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CLOSENESS

FOCUS:

To Come Close to God

PRAYER:

Dear God, you have promised if I draw near to you, you will draw near to me. I need more of your presence today. I am drawing near to you through prayer, worship, and your Word. I open my heart to you and ask you to be near to me, growing me to be more like you.

JAMES 4:8

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

02

LOVE

FOCUS:

For My Love for God
and Others to Grow

PRAYER:

Dear God, you said that the greatest commandment to follow is to love you with all of my heart, soul, and mind. Equally important is to love my neighbors as much as I love myself. As I connect with you over these 21 Days of Prayer, grow my heart so that I will love you more. Then, as my love grows for you, help me to love those around me more and more each day.

MATTHEW 22:36-39

“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

03

MY HEART

FOCUS:

Search My Heart

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, search my heart. Find anything in me that is offensive, and help me remove it from my life. Lead me to live a life that draws people to you. Help me live my life on earth in a way that impacts eternity.

PSALM 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

04

TRUST

FOCUS:

To Place My Trust in God

PRAYER:

God, in your Word you invite me to pour out my heart to you. You are my refuge. I know that anything I think, feel, or do is ok to bring to you. Knowing you are a safe place for me, I come to you and give you everything (talk to God about the specific things that are on your heart today). From what worries me to what delights me, to what I hope for, to what I'm afraid of, I bring it all to you because I can trust you. Help me and guide me in every area, in Jesus' name.

PSALMS 62:8

O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

05

CONNECTION

FOCUS:

To Connect with God Relationally

PRAYER:

Father, I come to you in prayer today thankful that I am your child. You have forgiven me and adopted me as your own. You have made me righteous and restored our relationship. I am so grateful that you are my Father. Thank you for loving me. I love you.

ROMANS 8:15

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

06

FAITH

FOCUS:

To Express My Faith
in God's Ability

PRAYER:

Dear God, nothing is too hard for you! Through your great power, all things are possible. All authority is yours, all might is yours, and I know that your victory will be complete. You are amazing, and I worship you. I praise you for your power and presence in my life. You are my God, and you are worthy of all praise.

JEREMIAH 32:17

O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

07

WORSHIP

FOCUS:

To Worship God's Great Name

PRAYER:

God, I am in awe of you. Your name is a strong tower, a place of protection and safety for me. I praise you as my healer, my shepherd, and my hope. You are my peace, my provider, my righteousness, and my joy. Your name is great, and I worship you.

PROVERBS 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.

08

BROKEN

FOCUS:

Broken Before Him

PRAYER:

Dear God, I have missed the mark of righteousness many times. Yet while I was still separated from you, you loved me and sent your Son to die for me. Thank you, Lord. Today, I offer my broken spirit to you, for you alone make it whole. I come to you in repentance, knowing I need you. Heal me, God, and teach my heart to break for what breaks yours. In your Son's name, I pray.

PSALMS 51:17

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

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SURRENDER

FOCUS:

To Surrender to Him

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank you for all you have given me: all the time, resources, relationships, and abilities. I now give them back to you. I surrender it all. I am only a steward—it all belongs to you. God, guide my actions. Teach me to use what you have given me according to your will. Help me to listen for and obey your directions. May your will be done in me and through me.

ROMANS 12:1

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

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DEPENDENCE

FOCUS:

Dependence on Him

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, when things become difficult, I know you walk beside me. You will cross the desert with me and weather any storm with me. When things become unbearable, I know you will carry me to the other side. Today, I declare my dependence on you. Amen.

PSALMS 121:1-2

I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

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FEARLESS

FOCUS:

To Love Fearlessly

PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for being a God of perfect love. Thank you for loving me first—before I accepted your salvation, before I even knew you, while I was still living in sin. Teach me to love as you love, without fear, without condemnation. Help me to offer grace to those around me, just as you first offered grace to me.

1 JOHN 4:18-19

Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first.

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CONFIDENCE

FOCUS:

To Live Confidently

PRAYER:

Father in Heaven, thank you for loving me. I know I can trust you with all I am, and I am confident in the salvation you have given me. Help me to abide in you, to become more like your Son every day. Show me how to live like him, according to your will, working for your Kingdom in all I do. May my love for you and others be perfected through your love for me.

1 JOHN 4:16-17

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

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OBEDIENCE

FOCUS:

To Live Obediently

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank you for working in me. I am in awe of the changes you make possible in my heart and how you continue to grow me to love you and others more. I praise you for saving me, for making salvation possible through your Son. Help me to share this gift with others. Teach me to desire what you desire. I trust you to give me the power to do all you ask of me.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

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WORSHIP

FOCUS:

To Worship Him

PRAYER:

Dear Father, I worship you with all my heart and soul. I want to sing your praises from early in the morning when the sun rises until late at night when the day has passed. I am so grateful to be allowed to be your child as your love washes over me again today.

JOHN 4:23

But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.

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RELATIONSHIPS

FOCUS:

My Relationships

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, please help me reflect you in all my relationships with others. Please help me humble myself and think of the needs of others before my own. Help me see how I can serve those around me. Help me show others they matter and let them know they are not alone.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

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LISTEN

FOCUS:

To Listen to Him

PRAYER:

Dear Father, I am so grateful to have you near me, guiding me with your voice so that I may not stray from the path you have planned for me. I trust that your way is best and brings me closer to you. Amen.

JOHN 10:4

After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.

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PURPOSE

FOCUS:

My Purpose

PRAYER:

God, you have given me, as a follower of Jesus, the right to be your child. You have set me apart and called me one of your chosen people. I can now show others your goodness and be a light to them in this dark world. Help me shine your light so others can see you.

1 PETER 2:9

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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COMMITMENTS

FOCUS:

Commitments to Him

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, you are trustworthy. I know I can rely on you, so I commit everything I have and am to you.

May I carry out your will in my actions. May I bind my thoughts and behavior to your path for my life. Help me to trust you in all that I do. Teach me to listen for your voice and obey your guidance. You are the source of my strength, and my help comes from you. In your Son's name I pray, amen.

PSALM 37:5

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

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FREEDOM

FOCUS:

My Freedom

PRAYER:

Thank you, God, for freeing me! You have freed me from sin and from shame. You have freed me from the law and from striving to earn salvation. You have freed me from death itself! For all those things and more, I praise you. Help me to live as someone who is free. Don't let me fall back into old ways of thinking or the behaviors of my past. Don't allow me to fall back into serving the things that used to control me. I want to serve you alone. You bought my freedom and loyalty at a high price on the cross and I am grateful.

GALATIANS 5:1

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

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GROWTH

FOCUS:

My Growth

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I am not who I was before I met you—and it's all because of you. Thank you for the growth I have already experienced, but I'm grateful you're not finished with me yet! Teach me to be more and more like your Son every day. Help me to submit humbly to the situations you use to keep growing my trust in you, even when I wouldn't choose them for myself. Above all else, may I grow in love for you and for others. In Jesus' name I pray.

EPHESIANS 4:15

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

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LIFE

FOCUS:

My Life

PRAYER:

God, there is great purpose for me in loving you and others. You have given me specific gifts, passions, and talents so that I can show others who you are and love them like you do. You have also placed me right where I am to love you and love others. Help me to see that no matter what I face, this is how I live a life of purpose. I am dedicated to you and what you say is most important. Give me this vision for all of my days.

LUKE 9:23

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."