Promises

Pray the Promise Back To God

Promises are powerful things. Peter said that it is by them that we escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires and become partakers of God’s own nature. (2 Peter 1:4) Learn to use God’s promises as you pray. Remind God of His promises. Quote them back to Him. He delights to hear it. Claim your inheritance that is herein described. Everything in the Christian’s life is by faith. (Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarer of them that diligently seek him.)

PRAYER
Isaiah 65:24 ...before they call I will answer...
Psalm 37:4 ...delight in the Lord, he gives desires of your heart...
Jeremiah 33:3 ...call on me and I will show you great and mighty things
Jeremiah 32:17-18 ...you have made heaven...nothing is too hard for you...
Matthew 18:19 ...if any 2 agree...touch...ask, it will be done...

PEACE
Isaiah 26:3 ...keep you in perfect peace...
Isaiah 32:17 ...work of righteousness will be peace...
Jeremiah 29:11 ...the thoughts I think toward you are peace, not evil...
Psalm 37:37 ...the end of the upright man is peace...

PROTECTION
Psalm 91:3 ...he shall deliver from snare, pestilence, terror, arrow...
Isaiah 54:17 ...no weapon formed against you will prosper...
Isaiah 43:2 ...when pass through water it will not overflow you...
Jeremiah 15:20 ...I will make you a steel wall, they will not prevail...
Psalm 5:11-12 ...those who trust you, shout for joy, you defend them...

SUPPLY
Psalm 34:10 ...lions do hunger...but you shall not lack any good thing...
Psalm 37:25 ...I have not seen the righteous forsaken or begging...
Philippians 4:19 ...my God shall supply all your need...
II Corinthians 9:8 ...God is able to make all grace abound to you...

SUCCESS
Joshua 1:8 ...then you shall make way prosperous, and have success
Psalm 1:3 ...whatsoever he does it shall prosper...
Romans 8:28 ...all things work together for good to him...

STRENGTH
Isaiah 40:29-31...He gives power to the faint...they renew their strength...
Isaiah 41:10 ...fear not for I am with you...I will help you
Isaiah 41:13 ...the Lord will hold your right hand...
II Corinthians 12:9 ...my grace is sufficient for you...

DELIVERANCE
Psalm 34:17,19 ...the righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers from trouble
Psalm 34:7,8 ...angel encamps around those who fear Him...
Isaiah 59:19 ...when enemy comes like flood...Lord will stand against him
DIRECTION & LEADING
Proverbs 3:6  ...In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths...
Isaiah 30:21  ...you will hear a word behind you saying, 'this is the way, walk in it'
Proverbs 16:3,9  ...commit your way to the Lord ...and your thoughts will be established...
Psalm 37:23  ...good man’s steps are ordered by the Lord
Psalm 32:8  ...I will instruct & teach you the way to go...

FEARS
II Timothy 1:7  ...God gave not the spirit of fear, but of sound mind…
Isaiah 41:10  ...fear not for I am with you, I will help you…
Isaiah 41:13  ...fear not I will help you...
Psalm 34:4  ...I sought...He delivered me from all my fears...

SOULS
Psalm 2:8  ...ask of me and I will give heathen for your inheritance...
Psalm 126:6  ...he who sows and weeps...shall bring sheaves with him...
II Peter 3:9  ...Lord is not slack...not willing any should perish...

YOUR CHILDREN
Isaiah 54:11-13  ...all your children will be taught of the Lord...
Psalm 127:3  ...children are a heritage of the Lord...your reward...
Isaiah 59:21  ...my words will not depart out of your seed's mouth...
Isaiah 44:3  ...I will pour out my Spirit on your seed and offspring...
Proverbs 22:6  ...train up a child...when old...he will not depart from it...

WISDOM
Isaiah 50:4  ...Lord gives me tongue of the learned to know how to speak…
Psalm 19:7  ...The law...is perfect...making wise the simple...
Proverbs 1:7  ...Fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge...
James 1:5  ...lack wisdom? Ask of God that gives liberally to all men...

FORGIVENESS
Psalm 86:5  ...thou Lord art good...ready to forgive...
I John 1:9  ...If we confess our sins, He is faithful...to forgive...all…
Isaiah 1:18  ...though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow
Isaiah 43:25  ...I am He that blots out transgressions...

ABILITY ABOVE IMPOSSIBILITY
Jeremiah 32:17,27  ... Ah Lord God... there is nothing too hard for you…
Philippians 1:6  ...he that began a good work in you will perform it ‘til.
Acts 20:32  ...the word of His grace… is able to build you up...
Ephesians 3:20  ...able to exceedingly abundantly...by power in us...
Jude 24  ...able to keep you...present you faultless...

HEALING
Exodus 15:26  ...I am the Lord that healeth thee
Psalm 103:3-4  ...who forgiveth all...healeth all thy diseases...
James 5:15  ...the prayer of faith shall save the sick...
Matthew 8:17  ...He took our infirmities and carried our diseases...
A Guide for a One-Day Prayer Retreat

Extended prayer retreats alone with God are both biblical and helpful in developing an intimate relationship with God. God longs to walk with you in the cool of the day as He did with Adam. The problem is we are rarely there, and when we are we are in a hurry to get on to some other busy plans. It takes time to develop an intimate relationship with God. There are no shortcuts. Try setting aside one day a month for prayer. Here is a simple guide for a day of prayer. You may find it helpful to go away to a solitary place. I find it necessary to do an overnight stay so I am relaxed to start the day.

8:30 am – **FOCUS ON GOD**

9:00 am – **Be Still** (1)
9:30 am – *Journal to God about this day*

10:00 am – **Be Worshipful** (2)
10:30 am – *Walk and enjoy God’s beauty*

11:00 am – **Be Thankful** (3)
11:30 am – *Smile, count blessings, study nature*

12:00 pm – Lunch

12:30 pm **FOCUS ON SELF**

1:00 pm – **Confession** (4)
1:30 pm – *Walk & listen to sermon tape/music, etc*

2:00 pm – **Cover Yourself in Armor** (5)
2:30 pm – *Read, meditate, memorize*

3:00 pm – **Cast all Cares on Him** (6)
3:30 pm – *Nap time / read / sleep / listen*

4:00 pm – **SCHEDULE PRAYER!**

*Don’t leave the place of prayer without arranging with your Heavenly Father another time of extended prayer.*

4:30 pm – Return home rejoicing!

