

## Introduction: That we may Know Him and Adore Him

Adoration, praise and thanksgiving rarely stand alone in the Psalms. Usually we see them interwoven. In my own search to learn to adore and praise the Lord for who He is and not just what He has done for me, I have found that looking at the Names of God in scripture is helping me to better understand the character of God and then asking the Lord which name I need to focus on at this time in our life, for He knows what I need. A.W. Tozer said, "What comes to your mind when you think of God is the most important thing about your life." Dr. Bill Thrasher's book, God as He wants You to Know Him is excellent for our pursuit of knowing God and adoring, praising and worshipping Him. In his book, Dr. Thrasher says, "The foundation of the spiritual life is right thinking about God." He also says, "We are totally dependent upon God's revelation of Himself in His Word to know the truth about Him." Maybe the Lord is calling us to pray along with Dr. Thrasher, "*that our God would be worshiped and adored for His perfections by all of His people throughout the world.*"

### A Prayer guide for April 6 - April 12

#### Adoration and Praise:

Part 1-Praise the Lord for who He is.

*And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes, all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,*

***"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!"***

*Revelation 4:8*

- Lord we praise You that You are Holy!
  - \*You are perfect in goodness and righteousness - in all of Your ways!
  - \*We praise You for Your divine perfection!
  - \*You are worthy of complete devotion!
- Lord we praise you that You have always existed and will always exist.
  - \*You are the *Eternal I AM*.
  - \*You have no beginning and no end.

Part 2-You might want to sing a song to praise Him.

- For example, the hymn, "*Holy, Holy, Holy.*"

#### Confession and Repentance:

Part 1-Read the scriptures given and a typed prayer in response to the truth of the Word. Read the prayer as your own prayer to God.

- **Psalm 19:12-14**

12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

• **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Heavenly Father, we don't like to think about our sins; we even try to hide them from ourselves. We try to come up with excuses for our sins to justify them, but in doing so we are putting a barrier in our relationship with You. You are omniscient and know them all and yet you still love us. Please forgive us Lord, and help us to be honest about the sin in our lives. Please show us the sins that we are unaware of and help us to humble ourselves and repent of them, as well as those we try to hide. Thank you Lord, that in doing so, we find forgiveness, healing, and restoration which we so desperately need. We praise You O Lord, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen.

**Part 2-**Ask the Lord to show you any sin in your heart and write out your own prayer of confession and repentance and praise Him for His mercy and grace.

## **Thanksgiving:**

**Part 1-**Read the scriptures below and then read Psalm 147.

*Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them . Are you not of more value than they?*

*Matthew 10: 29-30 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground part from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.*

**Part 2-**Psalm 147 is full of thanksgiving and praise. (Not all are listed below.) Praise God and thank Him for the truths listed below that are displayed in this Psalm and in Matthew 6:26 and 10:29-30, as well as other blessings that the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

- We thank You Lord that it is good to sing praises to You and that it is pleasant and fitting to praise You.( Ps. 147:1)
- Thank You, Lord that You heal the brokenhearted and You bind up their wounds. (Ps. 147:3)
- We praise You Lord and are in awe of You that You determine the number of stars and You even give them names! (Ps. 147:4)
- Great are You Lord and abundant in power! Your understanding is beyond measure! (Ps. 147:5)
- Thank You Lord, that You lift up the humble and cast the wicked to the ground. (Ps. 147:6)
- We will sing to You Lord with thanksgiving! (Ps. 147:7)
- Thank You that you cover the heavens with clouds and You make the grass grow on the hills. (Ps. 147:8)
- Thank You Lord that You provide food for the animals You created, Thank you that You provide for us because of Your great love-that You have proclaimed that we are more

valuable than the animals You created. We thank You that Your love for us is so great that You even know the number of hairs on our head! We thank You that we have nothing to fear.(Ps. 147:8-9 and Matt. 6:26 and 10:29-30)

- We praise You Lord that You delight in those who fear You, who put their hope in Your unfailing love. (Ps. 147:11)
- We praise You Lord! (Ps. 147:12)

## **Supplication and Intercession**

**Part 1-Read** through the scriptures listed below and pray the points provided.

- **Matthew 6:31-33**

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- **Matthew. 22:37-39**

And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a Second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

- **Colossians 3: 12-13**

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

### **Lord we pray for your help:**

- That we, your people will not give place to anxiety but will trust in your love.
- That we will truly seek first Your kingdom and righteousness knowing that You will take care of us.
- That we will truly love You with all our heart and soul and mind and that we will love our neighbor as ourselves.
- That we will believe your Word and stand on the truth that we are your chosen ones and we are dearly loved.
- That we will humble ourselves-looking to You to show us how You want us to pray and for whom.
- That we will show compassion, kindness, meekness, and patience and will walk in forgiveness with one another for You have been merciful to forgive us.

**Part 2-Continue** to pray as the Lord leads you for those who are sick; for medical workers, caregivers, emergency relief teams, and government leaders; for teachers and parents; for peace for those living in uncertainty; for God’s comfort and help for those in fear or anxiety or financial stress; for pastors and churches; for Christians to point

others to Christ and know how to encourage and bless one another during this time; for laborers in the Harvest Field; for revival and for the salvation of many souls.

**1 Peter 5:6-7**

**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on Him for He cares for you.**