

PRAYING THE NAMES OF GOD

The Bible contains over **900 names of God**, which reveal His character and nature. Praying His names deepens our understanding of Him, strengthens our relationship with Him, and enriches our prayer life. As you pray through God's names, consider these questions:

- how does this name deepen my understanding of God?
- how does this name strengthen my faith?
- how does this name increase my trust in God's promises?
- how does this name change the way I view my circumstances?

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ELOHIM (Mighty God, Creator) (Genesis 1:1, Genesis 2; Isaiah 40:28; John 1:1-5)

Creator God, You are the maker of all things, from the astronomical to the infinitesimal. Your holy fingerprint is everywhere I look. It is astounding that You notice and care about every detail of Your creation, even me. You see me, You know me, and You love me completely. How is it that I am so precious to You? Thank you seems wholly insufficient, but I have no other words. *Thank You*, Elohim, Mighty God and Creator, the source of every blessing and endless possibilities. Amen.

EL ROI (The God Who Sees Me) (Genesis 16:13-14)

El Roi, You are the God who sees. Nothing escapes Your gaze. I could be so easily overlooked, yet You see, You notice me. You see each longing and every loss. You catch every tear that falls. There is no place You cannot see me, nowhere You cannot hear me, and nothing that will turn Your face from me. It is mercy undeserved and grace overflowing. In Jesus' holy name, amen.

JEHOVA-JIREH (God who Provides) (Genesis 22:9-14; Matthew 6:28-30; Philippians 4:19)

Heavenly Father, You are the Great Provider, the one who moves mountains and makes a dry path through the sea, the One who rains manna and provides enough for each day. Thank You for everything that comes from Your Hand. When my needs are pressing, when I feel frightened or alone, remind me of how You have already provided so abundantly for me. Let me build an Ebenezer with touchstones of Your provision, so I will remember and be strengthened. You are enough, Lord. You are everything I need. Amen.

RAPHA (God Who Heals) (Exodus 15:22-26; Psalm 103:1-5; Matthew 8:16-17)

Lord, I know You can heal, but I also know that sometimes You don't—and that makes me feel vulnerable, confused, and conflicted. Help me trust in Your bigger plan. Give me the courage to ask, and the strength to stay close when Your answer is *no*. Lord, *I do believe; help me in my unbelief!* (Mark 9:24) Amen.

ROHI (The Lord Is My Shepherd) (Psalm 23:1)

Lord, what a comfort this name is! You are my Shepherd. You protect me, You lead me beside still waters, You restore my soul. Help me rest in the promise that You are watching, loving, and protecting me. I am not alone, never outside Your care or beyond Your reach, and never apart from Your love. You are my Shepherd, Lord. Amen.

SHALOM (The Lord Is Peace) (Judges 6:16-24; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 4:7-9)

God of Peace, I lift my voice, asking for Your peace that passes. Remind me that You are with me in this storm. You have already secured my peace through Jesus. In the midst of anxiety, fear, confusion, and overwhelm, Your peace reigns. Heavenly Father, *Lord of peace himself give [me] peace at all times and in every way.* (2 Thessalonians 3:16) Amen.

TSIDKENU (God Our Righteousness) (Jeremiah 23:6; Jeremiah 33:16)

God of Righteousness, apart from You there is no right standing with You, but through Jesus' sacrifice, You see me through *His* right standing. That thought is too great for me. Who am I? Yet You say, I am Yours. Help me live in a way that honors You. Teach me to walk with honesty, live with integrity, and be deeply grateful that I am Yours. In Jesus' name, amen.

SHAMMAH (God Is There) (Ezekiel 48:35)

Lord, You are always there: present, available, and intentional. Your back is never turned. Your eyes are never closed. You are never preoccupied, too busy, or uninterested. You are not impatient, aloof, or critical, and You are never uncaring. You are with me, always, ready to listen, guide, and comfort. I am safe with You. *Thank You* seems wholly insufficient, but it is all I have, so *thank You*, Lord! Amen.

M'KADDESH (God Who Sanctifies) (Leviticus 20:7-8; John 17:17-19; Hebrews 10:10-14)

Lord, You sanctify me. That word leaves me speechless. Through no merit of my own, You have chosen to make me holy, set me apart, give me purpose, and forgive me. Through the blood of Your Son, You have cleansed and purified me. Teach me to live as Your light in this sin-darkened world. Amen.