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This is my personal style for an ordered and disciplined time of extended prayer. There will be some who find it difficult or unrewarding to be so disciplined. In that case you need to develop your own style. Just be sure that it keeps you praying and enjoying God.

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**Prayer Activities**

**Think & Plan**
- Dream God’s Visions
- Plan Goals
- Plan Yearly Calendar
- Write Sermon/Lessons
- Write Thoughts/Ideas
- Journal to God
- Evaluate Your Life
- Evaluate Your Ministry
- Make Family Plans
- Do a Word Study

**Rest**
- Take a Holy Nap
- Go for a Walk
- Sing to the Lord
- Worship with Tapes
- Converse With a Friend
- Play an Instrument

**Read and Study**
- Read Scriptures
- Read on Leadership
- Read on Prayer
- Read Prayers of the Bible
- Listen to Scripture
- Listen to a Sermon
- Study the Promises
- Memorize Promises
- Meditate on the Cross
- Meditate on Creation
- Meditate on Promises
What God Did With My Sin

Reckon It To Be So!

1. They were paid in full – Romans 5:11. Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

2. They were forgiven/pardoned – I John 1:9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

3. They were laid on Jesus – Is 53:6. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

4. They were washed whiter than snow – Is 1:18. "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

5. They were covered – Ps 32:1. Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

6. They were cleansed by blood of Jesus – Heb 9:22. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

7. They were blotted out (swept away) – Is 44:22. I have swept away (blotted out) your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." (Ps 51:1)

8. They were removed as far as east from west – Ps 103:12. as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

9. They were cast in depths of sea – Micah 7:19. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

10. They were forever forgotten – Jeremiah 31:34. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Read Psalm 51 and Psalm 139 as part of your confession of sin.

It is Well

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
   My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul.
The Benefit of Using the “Who I Am” List

Satan is a liar and the father of it. He deceives the nations and deceives Christians into thinking his lies are true. He is the accuser of the brethren, who accuses us before the throne of God. Zechariah 3 depicts the scene before the throne of God where the saint stands in tattered garments and Satan at his right hand making incessant accusations against him. The Lord steps in by commanding the angel of the Lord to clothe him in new garments clean and white, to put on him a turban. And the Lord declared:

“I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with change of raiment.”

The Revelation of Jesus Christ declares (Revelation 3:5, Revelation 3:18, Revelation 4:4) that the saints are clothed in white raiment that the shame of their nakedness does not appear.

- Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
- Revelation 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
- Revelation 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
- Revelation 12:10 declares that “the accuser of our brothers is cast down, who accused them before the throne day and night.”

Romans 8 is even more emphatic when it says, “Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifies. Who is he that condemns? It is Christ who died, rose again, and sits at the right hand of God making intercession for us.”

Too often believers believe the lies and accusations of the enemy. They either are ignorant of what God has said or they willingly disbelieve it based on their “feelings.” We do not need to feel anything! God’s truth is God’s truth. “Let God be true and every man a liar.” (Romans 3:4)

We need to learn who we are in Christ and confess the same out loud. I am what God says I am regardless of how I feel about myself. My feelings cannot change the absolute truth of God’s word. We need to see ourselves in the light of God’s word. Once we have heard and seen God’s truth we are to RECKON it to be so. “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” – Romans 6:11 The word reckon is “logizoma” in Greek, which means to calculate, count it up, logically sum it up as so. Sum up what God says as true and leave the rest.

An excellent way to pray these positions is to say, “I am God’s possession, therefore Satan cannot touch me.”
I AM GOD’S…
- possession Genesis 17:8/ 1Cor 6:20
- child John 1:12
- workmanship Ephesians 2:10
- friend James 2:23
- temple 1 Cor 3:16/ 6:16
- vessel 2 Timothy 2:2
- co-laborer 1 Timothy 5:18
- witness Acts 1:8
- soldier 2 Timothy 2:3
- ambassador 2 Cor 5:20
- building 1 Cor 3:9
- husbandry 1 Cor 3:9
- minister/instrument Acts 26:16 / 1 Tim 4:6
- chosen Ephesians 1:4
- beloved Romans 1:7/ 2 Thess 2:13
- precious jewel Malachi 3:17
- heritage 1 Peter 5:3

I HAVE BEEN…
- redeemed by the blood  Rev 5:9
- set free from sin /condemnation Rom 8:1-2
- set free from Satan’s control Col 1:13
- set free from Satan’s kingdom Eph 2
- chosen before foundation of world Eph 1:4
- predestined to be like Jesus Ephesians 1:11
- forgiven of all my trespasses Col 2:13
- washed in the blood of the Lamb Rev 1:5
- given a sound mind 2 Timothy 1:7
- given the Holy Spirit 2 Cor 1:22
- adopted into God’s family Romans 8:15
- justified freely by his grace Romans 3:24
- given all things pertaining to life 2 Pet 1:3
- given great and precious promises 2 Pet 1:4
- given ministry of reconciliation 2 Cor 1:22
- authority over the power of enemy Lk 10:19
- access to God Ephesians 3:12
- been given wisdom Ephesians 1:8

I AM…
- complete in him Colossians 2:10
- free forever from sin’s power Romans 6:14
- sanctified 1 Cor 6:11
- meet for the Master’s use 2 Timothy 2:21
- loved eternally 1 Peter 1:5 /
- eternally kept in the palm of his hand Jn 10:29
- kept from falling Jude 1:24
- kept by the power of God 1 Peter 1:5
- not condemned Romans 8:1-2
- one with the Lord 1 Cor 6:17
- on my way to heaven John 14:6
- quickened by his mighty power Eph 2:1
- seated in heavenly places Eph 1:3

I CAN…
- do all things through Christ Philp 4:13
- find mercy and grace to help Heb 4:16
- come boldly to the throne of grace Heb 4:16
- quench all the firey darts Eph 6:16
- tread on the serpent Luke 10:19
- declare liberty to captives Isaiah 61:1
- pray always and everywhere Luke 21:36
- chase a thousand Joshua 23:10
- defeat (overcome) the enemy Rev 12:11
- tread Satan under foot Rom 16:20

I CANNOT…
- be separated from God’s love Rom 8:35-39
- be perish or be lost John 10:28, John 3:16
- be moved Psalms 16:8
- be taken out of my Father’s hand John 10:29
- be charged or accused Romans 8:33
- be condemned 1 Cor 11:32
I Am Secure In Christ
and Satan Cannot Harm Me

Choose Scripture passages from each category and commit it to memory to use in prayer.

