



PRAYING THE **NAMES** *of* **GOD**



A 14-DAY PRAYER GUIDE



PRAISING THE NAMES *of* GOD

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.” (**Exodus 3:14–15**)

There is great power in a name, and there’s no name more powerful than the name of our Lord. His word reminds us that His name is like a strong tower—one we can run to and be saved (**Proverbs 19:10**).

God reminds us that He is the only One who never changes. His character, revealed to us through His name, remains the same through all generations. Studying what the Bible says about all that He is will help us to understand His character even more.

We hold this promise that God’s love is everlasting, His mercies are new every morning, and His faithfulness is steadfast. Jesus told us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength...” And a transformative way to walk these words out daily is to learn God’s character through the power of His name.



ELOHIM

THE CREATOR GOD

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

(**Genesis 1:1**)

Have you given much thought to the power God used to create the universe? How about God's insanely creative imagination as He designed planet earth?

My favorite vacation is visiting gardens throughout England. The majesty of the Cedars of Lebanon and the beauty and variety of the flowers is breathtaking. Whether it's hiking in the mountains, enjoying some time at the beach, or taking a leisurely walk through the woods, there's no denying that nature is one way to connect with *Elohim*.

What about the intricacies and beauty of the human body?

Do you ever feel worthless? Unlovable? You are supremely valuable for one primary reason. You have been created in the image of God. He loves and cherishes you more than you can fathom because you are His image bearer.



ELOHIM CHAYIM

THE LIVING GOD

Today you will know that the living God is among you.

(**Joshua 3:10**)

There is not one religion that exists other than Christianity that can boast of having a god that is alive and active in the lives of its followers. Every faith founder that once walked the earth is dead and gone. Every stone or wooden god that was worshiped never took a breath of air. You can only have a personal relationship with the living God—*Elohim Chayim*.



ABBA

FATHER

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, Abba, Father. (**Romans 8:15**)

A child in the care of a loving father has a confidence about them; an assurance of their place as a child and in the unconditional love of their parent. As a child of God, you can be confident in your relationship with Him and the love He has for you. When the prodigal son returned, his father saw him coming from far off and ran to him. When you pray to *Abba*, you are praying to a Father who cares deeply for you and would go to great lengths for you. Rest in that relationship and love today.

JEHOVAH-JIREH

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven...Don't lay a hand on the boy! Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Jehovah-jireh (which means the LORD will provide). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: On the mountain of the lord it will be provided. (**Genesis 22:9-12; 13-14**)

The drama and significance of this event in Abraham's life was a test to prove his faithfulness to God and God's faithfulness to Abraham. He wanted to see if Abraham would trust Him with the promise He had fulfilled for him in giving him a son in his old age. Abraham passed the test and the ram proved that God is *Jehovah-jireh*.

Just a short distance from where God provided a ram in Isaac's place, He provided the ultimate sacrifice in our place, the Lamb of God, Jesus, who took away the sins of the whole world.



JEHOVAH-SHALOM

THE LORD IS PEACE

When Gideon saw he was the angel of the Lord, he said, ‘Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel face to face. The Lord said to him, Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die. Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace. (**Judges 6:22–24**)

There is a peace that only God can give. It is a peace that the world cannot understand. When in the midst of tests and trials the peace of God that passes all understanding can overwhelm us and bring us to a place of great comfort. Only a serious Christ-follower can truly understand the mystery of the workings of the Holy Spirit in this way. This is a peace that the world can’t understand, a peace that only *Jehovah-shalom* can give.



EL KANNA

THE JEALOUS GOD

You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

(Exodus 34:14)

How is Christianity different than any other pagan religion? God is in relentless pursuit of you. He wants nothing to take His place in your life or in your heart. Idolatry runs rampant in hearts today, anything from material possessions to personal relationships. If Satan can distract you from what is most important—an intimate relationship with God—then he thinks he can win the battle to be lord in your life. So beware of what you spend your time on, what consumes your thinking, and what your hobbies and habits are.

El Kanna's affection for you runs deep.



EL ROI

THE GOD WHO SEES

Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the LORD, who had spoken to her. She said, You are the God who sees me. She also said, have I truly seen the One who sees me? (**Genesis 16:13**)

Have you felt like God has forgotten you? Do you feel like you're wading through the muck and mire of life and nobody even knows or cares?

