

Greet the Lord

Using the following prayer and scripture as needed, greet the Lord with praise and adoration.

Prayer of greeting

Father God, Creator of heaven and earth. God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God of Israel. God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. True and living God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit Have mercy and hear our prayer.

From Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high raising the poor from the dust and lifting the needy from the ash heap.

We praise You Lord! We praise You!

Confession & Forgiveness

Using the following prayer and scripture as needed, ask the Spirit of God to bring to mind any areas in your life you have turned from Him. Then take a moment to receive His forgiveness with gratitude and release any grudges you hold against others.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God we have sinned against You in thought, in word and in deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us that we might walk in Your way and delight in Your will for the glory of Your Name.

Luke 18:13 But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' // Matthew 6:12. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. // 1 John 1:9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive them.

Asking

Using the following prompts, pray for Jesus' presence in each of the following areas.

Jesus' presence in our inner lives.

Pray for abiding, integrity, wholeness, character. (Psalm 1, Proverbs 3:5-8, John 15:4-5, Luke 12:2-3, Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:8)

Jesus' presence in our relationships.

Pray for family & friends, for reconciliation, healing, safety, security, maturity. (Matthew 6:5-15, Mark 11:24-25, Luke 4:16-21, 3 John 2-4)

Jesus' presence in the Church (Local & Global)

Pray for God to humble and purify His Church through repentance, raise up leaders, raise up the next generation, make us a light and a faithful presence in our communities, show us where He is working so we can join Him, give protection, perseverance and courage to those persecuted for His sake, make us salt and light. (Psalm 90:17, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 2:9-12)

Jesus' presence in our community & neighborhoods.

Pray for people we love outside the faith, our unchurched neighbors, friends, coworkers, & family to encounter Jesus, and for the Spirit of God to give us open doors. (Colossians 4:2-6, Luke 15)

Jesus' presence in our nation & culture.

Pray for justice and peace in our city, nation and world; for the renewal of systems, leaders, and institutions (Amos 2:21-24, Jeremiah 29:7, 1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Benediction & Doxology

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."