I Am Accepted
Zech 3:2 I am a brand plucked out of the fire
John 1:12 I am a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ
John 15:15 I am Christ’s friend, he calls me by name, and my name is written in heaven
Romans 5:1 I have been justified freely by his grace, therefore I have peace with God
Romans 8:17 I am a heir of God, joint-heir with Christ (Galatians 4:7)
I Cor 6:19, 20 I have been bought and paid for by Christ, redeemed from the hand of the enemy
Eph 1:1 I am included with the saints
Eph 1:5 I have been adopted into God’s family
Eph 2:6 I have been seated with Christ in heavenly places above Satan’s power
Eph 2:18 I have direct access to God
Col 1:13 I have been translated into the kingdom of God’s dear son
Col 1:14 I have been redeemed to God and forgiven

I Am Secure
Romans 8:1-2 I am not condemned before the throne
Romans 8:28 I know all things work together for me because I am called to his purpose
Romans 8:31 I am free of all accusations of the enemy. No one lays any charge on God’s elect
Romans 8:35 I cannot be separated from God’s love by anything
2 Cor 1:20-22 I have been sealed by God
Col 3:3 I am hidden with Christ in God
Phil 1:6 I am confident God will complete the work he began in me
Phil 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven
2 Tim 1:7 I have been given a sound mind
Hebrews 4:16 I have boldness before the throne of God
1 John 5:18 I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.

I Am Significant
Mat 5:13-14 I am salt and light in this world
John 15:1, 5 I am a branch on the True Vine
John 5:16 I have been chosen to bear fruit that remains
Acts 1:8 I am a witness to the reality of Christ
1 Cor 3:16 I am a temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in me
2 Cor 6:1 I am God’s co-worker
2 Cor 5:20 I am an ambassador for Christ
Eph 2:6 I am God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus
Eph 2:10 I can approach God with freedom and confidence
Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Heb 4:16 I can come boldly to the throne of Grace to find mercy and grace to help
I John 4:4 I have Christ in me. Greater is he in me than he who is in the world.
Jude 1:24 I am presented faultless before God’s throne
The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous run into it and they are safe.”—Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is given to us that we might know our Heavenly Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ in all of His splendor and glory. His name covers us, shelters us, seals us, and protects us. As you pray the names you are claiming His promises and covering for yourself.

This is what the psalmist means when in Psalm 91 he says, “He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord He is my refuge and fortress, therefore ....”

Confess it. Say His name out loud. As you pray the names of the Lord use a phrase like this. Don’t just say His name – Claim His name as your inheritance. “Lord, you are my ________, therefore I will _______________.” Make it possessive! Draw a personal conclusion based on His name.

Read it. Read the passage of Scripture that contains His name. Read it out loud. Read it slowly and articulately three times. Pray it back to God. Declare Him among the nations. Satan is listening so make sure he hears who the Lord is to you. Declare it!

Sing it. Sing to the Lord. Sing of His excellent name. Many of the names of God and Christ have been put to song or at least have songs that refer to that name. Sing it to God. Rejoice in His holy name. Pick up a hymn books and look through the hymns for His names.

Shout it. Shouting to the Lord in triumph is a biblical command. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! It is a good thing to shout the name of the Lord with your lips. Isaiah 12:6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Write it. Graffiti the Lord’s name throughout your notebook or even in your Bible. Remember in grade school how you used to write your girlfriend’s or boyfriend’s name all over your books. That’s the idea. Revel in His name. Love His name. Think on His name. Savor His name. Let it roll off your tongue. Let it bathe your mind and heart. Revel in it. Soak it up. Wrap yourself up in it. God is a very present help in the time of trouble. Let His name be very present to you.

Malachi 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.
The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower

A
Advocate - 1 John 2:1
Alive for Evermore - Revelation 1:18
All-Knowing - Psalm 139:1-6
All, and in All - Colossians 3:11
Almighty - Revelation 1:8
Alpha and Omega - Revelation 1:8
Altar - Hebrews 13:10
Altogether Lovely - Song of Solomon 5:16
Amen - Revelation 3:14
Ancient of Days - Daniel 7:13 & Daniel 7:22
Anointed One - 1 Samuel 2:35
Author of Eternal Salvation - Hebrews 5:9
Author of our Faith - Hebrews 12:2

B
Balm of Gilead - Jeremiah 8:22
Banner over us - Ps 60:4 S of Sol 2:4
Bearer of Sin - Hebrews 9:28
Before All Things - Colossians 1:17
Beginning and Ending - Revelation 1:8
Bishop of our Souls - 1 Peter 2:25
Blessed and Only Potentate - 1 Timothy 6:15
Blessed Hope - Titus 2:13
Bread of Life, my manna - John 6:35
Bridegroom - John 3:29
Bright and Morning Star - Revelation 22:16
Brightness of His Glory - Hebrews 1:3
Buckler - Psalms 18:30

C
Captain - Joshua 5:14-15 - Hebrews 2:10
Changeless One - Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8
Chief Among 10,000 - S. of Solomon 5:10
Chosen of God - 1 Peter 2:4
Christ - Matthew 1:16 - 1 John 5:1
Comforter - John 14:16-18
Consolation of Israel - Luke 2:25
Counselor - Isaiah 9:6
Creator - Romans 1:25 - Isaiah 40:28
Crown of Glory - Isaiah 28:5

