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The Tabernacle Prayer



Opening Letter

Hey Friends

We are excited to spend the next seven days learning what prayer is and how to pray. Prayer is simply talking to God and is one of the most important things you can do every day. Jesus is always the answer, He is our best friend, and He is always ready to talk with us. The more we learn about prayer, the easier it becomes. Once you and I learn how to pray we can make it a part of our everyday life.

You can pray:

Before the day begins
Before you go to school
Before you hang out with your friends Before practice
Before you play a big game
Before you go to bed
When something bad happens
When something good happens
In every situation - PRAY FIRST!

We want to encourage you to partner with your parents for the next seven days and talk with them about what you are learning. I will see you on Sunday!!

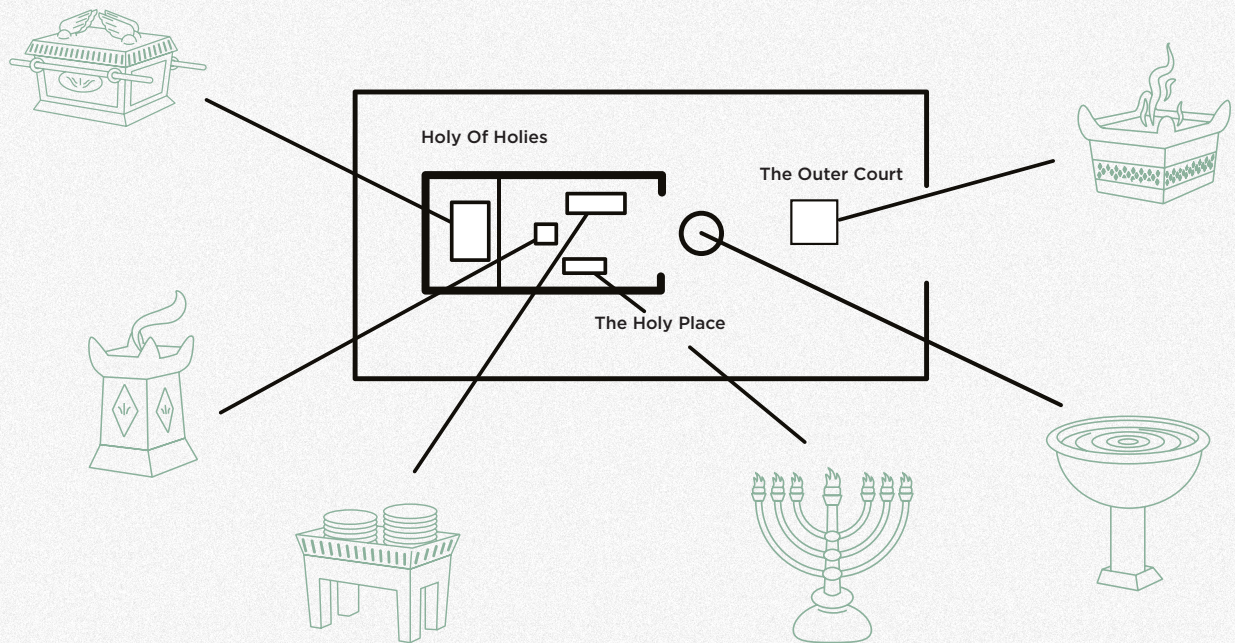
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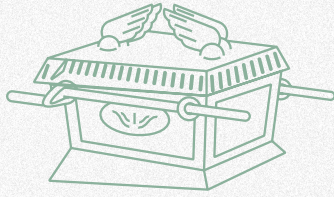
TABERNACLE PRAYER

Since the beginning, God always wanted to be with us.

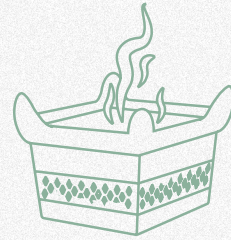
In the Old Testament, God told Moses to build a place called the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was where God lived here on earth, where He would meet His people, and where they could worship Him. As the people entered the Tabernacle, they followed God's instructions by passing through seven stations to experience His presence. Today, even though we no longer need the physical Tabernacle to meet with God, these same steps can help us connect with Him. Each station of the Tabernacle can be used to guide our prayers.

THE TABERNACLE





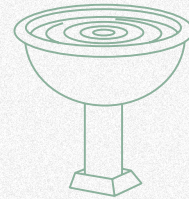
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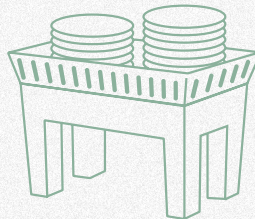
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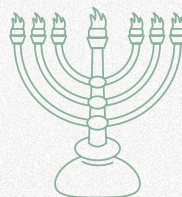
**The Altar
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The Laver



