The Simplicity of Prayer

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EVER STANDING Devotional Tapestry

God Wants You to Know Him

Do you want to know God better? Knowing God is not reserved for mystics or the spiritual elite.

God wants **everyone** to know Him. He **created** us to know Him.

He *designed* us to know Him.

All your life He has been calling you to come closer to Him and know Him better.

He reveals Himself to you

through the beautiful world around you.

He helps you feel His love

through the people who care about you.

His Spirit whispers in your heart.

God wants you to fully realize the truth about Him:

He is a living being, and He is constantly, personally with you.

As you understand this about God and begin to trust Him, it will change your life.

It will especially change the way you pray.

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Ever Standing In Your Presence

TUNE: All My Life-long I Had Panted (SATISFIED)

Psalm 73:23-28



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AS I PRAY Devotional Tapestry

Prayer Is Simply Talking to God

Prayer is simply talking to God.

Who can pray?

Absolutely anyone.

God only asks that we trust Him—
that we believe

He is listening and
will respond to us.

How do I pray?

Simply talk to Him from your heart. You can pray in silence or out loud, sitting, kneeling, or in any position.

How <u>long</u> should I pray?

Prayers can be as short as a single sentence, or as long as you need them to be.

Where should I pray?

God is always with you and is always listening. Pray anywhere—at home, at work, or in the privacy of your car as you drive. Pray alone or with others.

What should I say to God?

Talk to Him about whatever matters to you.

Thank Him for each blessing,

big and small.

Immediately share each concern as it arises and ask for His help.

Pray for others—

for your family, your friends, your nation, your world . . . or for the person ahead of you in line.

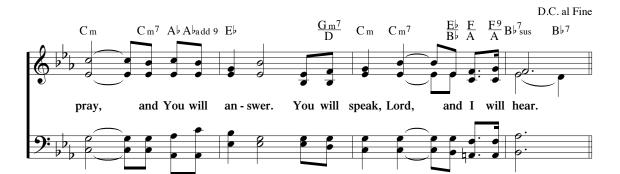
God is always with you. He always listens when you pray.

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GOD IS WITH YOU Devotional Tapestry

God Is with You

When you pray, you don't need to struggle to contact a Someone way out there somewhere.

God is constantly, personally with you.

But God is **everywhere**, right? Then what's so special about Him being present **with you?**

Imagine yourself in a crowded restaurant, sitting with someone you love.

In a way, you are with everyone in the restaurant.

But in a deeper sense, you are only with your loved one.

It's not a matter of physical closeness.

The person sitting immediately behind you at the next table might be physically closer to you.

But you are *with* your loved one because you care about that one.

Your love is what draws you close.

You care about every aspect of their life and their every concern.

You lean toward them.

Your ears, your eyes, your mind, and your heart are focused on that loved one, eager to hear and know and be with them in the fullest possible sense.

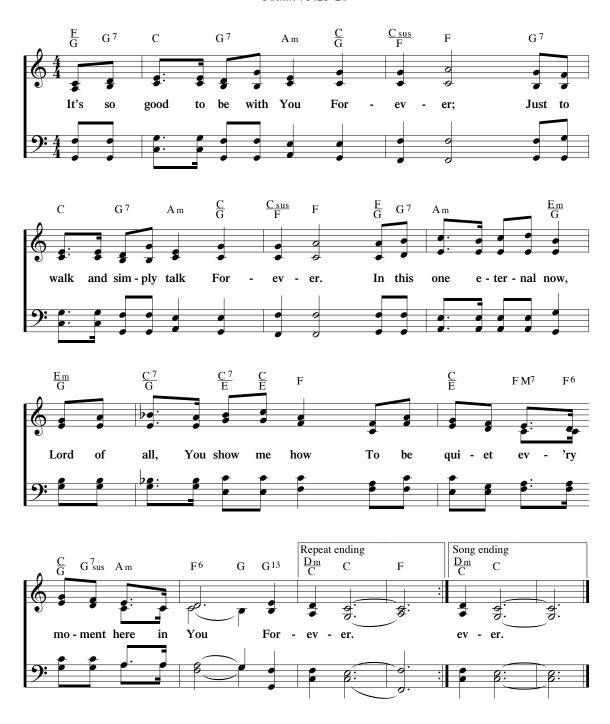
That is the sense in which God is *with* you. His heart is *focused* on *you*.