D
Daystar to Arise - 2 Peter 1:19
Defense - Psalms 94:22
Deliverer - Psalms 40:17
Desire of all Nations - Haggai 2:7
Despised and rejected - Ps 22:6, Is 53:3
Diadem of Beauty - Isaiah 28:5
Door of the Sheep - John 10:7
Dwelling Place - Psalms 90:1

E
Emmanuel - Matthew 1:23
End of the Law - Romans 10:4
Ensign of the People - Romans 10:4
Equal with God - Philippians 2:6
Eternal God - Deuteronomy 33:27
Eternal Life - 1 John 1:2
Everlasting Father - Isaiah 9:6

F
Faithful and True - Rev 19:11 - Rev 3:14
Finisher of the Faith - Hebrews 12:2
First Begotten - Hebrews 1:6 - Romans 8:29
Firstfruit of Them Sleep - 1 Cor 15:20 Rom 11:16
Fortress - Psalms 18:2
Foundation Which is Laid - 1 Cor 3:11
Fountain of Living Waters - Jer 17:13 Ps 36:9
Friend of Publicans and Sinners - Luke 7:34
Friend Sticks Closer than a Brother - Prov 18:24

G
Gift of God - John 4:10
Glory, my and lifter of my head - Psalms 3:3
God Who Avenges Me - Psalms 18:47
God Blessed Forever - Romans 9:5
God Who Forgives - Psalms 99:8
God of My Life - Psalms 42:8
God in the Midst of Her - Psalms 46:5
God manifest in the flesh - 1 Timothy 3:16
God of My Righteousness - Psalms 4:1
God of My Salvation - Psalms 18:46
God of My Strength - Psalms 43:2
God With Us - Matthew 1:23
Good Shepherd - John 10:11
Gracious - Ex 33:19, Rom 16:24, Rev. 22:21
Great God - Titus 2:13
Great Shepherd of the Sheep - Hebrews 13:20
Guide Even Unto Death - Psalms 48:14

H
Harmless - Hebrews 7:26
Head of all Principality & Power - Col 2:10
Heir of All Things - Hebrews 1:2
Helper - Hebrews 13:6
Hiding Place - Psalms 32:7
High Priest Forever - Hebrews 6:20
High Tower - Psalms 18:2
Holy One Of Israel - Psalms 89:18
Horn of Salvation - Luke 1:69
Husband - Revelation 21:2
I
I Am - John 18:6
Image of the Invisible God - Colossians 1:15
Immanuel - Isaiah 7:14
Inhabiter of Eternity - Isaiah 57:15
Inhabiter of Praises - Psalms 22:3
Intercessor - Isaiah 53:12 & Romans 8:34

J
Jehovah Jireh - Provider - I Jn 4:9, Philip 4:19
Jehovah Nissi - Banner - I Chronicles 29:11-13
Jehovah Shalom - Peace - Is 9:6, Rom 8:31-35
Jehovah Tsiskenu - Righteousness - I Cor 1:30
Jehovah Shammah - Present - Hebrews 13:5
Jehovah M'Kaddesh - Sanctifier - I Cor 1:30
Jehovah Rophe - Healer - Isaiah 53:4,5
Jehovah Rohi - Shepherd - Psalm 23
Jesus - Matthew 1:21
Jesus Christ Our Lord - Romans 7:25
Judge of All - Genesis 18:25 - Acts 10:42
Just One - Acts 7:52

K
Keeper - Psalms 121:5
King Eternal - 1 Timothy 1:17
King Immortal - 1 Timothy 1:17
King Invisible - 1 Timothy 1:17
King of Glory - Psalms 24:7-8
King of Heaven - Daniel 4:37
King of Kings - Revelation 19:16
King of Peace - Hebrews 7:2
King of Righteousness - Hebrews 7:2
King of Saints - Revelation 15:3

L
Lamb of God - John 1:29 - Rev 17:14
Last Adam - 1 Cor.15:45
Lawgiver - James 4:12
Life - John 14:6
Lifter of Mine Head - Psalms 3:3
Light - John 1:7
Light of the World - John 8:12
Lily of the Valleys - Song of Solomon 2:1
Lion of the Tribe of Judah - Revelation 5:5
Living Bread - John 6:51
Lord and My God - John 20:28
Lord and Savior - 2 Peter 1:1
Lord of the Dead and the Living - Rom 14:9
Lord God Almighty - Revelation 16:7
Lord God Omnispotent - Revelation 19:6
Lord Jesus Christ - James 2:1
Lord of Glory - 1 Cor.2:8
Lord of the Harvest - Matthew 9:38
Lord of Lords - 1 Timothy 6:15

M
Maker - Psalms 95:6
Man of Sorrows - Isaiah 53:3
Master - Matthew 23:10
Mediator - 1 Timothy 2:5
Merciful - Heb 2:17
Messiah the Prince - Daniel 9:25
Mighty God - Isaiah 9:6
Morning Star - Revelation 2:28

N
Name Above Every Name - Philippians 2:9
Nazarene - Matthew 2:23

O
Omega - Revelation 22:13
Omnipotent - Revelation 19:16
Only Begotten Son - John 3:16
Only Potentate - 1 Timothy 6:15
Only Wise God - 1 Timothy 1:17

P
Passover, my - 1 Cor.5:7
Pavilion - Psalms 31:20
Peace, our - Ephesians 2:14
Portion of Mine Inheritance - Psalms 16:5
Potter - Jeremiah 18:6
Power of God - 1 Cor.1:24
Preeminent one - Colossians 1:18
Pearl of Price - Matt 13:46, 1 Cor.6:20
Prince of Peace - Isaiah 9:6
Propitiation for Our Sins - 1 John 2:2