**The Table
of Shewbread**



The Candlestick

1. The Outer Court

Thanksgiving and Praise

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

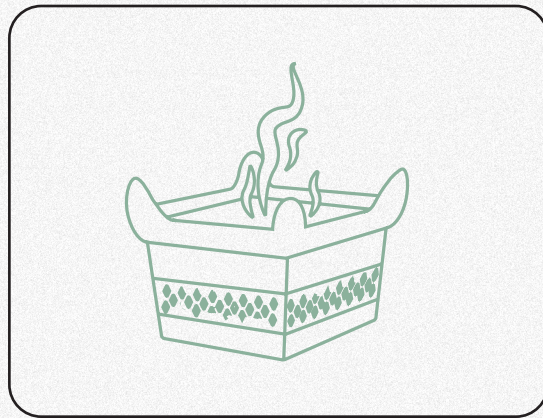
PSALM 100:4

Prayer:

“Father God, You are good, and You deserve all my praise. Thank You for the many ways You have blessed me and for watching over me (tell Him specific things in your life that you’re grateful for. Thank Him for something that you’ve never thanked Him for).

Lord be with me. I want to experience Your presence and Your love in a new way today, Jesus. Thank You that no matter what happens, You always love me. I find hope in Your never-ending forgiveness and care. Thank You for who You are and all You have done for me.

2. The Brazen Altar



The Cross of Jesus

In the Old Testament, everyone had to bring animals to sacrifice as payment for their sins. Today, we don't have to do that because Jesus paid for our sins by dying on the cross.

Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins so that we don't have to! Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and His love. Really think about the sacrifice Jesus made. He loves you so much that He paid for the consequences of our sin. He didn't have to, but He wanted to make a way for us to live with Him one day. Jesus can change our hearts and make us better because of what He did on the cross.



The Cross of Jesus

Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things He does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

PSALM 103:2-5 NLT

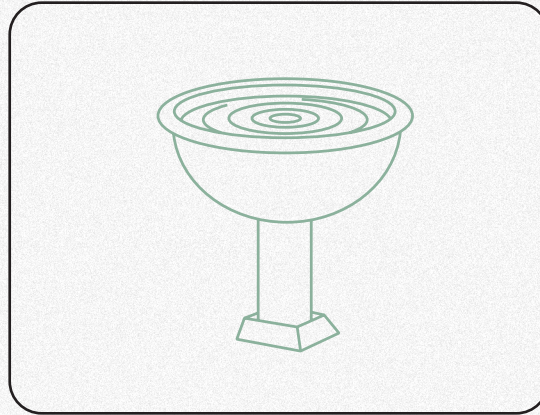
Prayer:

“Thank You, God, for making a way for me to be with You through Your Son. Jesus, thank You for the sacrifice You made for me on the cross. You saved me and You set me free by paying for my sins.

I praise You for being my Healer. You have power over all disease and harm in my life (list areas where you need God to heal you). Thank You for being my Redeemer. You rescue me from sin and give my life purpose. Thank You for changing my life with Your love and for making me new. I want to grow to be more like You (give God control of every area in your life). Thank You for blessing me and for giving me the things I need.

I know You have good plans for me, and all that I have comes from You (thank Him for blessings in your life).”

3. The Laver



Cleansing and Preparing

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer.

ROMANS 12:1 GNT

The next step in the Tabernacle was a bowl of water where people were reminded of their need to be washed clean of their sins and forgiven by God. Unfortunately, we all fall short of God's standard and struggle with sin. But because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can confess and tell Him our sins and receive complete forgiveness and a fresh start.

It's an important part of daily prayer to surrender to God and give Him control over every area. While you pray, be humble and turn away from your sins, and allow God to wash you clean and make you brand new. Then, surrender your life to Him and ask Him to help you follow His plan and make the right decisions.



Prayer:

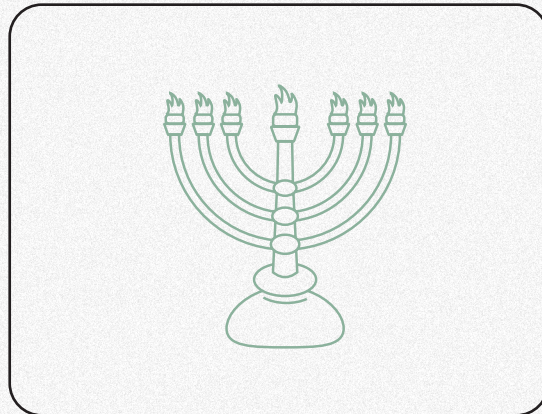
“God, I confess my sins to You and turn away from them (tell God any sin you know is in your life. Ask Him to show you any other areas that need to change). Thank You, God, for freely forgiving me. As I turn away from my sin, I turn toward You, and I give myself to You:

- I give You my tongue, to speak good and not evil.
- I give You my eyes, to focus on You and the needs of others.
- I give You my ears, to listen to Your voice.
- I give You my hands, to do good for others.
- I give You my feet, to walk where You lead me.
- I give You my mind, to think positive things and to be transformed and used by You.

I ask You, Lord, for the amazing gifts of Your Holy Spirit, so that I can grow closer to You and make a difference in the lives of others. I ask for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. God, help me do what is right.”

