



A PRAYER GUIDE TO ENJOY JESUS

In the Old Testament, the Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God, built to His specifications, where He would meet His people. They entered the tabernacle to enjoy Jesus' presence. Today, we no longer need the physical Tabernacle to meet with God. We can enjoy His presence anywhere. This prayer guide will take you on a journey similar to the Israelites as they walked through the Tabernacle to guide your prayers.

THE OUTER COURTS: GIVE THANKS

The Israelites entered the Tabernacle with thanksgiving and praise, and we start our prayer time the same way. Spend some time really thinking about all the blessings in your life for which you're thankful. You can write down a list, sing your own song of praise, or just spend quiet moments reflecting on your gratitude and praise toward God.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PSALM 100:4

THE BRAZEN ALTAR: JESUS IN OUR PLACE

In the Old Testament, everyone had to regularly bring animal sacrifices as payment for their sins. Today, we don't have to do that because Jesus paid for our sins once and for all with His blood on the cross.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PSALM 103:2-5

Thank God for the gift of Jesus. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and love. Let the power of the cross and what it means for your life really settle in your spirit. In addition to expressing your gratitude, claim the power of transformation and healing that the cross of Jesus has in your life. The cross provides us with five major benefits:

- Salvation - God forgives all my sin
- Healing - God heals all my diseases
- Redemption - God rescues me and restores me
- Transformation - God changes me into His likeness
- Blessing - God provides everything I need

THE BASIN: FORMED BY THE SPIRIT

Behind the altar stood a basin of water where people were reminded of their sinfulness and their need to be cleansed and forgiven by God. Checking our hearts and motives and surrendering our lives to God is an important part of daily prayer.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

HEBREWS 10:22

Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can confess our sins to Him and receive complete forgiveness and a fresh start. In prayer, humbly and sincerely turn away from your sins and allow God to cleanse and renew you. Then, surrender your life and every part of yourself to Him.

Pray for God to take your life and let it be consecrated to Him.

- Surrender your tongue to speak good and not evil (Colossians 4:6)
- Surrender your eyes to focus on God (2 Corinthians 4:18)
- Surrender your ears to hear God's voice and obey (John 10:27)
- Surrender your hands to bless God's name (Psalm 141:2)
- Surrender your feet to walk in ways of the Spirit (Romans 8)
- Surrender your mind to be transformed by the Spirit (Romans 12:1-2)
- Ask the Lord to grow you in the fruit of the Spirit: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control*. (Galatians 5:22-23)

THE CANDLESTICK: EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

The next piece of the Tabernacle was a seven-branched golden candlestick. The fire represents the Holy Spirit and how we are called to be light in the world's darkness.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

ISAIAH 11:2

When Jesus left the earth, Christians were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. He calls the Holy Spirit our “advocate.” We cannot do what God has called us to do without His supernatural power. It is through the Holy Spirit that God comforts us, guides us, and empowers us.

THE SHOWBREAD: FEAST ON GOD’S WORD

In the Tabernacle, a table with twelve loaves of bread represented God’s provision and His presence.

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

DEUTERONOMY 8:3

God’s Word is His provision for us, and it helps us experience His presence in our prayer life. Here is how you can incorporate God’s Word into your prayer time:

- Take time to read and think about the Word
- Celebrate God’s many great promises for your life
- Ask Him for fresh revelation of His Word
- Ask Him for a Word to help you as you go throughout your day

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE: ENJOY THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

A small altar of burning incense stood at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelled. The people of God entered God's presence as they worshipped His Names. This altar represents worship and the pleasure it gives God when we worship Him.

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the
righteous man runs into it and is safe.

PROVERBS 18:10

Thank God for making His presence available to you. Praise His Names and worship Him personally and specifically for Who He is and how He has moved in your life.

Here are some names to get you started:

- My Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:6
- My Sanctifier - Leviticus 20:7-8
- My Healer - Exodus 15:26
- My Provider - Genesis 22:14
- My Banner of Victory - Exodus 17:15
- My Peace - Judges 6:24
- My Shepherd - Psalm 23:1

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT: INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS

The most holy place in the Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelled. There, the priest interceded by praying on behalf of the people of God and sprinkling blood on the atonement cover. This symbolized that atonement came through the sacrificial blood of the lamb. In the same way, God has made us royal priests who intercede on behalf of those around us.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

Pray and intercede for those with whom you interact and connect, including:

- **Those in Authority:**
 - Leaders in Church, Government, Family, Workplace
- **Your Family:**
 - Both immediate and extended family members
- **Our Church**
 - Pastors, Staff, Members, Church Planters, and Missionaries
- **Your Community**
 - People in your community group
 - People in your city, nation, and world
- **Your Relationships**
 - Friends, co-workers, acquaintances