Q
Quick Understanding - Isaiah 11:3
Quickening Spirit - 1 Cor.15:45

R
Rabbi - John 3:2
Ransom for Many - Matthew 20:28
Redeemer - Job 19:25 - 1 Cor.1:30
Refiner - Malachi 3:2
Refuge in Trouble - Ps 46:1, Ps 9:9
Refuge from the Storm - Is 25:4
Resting Place - Jeremiah 50:6
Resurrection and the Life - John 11:25
Reward of the Righteous - Psalms 58:11
Righteous Judge - 2 Timothy 4:8
Righteousness, my - 1 Cor.1:30 - Rom 10:3
Rock that is Higher than I - Psalms 61:2
Rock of My Refuge - Psalms 94:22
Rock of Our Salvation - Psalms 95:1
Root and Offspring of David - Revelation 22:16
Rose of Sharon - Song of Solomon 2:1
S
Sacrifice for Sins - Hebrews 10:12
Salvation, my - Psalms 27:1
Same Yesterday, Today, Forever - Heb 13:8
Savior of the Body - Ephesians 5:23
Savior of the World - John 4:42
Scapegoat - Leviticus 16:8 & John 11:49-52
Scepter of Israel - Numbers 24:17
Sent One - John 9:4
Separate from Sinners - Hebrews 7:26
Serpent in the Wilderness - John 3:14
Shadow of the Almighty - Psalms 91:1
Shadow of a Great Rock - Isaiah 32:2
Shelter - Psalms 61:3
Shepherd, my - Psalms 23:1
Shield - Psalms 84:9
Sin, for us - 2 Cor.5:21
Son of God - John 1:49
Son of Man - John 1:51
Song, my - Isaiah 12:2
Spiritual Rock - 1 Cor.10:4
Star out of Jacob - Numbers 24:17
Stone the Builders Rejected - Matthew 21:42
Strength of My Life - Psalms 27:1
Stronghold in the Day of Trouble - Nahum 1:7
Strong Tower - Proverbs 18:10
Stronger than the enemy - Luke 11:22
Sun of Righteousness - Malachi 4:2

T
Tabernacle of God - Revelation 21:3
Tender Plant - Isaiah 53:2
Testator - Hebrews 9:16
Treasure - 2 Cor.4:7
True Bread from Heaven - John 6:32
True Light - John 1:9
True Vine - John 15:1
Truth - John 14:6

U
Undefiled - Hebrews 7:26
Unspeakable Gift - 2 Cor.9:15
Upholder of All things - Hebrews 1:3
Upright - Psalms 92:15

V
Very God of Peace - 1 Thessalonians 5:23
Very Present Help in Trouble - Psalms 46:1
Victory - 1 Cor.15:54
Vine - John 15:5
Voice - Revelation 1:12

W
Way - John 14:6
Well of Living Waters - John 4:14
Wisdom of God - 1 Cor.1:24
Wise Master Builder - 1 Cor.3:10
Witness of God - 1 John 5:9
Wonderful - Isaiah 9:6
Worthy - Revelation 4:11
Worthy Name - James 2:7

X
Exceeding Great Reward - Genesis 15:1
Excellency - Job 13:11
Excellency of Our God - Isaiah 35:2
Excellent - Psalms 8:1
Express Image of His Person - Hebrews 1:3

Y
Young Child - Matthew 2:11
Yes and Amen - 2 Cor 1:20

Z
Zeal of the Lord of Hosts - Isaiah 37:32
Zeal of your House - John 2:17
Exalt the Name of the Lord Together

Here is a cheat-sheet to help prime the pump as you shout, sing, pray, and exalt the Name of the Lord. Use it as you pray together in groups. The following phrases will help you start: Share psalms of praise together, and sing songs together- As the Deer, I Exalt Thee

- (Exaltation) Lord you are my… ______ (God’s name) therefore I can (or will)…
- (Adoration) I love you because you are … ___________ (attribute)
- (Thanksgiving) I thank you for … ___________ (what He has done)

45 Jehovah-Names

- Jehovah The Lord Exodus 6:2 3
- Jehovah "Immeku Lord Is with you (Judges 6:12)
- Jehovah ‘Ez Lami Lord My Strength (Psalm 28:7)
- Jehovah ‘Izoz Hakaboth Lord Strong and Mighty (Psalm 24:8)
- Jehovah ‘Ori Lord My Light (Psalm 27:1)
- Jehovah ‘Uzam Lord Their Strength (Psalm 37:39)
- Jehovah Adon Kal Ha’arets Lord of All the Earth (Joshua 3:13)
- Jehovah Adonai Lord God (Genesis 15:2)
- Jehovah Bara Lord Creator (Isaiah 40:28)
- Jehovah Chatsahi Lord My Strength (Psalm 27:1)
- Jehovah Chereb The Lord…the Sword (Deuteronomy 33:29)
- Jehovah Eli Lord My God (Psalm 18:2)
- Jehovah Elyon Lord Most High (Psalm 38:2)
- Jehovah Gador Milchamah Lord Mighty in Battle (Psalm 24:8)
- Jehovah Ganon Lord Our Defense (Psalm 89:18)
- Jehovah Go’el Lord Thy Redeemer (Isaiah 49:26; 60:16)
- Jehovah Hamelech Lord the King (Psalm 98:6)
- Jehovah Hashopet Lord the Judge (Judges 6:27)
- Jehovah Helech ‘Olam Lord King Forever Ps10:16
- Jehovah Hoshe’ah Lord Save (Psalm 29:9)
- Jehovah Jireh Lord Will Provide (Genesis 22:14)
- Jehovah Kabodhi Lord My Glory (Psalm 3:3)
- Jehovah Kanna Lord Whose Name is Jealous (Exodus 34:14)
- Jehovah Keren Yish’i Lord Horn of My Salvation (Psalm 18:2)
- Jehovah M’Kaddesh Sanctifier I Corinthians 1:30
- Jehovah M’gaddishcem Lord Our Sanctifier (Exodus 31:13)
- Jehovah Ma’oz The Lord…My Fortress (Jeremiah 16:19)
- Jehovah Machsi Lord My Refuge (Psalm 91:9)
- Jehovah Magen The Lord, the Shield (Deuteronomy 33:29)
- Jehovah Melech ‘Olam Lord King Forever (Psalm 10:16)
- Jehovah Mephalti Lord My Deliverer (Psalm 18:2)
- Jehovah Metsodhathi The Lord…My Fortress (Psalm 18:2)
- Jehovah Misqabbi Lord My High Tower (Psalm 18:2)
- Jehovah Naheh Lord that Smites (Ezekiel 7:9)
- Jehovah Nissi Lord Our Banner (Ex 17:15) I Chron 29:11 13
- Jehovah Rapha Lord that Heals (Exodus 15:26)
- Jehovah Rophe Healer Isaiah 53:4,5
- Jehovah Rohi Lord My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1)
- Jehovah Sabaoth Lord of Hosts (1 Samuel 1:3)
- Jehovah Seli Lord My Rock (Psalm 18:2)
- Jehovah Shalom Lord Our Peace (Judges 6:24)
- Jehovah Shammah Lord Is There (Ezekiel 48:35) Heb 13:5
- Jehovah Tiskenu Lord Our Righteousness (Jer 23:6) I Cor 1:30
- Jehovah Tsori O Lord My Strength (Psalm 19:14)
- Jehovah Yasha The Lord, Thy Savior (Isaiah 49:26; 60:16)