But it takes two to form a close relationship. Your relationship with Him will only be as close as you allow it to be.

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It's So Good to Be with You Psalm 73:23-28

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SIMPLE FAITH Devotional Tapestry

Just Talk with Him

Remember this:

Always talk to God as

to a friend sitting right next to you.

When you know that God is a real being

always there with you,

prayer becomes so much more free and natural.

Since you never leave His presence,

prayer never has to stop.

It's like being on a long car trip with a close friend:

there is always an open line of communication between you.

Silence feels as relaxed and natural

as speaking.

You can talk to God

anywhere,

anytime, and

about anything.

You can thank Him on the spot when He blesses you.

And when problems come up and worries start to creep in,

you can turn to Him immediately and know that

He is already working things out for your good.

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Simple Faith



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GROWING THROUGH PRAYER Devotional Tapestry

Growing through Prayer

No matter where you are in your journey with God,

you can have a closer, more satisfying relationship with Him.

No matter where you are,

there are beautiful horizons still ahead.

He has even greater things waiting for you.

He deeply desires a fuller, richer relationship with you.

But realize that your relationship with God

will grow like every other relationship.

It will grow

through time spent together,

through trust, and

through shared experiences.

Communication is the breath of any relationship, and

prayer is the breath of your relationship with God.

Growing in God depends on

growing in prayer.

Constant, moment-by-moment prayer is important,

but so is

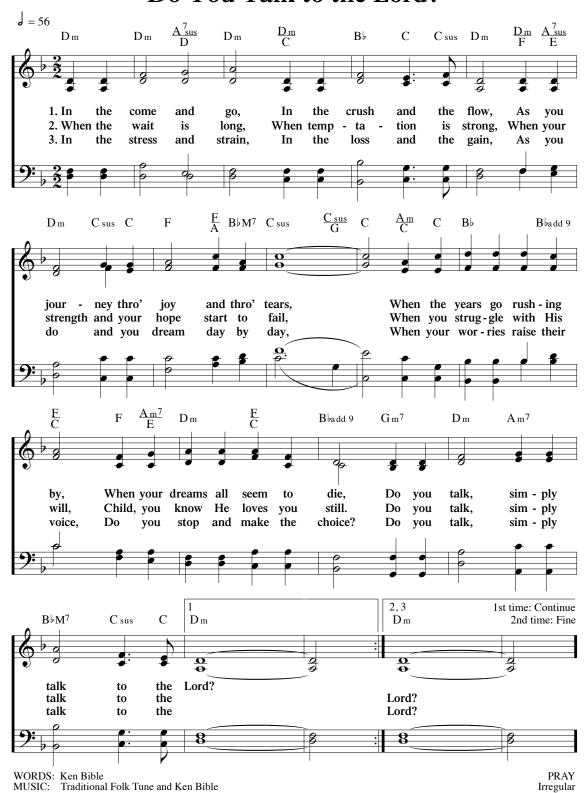
devoted,

personal,

one-on-one time with God.

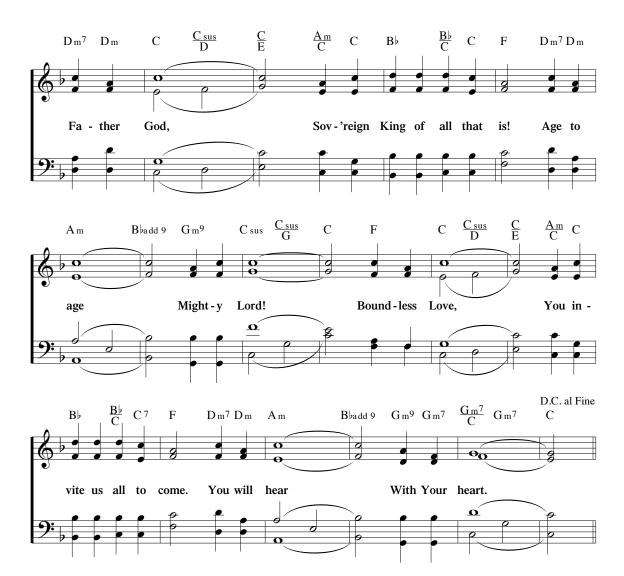
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Do You Talk to the Lord?