Hagar probably experienced similar feelings. Unloved as a servant she became pregnant by her master and then mistreated by her mistress. She finally ran away only to be found by an angel of the LORD who was no doubt eager to tell her that God had heard her cry of distress.

El Roi sees you and He cares.

JEHOVAH RO'I

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. (**Psalms 23:1**)

The English countryside is breathtaking. The green pastures and grazing sheep are picturesque. It's easy to imagine what it must have been like to walk the earth while shepherds watched their flocks at night. Sheep without a shepherd quickly go astray.

They may even lose their way.

What about you?

Do you find yourself feeling alone? Like you're wandering around in life with no guidance or direction, kind of like a sheep without a shepherd? Well, Jesus is your good shepherd and He is always with you and always watching over you. And even when you don't think you can continue to go on in your own strength, He is there to carry you through when you need Him most. He is your *Jehovah Ro'i*.

JEHOVAH NISSI

THE LORD IS MY BANNER

Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. He said, “Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the LORD, the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.” (**Exodus 17:15–16**)

This is the name you want to call out in your spiritual battles. A banner was carried in battle to be a sign to others of what you stood for and to rally the troops. When you go through your own trial, you can be confident that *Jehovah Nissi* is standing over you. He is the strong and powerful—undefeatable—God on your side when you’re up against any struggle or foe.



ADONAI

LORD AND MASTER

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” (**Psalm 16:2**)

It’s important to remember and acknowledge your place and His authority; to refer to God as your Master. You don’t have it all figured out and there will be times you try something on your own, only to fail. In these moments, call out to *Adonai* and recognize Him as your Master. Surrender to His will and care for your life.

JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH

THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. (**Leviticus 20:7-8**)

Our God is a holy God; set apart and unlike anyone. When you put your faith in Him, He extends that sanctification to you and makes you holy. This transformation changes your life and should be celebrated in acknowledging *Jehovah-M'Kaddesh*. Ask God to help you live in this new transformation extended to you and thank Him for this incredible gift.



JEHOVAH TSURI

THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. (**Psalm 144:1**)

When the world seems to shake around you, you don't have to be shaken because you have a firm rock as your foundation. Calling out to *Jehovah Tsur*i is calling out to His faithfulness, strength, and stability. When times are uncertain, cry out to the Lord who is your rock and firm ground.

JEHOVAH ROPHE

THE LORD WHO HEALS

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, “If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.” Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water. (**Exodus 15:22–27**)

When it comes to healing—physical, emotional, or spiritual—there’s no source worth putting your hope into besides *Jehovah Rophe*. He is the source of all healing and when you’re in search for it in any capacity, God is the One to turn to. If you’re battling a physical ailment or an emotional scar, cry out to the God who heals.

EL SHADDAI

GOD ALMIGHTY

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (**Psalm 91:1**)

God's name, *El Shaddai*, reminds us that He is all-powerful, He is the Mighty One, He is the 9-1-1 (**Psalm 91:1**) to run to. And we can find refuge and rest in His shadow. This is comforting in a world where we face many battles day by day. Sometimes it's hard to know who we can trust; we may feel unsafe or uncertain in circumstances surrounding us. We want to know that our loved ones are protected and covered in His care, especially when they're away from us.

This verse and God's reminder that He is the Almighty gives us the security and assurance that nothing else around us can offer. He is the God who sees all, knows all, and has the power to go before us, walk with us daily, and cover us from behind. Dwelling in God's presence gives us shelter and rest.



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If you need some extra reassurance today that our God is close and cares about all that concerns you, find hope in His powerful name. He is the God of miracles and nothing is impossible for Him. He split the seas, and delivered His people from all their enemies. He offered His protection through desert days, and lovingly led them in the wilderness to the promised land. He still works miracles today.

He provided a way for us to be saved through His Son Jesus Christ, and He gives us His Spirit to help us today. Don't ever believe the lie that God is distant, too busy, or that He doesn't care about you. The very God who created you knows your every burden, every struggle, and He cares more deeply than we could fully know. His name reflects the goodness and strength that He pours out on us every single day. May we embrace the truth of all that He is; and draw close to His presence today.

Peace to you.