Attributes of God

All knowing (Omniscient)
Always present (Omnipresent)
All powerful (Omnipotent)
All seeing
All loving
All merciful
All giving
All wise
All sovereign
All gracious

Always forgiving
Always true
Always faithful
Always sinless

Immutable
Changeless
Perfect
Infinite
Before all things
Eternal
Immortal
By him all things consist
Good
Holy
Righteous
Just
Invisible
Limitless
Surpasses knowledge
Incomprehensible
Promise Keeper
Never Failing
Each of the following names of Christ can be represented graphically with physical images. Sometimes these are called icons, other times Chrismons.

- Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- Ephesians 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And he hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake of one another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
- Psalms 68:4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.
- Proverbs 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous run into it, and is safe.
- Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.
The Prayer Warrior’s Weapons

God has clearly given us “Weapons of our Warfare” for the pulling down of strongholds. Our weapons (the word literally is “strategies”) are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself above the knowledge of God, and brings every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:4-6)

Like it or not, we are involved in this wrestling match against spiritual forces. Since we cannot get away from it we’d better put on God’s armor and do as He did to win the day.

**Pull down strongholds** 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

**Positional Authority**
1. **Be strong** in the Lord! Ephesians 6:10
2. **Put on** the armor of God Ephesians 6:11-18
3. **Claim** the blood Revelation 12:11

**Command of Authority**
4. **Bind him** in earth & heaven Matthew 18:18-20, Exodus 17:16
5. **Command him** to leave Matthew 4:10, Mt 16:23,
6. **Cast him out** Matthew 10:1, Mark 16, Ps 149:5-9
7. **Rebuke** him in Jesus name Matthew 17:20, Mt 10:18-20, Jude 9
9. **Speak to** the Mountain Exodus 14:16, Mt 17:20, Mk 11:23, 1 John 4:4, Hebrews 11:6

**Prayer Authority**
10. **Put a hedge** of protection Ezekiel 22:30
11. **Resist him** steadfastly James 4:7-8, 1 Peter 1:5
12. **Topple him** by Prayer & Fasting Matthew 17:20-21, Daniel 10:12

**Soldiers of Christ Arise**

Leave no unguarded place
No weakness of the soul,
Take every virtue, every grace
And fortify the whole
From strength to strength go on
Wrestle, fight, and pray
Tread all the powers of darkness down
And win the well-fought day.

It is only when we stand in our own righteousness that we should be afraid to stand before the enemy, for our righteousnesses are as "filthy rags" but the righteousness of Christ is called the armor of God.
Pull Down Strongholds
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Your Positional Authority

1. Be strong in the Lord!
   Ephesians 6:10  “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

2. Put on the armor of God
   Ephesians 6:13-18  “Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day…”

3. Claim the blood
   Revelation 12:11  “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

Your Authority to Command

4. Bind him in earth & heaven
   Mt 18:18-20  “Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
   Exodus 17: 5  And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:
   Matthew 12:29  Or else how can one enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.
   Mark 3:27  No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

5. Command him to leave
   Matthew 4:10  “Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan!”
   Mt 16:23  “Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me…”

6. Cast him out - Matthew 10:1, Mark 16, Ps 149:5-9
   Mt 10:1  “He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out (cast out) evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”
   Mark 16:17  And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils;
   Ps. 149: 8-9  “To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.”
7. Rebuke him in Jesus name

Mark 1:25  And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
Mark 8:33  But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan:
Mark 9:25  When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him,
Luke 9:42  And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child,
Jude 9  Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.
Zech 3:2  And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

8. Declare loosing of the captives

Luke 4:18  The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
Isaiah 61:1-3  The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
John 8:36  If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

9. Speak to the mountain

Ex 14:15-16  And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16. But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.
Mt 17:20  And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
Mk 11:23  For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
1 John 5:4  For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.
Heb.11:6  But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
Your Prayer Authority

10. Put a hedge of protection

Ez 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

11. Resist him steadfastly

James 4: 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

12. Topple him by prayer & fasting

Matthew 17: 20. And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
Daniel 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

**Rejoice not that devils are subject to you** in Jesus’ name – BUT rejoice that your names are written in heaven. The power is not in us (ourselves) but in Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. We hide ourselves behind the cross.
Strongholds of the Enemy

What Are Strongholds?
Strongholds are areas of resistance to the will of God. They are areas that have been invaded and occupied by the enemy. They are places where Satan has been given his way through surrender of some area of life that rightfully belongs to God. Strongholds can infiltrate our personal lives, our churches, our families, and our organizations. Wherever Satan is allowed to play becomes a stronghold. If we allowed bees to nest in the walls of our house they would soon multiply and occupy the entire house. So it is with Satan. Give him an inch, and he will take a mile.

The enemy leaves behind some telltale signs. Jesus said the thief comes "The thief doesn't come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" - John 10:10  He always leaves destruction in his wake.

