Praying the Name of the Lord

#### Dear friends: here are a few ideas to revitalize your personal prayers by praying the Name of the Lord.

#### "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous run into it and is safe." — Proverbs 18:10

NOTE: The 8 suggestions below are meant to stimulate personal prayer.

- It is well to use this information in a group session to train and encourage your people. - We suggest you orally introduce each of the 8 points and provide a few minutes for personal application – 2 to 3 minutes. - Then you move on to the next topic.

- After your introductory time provide for an additional 40 minutes later (5 minutes for each of the 8 parts) for private prayer in a secluded area – preferably outdoors.

- To help you get started several of the Lord’s Names are listed at the bottom of this lecture.

- For deeper love of God you will find it invaluable to write down your own thoughts, questions, and verses relating to each of the lord’s Names.

**Introduction**

The name of the Lord is given to us that we might know our Heavenly Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ in all of his splendor and glory. His name covers us, shelters us, seals us, and protects us. Jesus taught us to pray. It is not insignificant that he began with God's Name: "Hallowed be Thy Name." The name of the Lord is his "persona," the essence of who he is. God has given us more than [**600 names**](http://www.prayertoday.org/NamesofGod/600names.htm) of Himself. We should meditate on them and address him in his "persona."

As you pray the names you are claiming His promises and covering for yourself. This is what the psalmist means when in Psalm 91 he says, *"He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord He is my refuge and fortress, therefore …."*

**Confess it.** Say his name out loud. As you pray the names of the Lord use a phrase like this. Don’t just say his name — Claim his name as your inheritance. "Lord, you are my *Portion*, therefore I will not complain about my lot in life. I have YOU!" Make it possessive! Draw a personal conclusion based on His name.

**Read it.** Read the passage of Scripture that contains his name. Read it out loud. Read it slowly and articulately three times. Pray it back to God. Declare him among the nations. Satan is listening so make sure he hears who the Lord is to you. Declare it!

**Sing it.** Sing to the Lord. Sing of his excellent name. Many of the names of God and Christ have been put to song or at least have songs that refer to that name. Sing it to God. Rejoice in his holy name. Pick up a hymn book and look through the hymns for His names.

**Shout it.** Shouting to the Lord in triumph is a biblical command. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! It is a good thing to shout the name of the Lord with your lips.
*Isaiah 12:6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.*

**Write it.** Graffiti the Lord’s name throughout your notebook or even in your Bible. Remember in grade school how you used to write your girlfriend’s or boyfriend’s name all over your books. That’s the idea. Revel in His name. Love his name. Think on his name. Savor his name. Let it roll off your tongue. Let it bathe your mind and heart. Soak it up. Wrap yourself up in it. God is a very present help in the time of trouble. Let his name be very present to you.

**Call on it.** We often call on the name of the Lord but do we really think about what we are doing? To call on his name is like making a 9-1-1 call for help. It is to point our cry in the right direction to the One who alone can help. *Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you and you will glorify me.* (Psalm 50:15)

**Think on it.** Thinking isn't something we do very much anymore. We are too much in a hurry and we like instant things, and most things are thought out for us. But to THINK on HIS NAME is to meditate on the Lord. David said, "My meditation of Him will be sweet." (Psalms 104:34) God promises to be listening and recording your meditation on his name. **Think about it!**

*Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.*

**Reverence It.** To reverence something means to consider it holy and precious, to esteem it highly, to treat it with awe, or stand in awe of it. Begin each of your prayers as Jesus did, "Oh, Lord, Hallowed by thy name."

*Malachi 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.*

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