

# Space for God    Pray Like This



## PREPARATION

• In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT •  
Don't make rash promises, and don't be hasty in bringing matters before God.  
After all, God is in heaven, and you are here on earth. So let your words be few.  
Ecclesiastes 5:2

## WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands.  
**Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will! Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom. Let all that I am praise the Lord.**  
Psalm 103:20-22

## CONFESSION

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience.  
**And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.**  
1 Corinthians 10:13

## MEDITATION    Matthew 6:7-15\*

**W**hen you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.  
May your Kingdom come soon.  
May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins,  
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.  
And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY	
Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

## ANCHORING PRAYER

*Your will be done.*

## REVIEW OF THE HEART

*When did I notice God's will being accomplished here on earth?  
How has he provided for my needs?  
Who am I finding difficult to forgive?*

## WISDOM

O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.  
Proverbs 30:7-9

But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.  
2 Thessalonians 3:3

Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.  
2 Timothy 4:18

## TESTIMONY    *What is God saying to me?*

## INTERCESSION    *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

## BENEDICTION

**Now may the God of peace— who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood— may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.**  
Hebrews 13:20-21

## SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.  
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.  
Speak and act from a listening heart.  
Actively serve in community with others.

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