You cannot fight the enemy that you do not see. (Paul said, “So fight I, not as one that beats the air.”) Identify his activities and target your praying specifically. There may be strongholds that are not listed here. Ask the Lord to reveal to you the enemy’s strongholds by bringing these things to mind. Identify suspicious symptoms of the enemy’s by his fingerprints on your life, your family, and your church. Remember the Lord says, “We are not ignorant of his devices.”

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2 Timothy 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.
2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.
Luke 13:16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
The Eight-Sided Shield of Defense

Our Eight-Sided Shield of Faith

The Roman army that the Apostle Paul referred to in Ephesians 6:10-18 used shields. The shield covered the body. But when the army advanced on the enemy the soldiers used those shields as an impenetrable barrier from the fiery darts of the enemy’s arrows. They placed three in the front, one on each side, and three in the back who lifted the shield overhead, thus forming this wall of defense. By this means they overcame the enemy. God has given us shields of faith. A shield is always God’s eternal, unchanging truth. It defeats the enemy. There are four major sides to the attack on the believer’s mind, heart, emotions and faith. Whenever we give in and begin to doubt these truths Satan has penetrated our armor and won the skirmish. These truths are always true, for everyone, everywhere, all the time. Use them to defeat the fiery darts of the wicked one.
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**God**
1. God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. Jer. 29:11, Rom 8:35-39  
2. God cares about you. Matthew 6:26  
4. God forgives you all your iniquities. Psalms 103:3  
5. God works everything out for your good and his glory. Romans 8:28  
6. God will supply all your needs. Philippians 4:19  
7. God is able to make all grace abound to you in everything. 2 Corinthians 9:8  
8. God is able to do immeasurably more… Eph. 3:20

**You**
1. You are a victor, not a victim. Romans 8:37  
2. You are an heir of God, joint heir with Christ. Romans 8:17  
3. You are kept by the power of God. 2 Timothy 1:12, Jude 1:24  
4. You are forgiven. I John 1:9, Psalms 103:12  
5. You are saved and safe in Jesus. John 10:28-29  
6. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Philippians 4:13  
7. You are protected by God. 1 John 5:18  
8. You are blessed. Psalms 34:8

**Word**
1. God is not a man that he should lie. Numbers 23:19  
2. God's word is always true. Proverbs 30:5  
3. God's word will never fail. Matthew 5:18  
5. God's promises are yes and amen. 2 Corinthians 1:20  
6. God will take care of you. 1 Peter 5:7  
7. God will provide. Jehovah Jireh - Genesis 22:14  
8. God will make a way. Psalm 77

**Life**
1. The rain falls on just and unjust. Matthew 5:45  
2. Bad things happen to good people. Job 1, 2  
3. In the world you will have tribulation. John 16:33  
4. Man is born to trouble. Job 5:7  
5. Sickness happens. Psalm 103:3  
7. People fail. Psalms 27:10  
8. Good people die. Hebrews 9:27
Examine Your Heart
Seven Categories of Temptations

We are all tempted. Even Jesus was tempted of the devil. James tells us that we are all tempted when we are drawn away of our own lusts and enticed. Be honest with yourself.

- Where Are Your Weakness?
- What Are Your Easily Besetting Sins?
- What Are Your Re-occurring Temptations?

Rom 1:29-32, 1 Cor. 6:8-10, 1 Cor 10:6-10, Gal 5:19-21, Eph 4:25-31, 2 Tim 3:1-8, Rev. 21:8

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Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

How To Deal With Temptation

- **Flee Temptation** – 2 Timothy 2:22
- **Resist Temptation** – James 4:7 & 1 Peter 5:9
- **Endure Temptation** – James 1:12
- **Pray to Escape** Temptation – Luke 22:40

Confess Sin
*(Do spiritual inventory, open heart surgery)*

Words - *have you spoken evil of anyone, criticized, sharp words
Attitudes - *complaining spirit, depressed, grouchy, know-it-all
Thoughts - *evil desires, lusts, doubts, fears, hatred, bitterness
Actions - *broken God’s laws, trespassed on forbidden ground*
We are not told anywhere in Scripture that Jesus ever wrote anything down, except for that brief incident in which he stooped down and scribbled on the ground while the Pharisees who had caught an adulteress in the act were ready to stone her.

Men have been journaling ever since the first caveman drew on a wall. There is something in man that cries out to be heard. We need to express ourselves, be heard, to tell the thing from our own perspective. From time to time the children in our children’s ministries will give me little notes to express their appreciation. Those notes are precious to me and must be to God as well. I often save them.

How To Start
Getting started is always the hardest part of any new discipline. If you are not naturally one who writes then it will be even harder.

It is not necessary to buy a journal that is made of genuine bonded leather. Just a lined spiral notebook will do. Begin by putting a title on the cover so you know what is in that journal. I like the half-sheet notebook better than the 8 ½ by 11. It’s less threatening to write a half a page.

• Each page should begin with a day and date. Don’t date each page ahead since you might get gabby and run over onto several pages.

• Mine is a Devotional Journal so I put the Bible reading at the top.

• Start with what God said, “Jesus, said…” Then what that means to you.

• Close with a written prayer. Be honest to God.

• Write a brief sentence. State a fact that sums up where you are, “Lord, I’m tired.”

Try it:
Start this month. For the next 30 days keep a daily diary, journal, or commentary. See if it isn’t rewarding.
A Prayer Journal
KEEP A JOURNAL OF YOUR BIBLE READING AND PRAYER

A daily journal of your time with God is a wonderful way to exercise these prayer disciplines. Writing out your prayer each day is a helpful way of “casting your care” on Him, because he cares for you. Feel free to make 30 copies this page and compile a month-long prayer journal and notebook.

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How to Enjoy Your Bible

*For the word of God is *living* and *active*. *Sharper* than any double-edged sword, it *penetrates* even to *dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* Heb 4:12

The Bible is God’s primary agent for transforming our new lives in Christ. The Word of God is powerful in its effect on us. The more we expose ourselves to the Word the more we become like Christ. It is like getting a sun tan. The more you are in the sun the better the tan. The more you read God’s word the more you will grow in faith. Even one verse each day can make a tremendous difference in you.

