



# PRESENCE

Prayer Guide | Volume III

**HE  
WILL**

*Cover you with  
His feathers...*

**And under His wings you  
will find refuge ...**

Psalm 91:4



# WHY PRAY?

“Prayer, without fervor, stakes nothing on the issue, because it has nothing to stake. It comes with empty hands. Hands, too, which are listless, as well as empty, which have never learned the lesson of clinging to the Cross. Fervorless prayer has no heart in it; it is an empty thing, an unfit vessel. Heart, soul, and life, must find place in all real praying. Heaven must be made to feel the force of this crying unto God.”

- E. M. Bounds

**Prayer is one of the ways that we actively dwell in God’s presence. There, we find the peace and consolation that our hearts are looking for...**

“As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”  
- Psalm 42:1-2

“So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.” - Acts 12:5

“I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf...” - Romans 15:30

# PRAISE & ADORATION

**Praise God for His  
eternity...**

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." - Psalm 90:1-2

**Praise God for His  
changelessness...**

**Praise God for His  
faithfulness ...**

"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

# CONFESSION



**Praise God for  
Christ's all-sufficient  
sacrifice...**



Ask God to free you  
from personal  
condemnation

“There is therefore now  
no condemnation for  
those who are in Christ  
Jesus.” - Romans 8:1

“For if the blood of goats and  
bulls, and the sprinkling of  
defiled persons with the ashes  
of a heifer, sanctify for the  
purification of the flesh, how  
much more will the blood of  
Christ, who through the eternal  
Spirit offered himself without  
blemish to God, purify our  
conscience from dead works to  
serve the living God.”

- Hebrews 9:13-14

Ask God for the power to  
throw off remaining  
sinfulness



# SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Pray that God  
would  
strengthen us  
with the power  
of His Spirit

Pray that Christ  
would dwell in  
our hearts  
through faith

Pray that we  
would be rooted  
and grounded in  
love

Pray that we  
would grow to  
know more fully  
the love of  
Christ

“For this reason I bow my knees  
before the Father, from whom every  
family in heaven and on earth is  
named, that according to the riches  
of his glory he may grant you to be  
strengthened with power through his  
Spirit in your inner being, so that  
Christ may dwell in your hearts  
through faith—that you, being rooted  
and grounded in love, may have  
strength to comprehend with all the  
saints what is the breadth and length  
and height and depth, and to know  
the love of Christ that surpasses  
knowledge, that you may be filled  
with all the fullness of God.”

- Ephesians 3:14-19

Pray that we might be filled with  
all the fullness of God

# SPIRITUAL HUNGER

Ask God to help us to pray with  
faith-inspired anticipation

Pray that we would be  
passionate as we  
plead for God to work  
among us

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.”

- James 5:16-18

Pray that God would  
help us to be patient  
and persistent in our  
praying

Pray that God would  
strengthen us to believe  
that He is able to  
answer our prayers and  
meet our spiritual needs

“And Jesus said to him, ‘If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’ “

- Mark 9:23-24



# RELATIONSHIPS

Ask God to remove any critical or judgmental spirit from us

“Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.”  
- Romans 14:4


Ask God to empower us to sacrifice for the sake of loving unity

Ask God to help us to build one another up with our mouths  
“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.” - Ephesians 4:29

Ask God to help us to intentionally love one another

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”  
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

# CHURCH MINISTRIES



Pray for the weekly  
ministry of our corporate  
worship service  
Ask God to implant within  
our hearts a spirit of  
participation

Ask God to open our eyes to consider new ways  
to reach out to our community with the Gospel

Ask God to burden our congregation for a  
renewed commitment to pray





Thank Him for being with  
us in the divinely  
appointed trials of life

Thank Him for the goal of  
our every trial



# THANKSGIVING

“Count it all joy, my brothers,  
when you meet trials of  
various kinds, for you know  
that the testing of your faith  
produces steadfastness. And  
let steadfastness have its full  
effect, that you may be  
perfect and complete,  
lacking in nothing.”

- James 1:2-4

Thank Him for  
sustaining us through  
trial

Thank Him for  
bringing us to  
further  
spiritual completion  
through trial

Thank Him for  
revealing Himself  
in new ways through  
trials