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CREATED FOR GOD Devotional Tapestry

Created for God

You were made for God.
You were created to
talk with Him and
fellowship with Him.

Talking with Him is simple and natural.

Your educational level doesn't matter.

Your financial status doesn't matter.

Your gender, your culture, your personality quirks don't matter.

Your relationship with Him is not affected by your physical appearance.

God created you

from Himself and

for Himself.

He made you in His own image.

He breathed into you His own breath.

In the beginning of creation,

He planted a garden full of every beautiful, delicious plant, and

He walked with us there.

He enjoyed open, natural fellowship with us.

That was God's original desire and design, and

He has not changed.

He still desires open, natural conversation with you throughout the day.

God takes great delight in you,

the way a bridegroom enjoys being near his bride.

Pray that way.

Talk to Him as One

who is delighted to hear from you, who longs to share your thoughts,

who deeply loves the most basic "you."

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My Life, My Love, My Joy

TUNE: This Is My Father's World (TERRA BEATA)

Psalm 25:8-10; Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14;

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Galatians 5:22-23



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TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

TURN TO GOD Devotional Tapestry

Turn to God

Father God, my day is so busy!
Every moment is planned.
But right in the middle of it all,
You remind me to look to You—
to think of You and
talk to You.

I do, Father.

And in that moment of personal worship, face-to-face with You, my world starts to turn right-side-up again.

As I talk to You,

life looks better.

Peace begins to flow back into me like a stream.

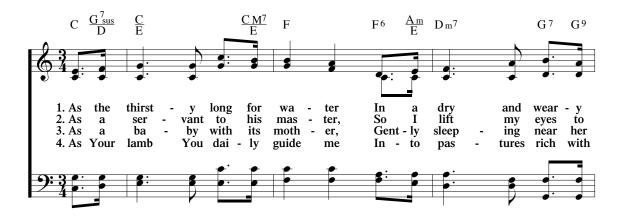
Lord God, seeing You is life's top priority and greatest pleasure.

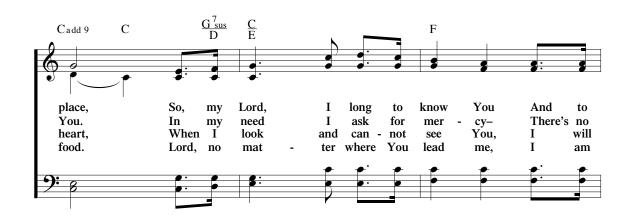
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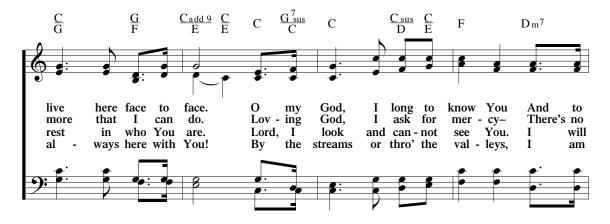
Psalm of Trust

Psalm 42; 123; 131; 23







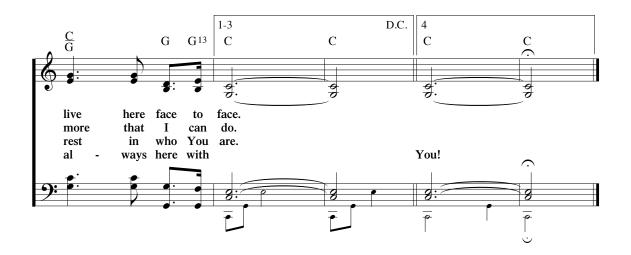


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HEAVEN NOW Devotional Tapestry

The Pleasure of His Presence

Our children don't have to earn our love.