A good way to get the most out of what you read is to look for God’s hidden treasures in his love letter to you. Here is how:

- **P** = Look for a promise to claim.
- **E** = Look for an example to follow.
- **P** = Look for something to pray about.
- **S** = Look for a sin to avoid.
- **I** = Look for an instruction or command to follow.

You won’t find all of these in every passage you read but usually you will be able to find a couple of them.

Remember the Nine-Minute Devotional Plan

Here is a simple pattern for daily prayer in 9 minutes.

- 3 Minutes - **Ponder** His Word
- 3 Minutes - **Praise** His Worth
- 3 Minutes - **Petition** His Will

*Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.* – Joshua 1:8
III. Hints For Enjoying Prayer

◊ Practice Quiet – Be Still - quiet time (closet, close the door).
◊ 3-Minute Timer – don’t stall or get distracted. Keep focused.
◊ Vary Positions – keep your body involved in prayer.
◊ Journal – your thoughts as a prayer - Dear Lord today…
◊ Meditate – on creation, His works, His cross, psalms, a verse.
◊ Plan – have a plan. Failure to plan is a plan to fail.
◊ Schedule – schedule God! Put Him in your daily planner!
◊ Prayer Days – (once a month: 2 hrs to a day - a God soaking).
◊ Prayer Retreats – (weekend with God, or a night and a day).

IV. Forty Days of Devotions

Habits take time to develop. Usually a thing done consistently for 40 days, or about 6 weeks, will result in new patterns of behavior - thus a new life-discipline is born. If you are not consistent in reading your Bible every day then try this plan for six weeks.

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From there take little books of the Bible and read a chapter a day. Galatians (6), Ephesians (6), Philippians (4), Colossians (4), James (5), I Peter (5), II Peter (3), and I John (5) are good places to start. They add another (38) days to your disciplines. Include Proverbs for 31 more days of devotional discipline.

Three minutes can transform your prayer and devotional life. Use a three-minute egg timer to train yourself to keep focused at prayer and Bible reading each day. Praise, Ponder, and Petition are great starting places. It’s simple, yet profound!
Memorize Verses of Scripture

Prayer and memorizing Scripture go together. The more you know of God’s word the easier it will be to pray in the will of God. Make memorizing Scripture a part of your prayer discipline. Try to spend some time each week memorizing at least one verse.

Memorizing God’s word is the only way to hide God’s word in your heart, that you might not sin against him. We are never too old to work on memorizing passages of Scripture, in fact, it is an excellent way to exercise the brain the older we get. Make it a daily, weekly and monthly routine. Find a prayer and accountability partner who will memorize with you and keep you accountable. Use any translation you are comfortable with.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. – Colossians 3:16-17

101 Promises to Memorize

1. Exodus 15:26
2. Numbers 23:19
3. I Kings 8:56
4. Rom. 4:20-21
5. II Peter 1:4
6. I Peter 1:6-7
7. I Peter 4:12-13
8. II Cor.1:20
9. II Cor.12:8-9
10. Acts 16:31
11. Acts 20:32
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30. Isaiah 41:10
31. Isaiah 41:13
32. Isaiah 41:10
33. Isaiah 41:13
34. Isaiah 43:2
35. Isaiah 43:25
36. Isaiah 44:22
37. Isaiah 44:3
38. Isaiah 50:4
39. Isaiah 53:5-6
40. Isaiah 54:17
41. Isaiah 54:11-13
42. Isaiah 55:11
43. Isaiah 58:11
44. Isaiah 59:19
45. Isaiah 59:21
46. Isaiah 65:24
47. James 1:5
48. James 5:15
49. Jer. 15:20
50. Jer. 23:29
51. Jer. 29:11
52. Jer. 32:17
53. Jer. 33:3
54. John 10:28,29
55. John 14:3
56. John 5:24
57. Joshua 1:8
58. Jude 24
59. Mat. 11:28-29
60. Mat. 18:19
61. Mat. 6:33
62. Mat. 8:17
63. Micah 7:19
64. Phil. 1:6
65. Phil. 4:19
66. Phil. 1:6
67. Phil. 1:21
68. Proverbs 16:3,9
69. Proverbs 16:7
70. Proverbs 22:6
71. Proverbs 3:6
72. Proverbs 3:24
73. Psalm 103:12
74. Psalm 103:3-4
75. Psalm 126:6
76. Psalm 127:2
77. Psalm 127:3
78. Psalm 19:11
79. Psalm 19:7
80. Psalm 1:3
81. Psalm 23:2-3
82. Psalm 2:8
83. Psalm 32:8
84. Psalm 34:10
85. Psalm 34:17,19
86. Psalm 34:4
87. Psalm 34:7,8
88. Psalm 37:23
89. Psalm 37:25
90. Psalm 37:33
91. Psalm 37:37
92. Psalm 37:4
93. Psalm 37:5
94. Psalm 46:10
95. Psalm 4:8
96. Psalm 5:11-12
97. Psalm 86:5
98. Psalm 91:1-2
99. Rom. 8:1
100. Rom. 8:28
101. Rom. 8:38,39
Large Passages of the Word to Memorize

- Exodus 20  The Ten Commandments
- Psalm 1:1-6  Planted by the Word
- Psalm 23:1-6  The Lord Is My Shepherd
- Psalm 100  Praise and Thanksgiving
- Psalm 103  Bless the Lord O My Soul
- Psalm 91  My Shield and Protector
- Psalm 139  Fearfully and Wonderfully made
- Isaiah 53  Suffering Servant
- John 14  Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled
- Ephesians 1  Seated With Christ
- Hebrews 1:1-13  The Brightness of His Glory
- Revelation 1:10-18  Exalted Lord Jesus
- Galatians 5:19-25  Fruit of the Spirit
- Philippians 2  Every Knee Shall Bow
- I Thessalonians 4:13-18  2nd Coming Comfort
- I Timothy 6:6-12  Godliness With Contentment
- Romans 8:33-39  More Than Conqueror
- James 1:2-8  Trials and Tribulations

These are only sample passages that can be memorized. Choose your own favorite Scriptures and commit them to memory. You will never regret doing so.