

# Stay Close

The only thing God desires is for you to stay close to Him. Your private time alone with God in His Word will nourish your relationship. Its not any different than when someone loves you, the love they bring touches your life in various ways as you spend time together. As you nourish your relationship with God, the inner world of your spiritual life will govern how you operate in the outer world of your activities. The condition of your relationship with God matters, and is reflected in your daily life.

This is definitely NOT about “once-a-week” attendance at church it is about your private world which becomes the fountain of supply and the foundation of support in Him. Let this week reflect your love for Him in all you do!

Heavenly Father,

I come to You in Jesus name. I want to thank You that You do not treat me as my sin deserves or repay me according to my iniquities. You know my weakness and weariness, and the things of this world that pull at my heart. I ask You to forgive me for those times I have lost sight of Your greatness. Forgive me for the times I’ve been weary walking unbelief and double-mindedness. I know at times I’ve allowed You to become small in my eyes and have taken my situations or concerns into my own hands instead of trusting You. Forgive my ungratefulness I pray and change my complaining heart! Help me stand strong in You. Be merciful to me, for I long to be one who seeks You with all of my heart, and finds You.

You know all my ways and every thought I have. Even before I speak a single word, You know it. Help me O’God to keep a tight rein on my tongue. May I bless You and others with my mouth and my life. May all that I do and say be a reflection of my love for You. Father, Jesus said that I am to love You with all of my heart, with all of my mind, with all of my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself– that this is more important than anything else that I do. Fill me with fresh passion for You and a hunger for holiness, that I would truly become one who seeks first Your kingdom and Your righteousness.

Lord, I ask that I might have Your mind in every situation that I encounter, and may I never turn away from Your truth. I ask You to give me discernment to make the right choices. I ask You to help me to be confident that I will see Your goodness in the land of the living. Strengthen me by Your Spirit so that I am able to persevere, do Your will and receive what has been promised. I long for my heart and mind that align under You. May I not conform to the things of this world, but instead, may I be continually transformed by the renewing of my mind with Your Word. I look to You alone as the Author and Finisher of my faith.

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