We love them and

consider them beautiful and special just because of who they are.

God feels the same way toward you.

He wants from you

what we all want from our children:

He wants you to come to Him with your concerns.

He wants you to share yourself with Him.

That's how relationships grow, and

God wants a closer relationship with you.

Talking to God is not a ceremony.

It is not a ritual that has to be done correctly.

There are no rules or procedures.

Prayer is simply talking to Someone who is

closer to you than any human can be.

All He asks is for us to talk to Him honestly and

believe that He will respond.

Open sharing with the all-mighty, all-loving G will be

the joy of heaven.

Knowing God is the highest pleasure

we will ever know.

Why wait?

You can live in His presence now.

Even as a believer,

most of the discontent and anxiety of life

comes from a heart that

sees too little of God.

Your life can be constantly interwoven with

rejoicing,

praying,

trusting, and

giving thanks.

They can fill your spirit all day long!

Heaven Here and Now



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HONEST WITH GOD Devotional Tapestry

Honest with God

We humans spend much of our time and effort trying to present a more acceptable, more attractive image to others.

The version of ourselves that we give to most people around us is sanitized and highly edited.

We instinctively hold them at arm's length from the real "us".

We do it without even realizing it.

Don't treat God that way! When you pray, don't show Him a false face. Always show Him the real you.

The truth is,
God knows you
completely and
constantly,
from the inside out.
He knows you beneath any
fear,
hiding, and
pretense.
His knowledge of you and
His care for you are
intimate and
inescapable.

Break the habit of hiding any part of yourself from God.

He knows you!

He makes His home in your innermost being,

beneath your words and half-formed thoughts.

Don't waste your effort by hiding.

You will only succeed in clouding your relationship with Him.

Honor Him with honesty. Keep your words to Him simple, open, and trusting. When you're worried, tell Him.

Lay it out before Him.

When you need guidance, ask for His wisdom.

He offers it freely.

When you're wrong,

repent, and

turn away from your sin.

When things go well,

thank Him and give Him all the glory.

Instead of hiding from His all-seeing eye,

seek it!

Ask Him to examine you,

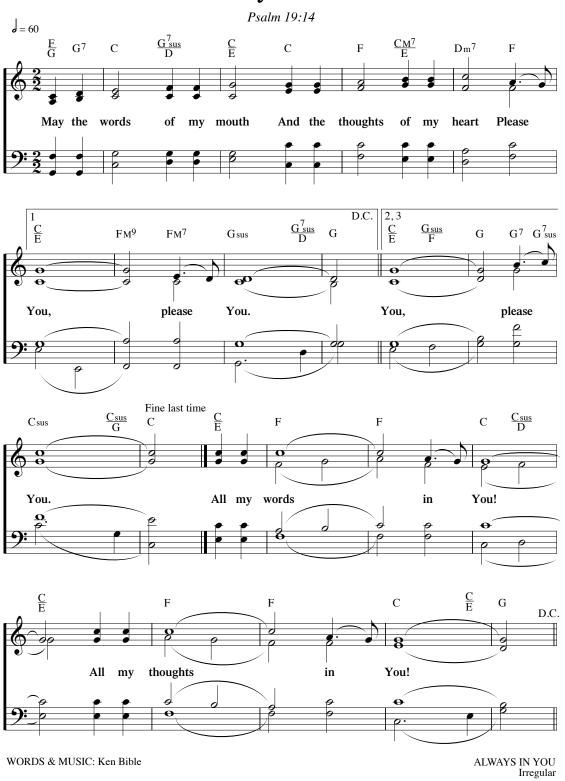
inside and out.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

(Psalm 139:23-24, NIV)

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Always in You



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AS A CHILD Devotional Tapestry

Father, Receive My Gift

Father, my loving Father,
how could I ever enrich You in any way?
You are beyond all need.
You are full to overflowing.
All that is
flows from You and
is forever nourished by You.
Your nature, Your joy is
to give,

Your resources are endless, and

Your authority is complete.

