

Connecting with God

Prayer of Connection

Matthew 6:9

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2 Chronicles 15 Listen to me... The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. ³ For a long time Israel was without the true God... ⁴ But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them. (NIV)

Matthew 6 ⁹ This is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. (NIV)

John 14 ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (NASB)

WHAT KIND OF FATHER IS GOD?

1. He is **CARING.**

Psalms 103 ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him... (NIV)

1 Peter 5 ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you! (NIV)

Matthew 6 ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. (NIV)

2. He is **CONSISTENT.**

James 1 ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (NIV)

2 Timothy 2 ¹³ If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. (NIV)

3. He is **CLOSE.**

Acts 17 ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. (NIV)

- He is never **TOO BUSY FOR ME.**

Psalms 145 ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him. (NIV)

- He loves to **MEET MY NEEDS.**

Matthew 7 ¹¹ If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (NIV)

- He is sympathetic **TO MY HURTS.**

Psalm 34 ¹⁸ *The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (NIV)*

4. He is **COMPETENT**.

Matthew 19 ²⁶ *With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. (NIV)*

Philippians 4 ¹⁹ *And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (NASB)*

1 Timothy 2 ⁵ *For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. (NLT)*

Galatians 3 ²⁶ *For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (NLT)*

Last Thought:

YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN LOVES YOU AND IS AVAILABLE WHENEVER YOU NEED HIM.