

ASKING FOR GOD

Sample prayers that move your mind and heart towards God

Hearing God speak and feeling His presence is something that happens when we move our mind, spirit, and emotions toward Him by meditating on His character and finding delight in who He is. Below are five prayers that focus on various aspects of God.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION ON THE MERCY OF GOD

Lord, your mercy is beautiful to me. I am overwhelmed by how patient and understanding you are.

You do not treat me the way I deserve. You do not give me only what I can pay back. You are understanding about my weaknesses and you guard me from things that are too great for me. I

am alive because of your mercy. Because of your kindness, I know who you are. When I didn't know you, you found me. When I thought I didn't need you, you were there for me anyway. I choose to rest in your mercy today and lower my defenses to you. I open myself to your forgiveness and compassion. Bring me close to you. I want to know you more. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION ON THE REVELATION OF GOD

Lord, you are so great and powerful and totally beyond me, but because of your mercy, you have revealed yourself to me. I can see you in the world around me because everything in nature tells

me what you are like. You have revealed yourself to humanity and preserved it through the scriptures so that what you have spoken has not been lost. Your Spirit speaks into my heart and tells me that I can trust what you say. I know you are real because my heart can feel your love. I know that you love to reveal yourself to me so that I can know you. Help me to see how amazing and wonderful you are. Show me what is good. There are many paths before me and I don't know which one is right. But you do. I rely on your revelation. I desire your revelation. Teach me to understand it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION ON THE LOVE OF GOD

Lord, I praise you because of your great love. In every moment of my life, I receive from you all the love I could ever need from anyone else combined. I have your love without earning it or deserving it. I cannot lose your love. I cannot become unworthy of your love. Your love is more powerful than my failures and weaknesses. Your love is the light that pushes back all the darkness in my life.

Before I woke up this morning, you had already given me all the acceptance and belonging I could ever hope for. Your love fills my body with life and sustains me. I will have your love with me tonight when I fall asleep - your love will surround me and tuck me in. Because of your love, I have life and hope. I open my heart to your love today. May it saturate my soul. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION ON THE AUTHORITY OF GOD

Lord, you are high above all things. Nothing frightens you, surprises you, or resists you. With you there is no anxiety or hurry, no fear or doubt. You move at the pace that you set for yourself. The whole universe exists within the boundaries and laws that you set for it. Every creature follows the pattern that you laid out. Your rules are good and your judgements are wise. No one could correct

you or presume to understand something that you do not. You see everything and nothing escapes your attention. You are good and a God of justice. I know that I can wait for you and I will not be ashamed that I did. I know I can trust you to do what is right and if you give me a direction, I know it is a good direction. Teach me to love your instruction and submit to your ways. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION ON THE WISDOM OF GOD

Lord, you alone are wise. Compared to you, I am foolish and have no understanding. No one knows what you know. No one sees what you see. No one understands what you understand. If you would share with me everything you know and understand, it would completely overwhelm me. But your love and faithfulness teach me that I can trust your judgement. Your mercy shows me that you choose the path of love. I can trust you with the things I don't see. I can trust you when you don't do what I want you to do. I don't have to understand what you are doing to know that it is good. So

I humble myself before your wisdom. Give me the wisdom to do what is good and teach me patience with your timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.