You simply speak, and it is so.

to share, to bless.

Your will is the power that fuels all reality.

Your love is the music that makes the universe dance.

You are not impressed by our material gifts.

You are like a great-hearted king

to whom a child joyfully, lovingly brings a penny.

The penny is worthless.

The love is priceless.

Father, my Father,

that's what I want to give You:

I want to daily bring You my love.

Like the alabaster perfume,

like the widow's mite.

I want my life to be a gift of love,

worthless to the world, but

priceless to my loving Father.

Let all my grand accomplishments be like a child's drawing.

Receive the love they express, Father.

Receive the worship,

simple but sincere.

Receive the gift

because it is all I have. I offer it joyfully, thankfully to You.

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As Simply as a Child

TUNE: Jesus Loves Me *Genesis 1; Psalm 18:1; 50:12; 116:12-13; 131:1-2; Matthew 22:36-38; Hebrews 11:3*



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LISTEN Devotional Tapestry

Listen

God, Your ways,

Your wisdom,

Your guidance

are so precious,

so perfect,

so life-giving.

They are always spoken in the purest love, and specifically for me.

You lead me moment by moment.

When I have a need,

Your love never fails.

Your wisdom never falls short.

But, Lord, I fear at times that I miss some of Your

most delicate,

most tender,

most precious words to me.

I fear Your voice is drowned out by the noise of

my own plans and

foolish desires.

God, I set aside those desires and

open myself to You.

When You speak,

I want to hear every whisper.

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Speak, I Am Listening

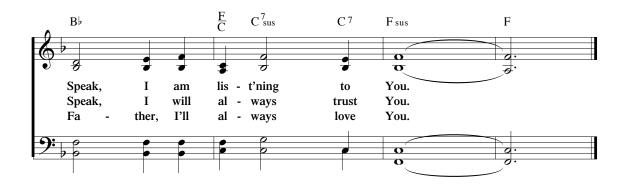


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FACE TO FACE Devotional Tapestry

Always Face to Face

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Father, You invite us to ask —
You challenge us to ask.
And You promise that You will give it.
So this is what I ask.
This is what I truly want:

I want to be more prayerful.
So many of my thoughts are
self-centered,
empty,
vain, and
fruitless.
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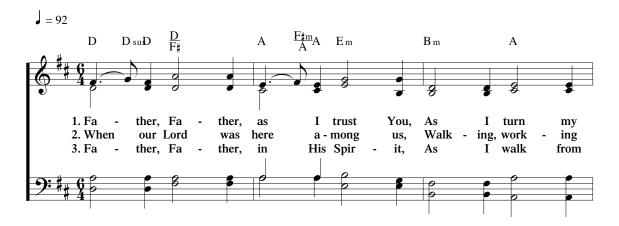
Since You are always with me.
I want to live in Your presence,
talking to You,
listening to You,
trusting You, and
worshiping You.

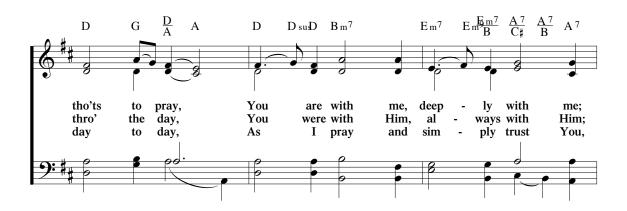
Magnificent God, I want to
live and
love
in full, unbroken response to all You are.

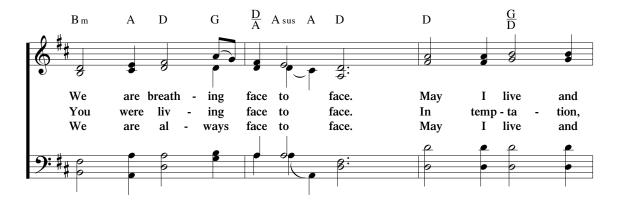
I want the relationship that Jesus enjoyed with You when He was as human as me.

Father, my Father, draw me to Yourself every moment forever.

The Father's Face







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