4. The Candlestick

The Holy Spirit



The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD.

ISAIAH 11:2

The next step of the Tabernacle was a seven-branched golden candlestick. The fire represents the Holy Spirit and how we are called to be a light in the world’s darkness by helping others experience the love of God.

When Jesus left the earth, Christians were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. He calls the Holy Spirit our “advocate,” our supporter. The Holy Spirit helps us with everything we need. We can’t do what God has called us to do without His supernatural power. It is through the Holy Spirit that God comforts us, guides us, and helps us.

Prayer:

“Holy Spirit, I ask You to fill me up. I need Your presence in my life—guiding, directing, comforting, and helping me. I know that You, Holy Spirit, are God. Help me to see how great You are. Help me to be amazed and in awe of who God is and what He does. Work in me, Holy Spirit. Teach and transform me (pray for any areas where you feel the need for change today). I honor You and ask You to help me love others the way You love them.

Love Joy

Peace

**Fruit of
the Spirit**

Patience

Kindness

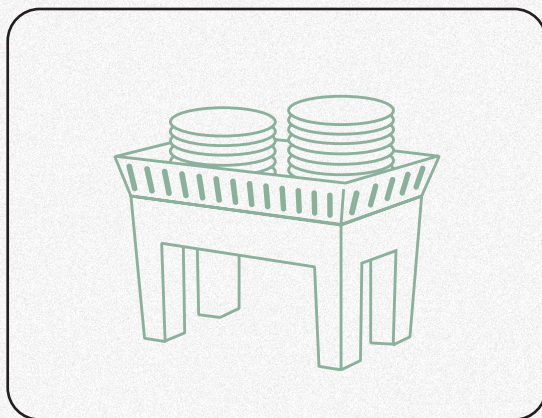
Goodness

Faithfulness


Self Control

5. The Table of Shewbread

The Word of God



In the Tabernacle, a table with twelve loaves of bread was set up to show the importance of reading God's Word. Eating bread nourishes and strengthens us. Without eating, we can't live. The same goes for when we read the Bible—it satisfies and strengthens our spirit. Reading God's Word regularly keeps us healthy and helps us become more like Jesus.



God's Word, the Bible, is an incredible gift and a powerful tool to use in our daily lives. Here is how you can use God's Word in your prayers:

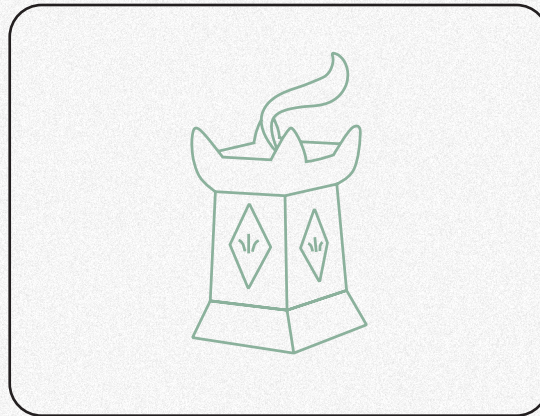
Take time to read the Bible and think about what you read.
Find hope in the many promises God has for your life.
Ask Him to show and teach you things you didn't know before.
Ask Him for a Word to help you as you start your day.

Prayer:

“Thank You, God, for giving me Your Word, the Bible. I commit to reading it, and I ask You to speak to me through it and show me who You are. Help me to grow more in love with You and Your Word, and help me use it more. I find hope in the promises You have for me, and I know what You say is true (pray any Scriptures that are on your mind or read them out loud). Teach me more about You today and every day! I want to know You more, and I want to see You more clearly through Your Word.”

6. The Altar of Incense

Worship



The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

PROVERBS 18:10 NKJV

A small altar of burning incense stood at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God's presence lived. The people of God worshiped His Names as they entered into His presence. (In the Bible there are many names that show us what God has done for us.) This altar represents worship and how much God loves it when we worship Him.

Thank God for wanting to be with you. When you pray, consider these names that the Bible gives us to describe who God is.

My Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:6

God is righteous, and when you accept Jesus into your heart you will become righteous. It means that He paid the price for your sin so that you have right standing with God.

My Sanctifier - Leviticus 20:7-8

God continually works in you to change you so you can become more like Jesus. God sets you apart and makes you holy.

My Healer - Exodus 15:26

Jesus can comfort and heal you when you are not feeling well. God can heal your mind, your body, and your spirit.

My Provider - Genesis 22:14

God will provide for you. Be hopeful and confident that God will do great things for you. This does not mean He gives you what you want, but what you need.

My Banner of Victory - Exodus 17:15

A banner, like a flag, is lifted high to celebrate, and we find victory in what Jesus has done for us on the cross. He is always faithful.

My Peace - Judges 6:24

Trust God; He will give you peace in every situation.

My Shepherd - Psalm 23:1

Just like a shepherd caring for his sheep, God will lead you, provide for you, and care for your needs. He is always there for you and will never leave you.

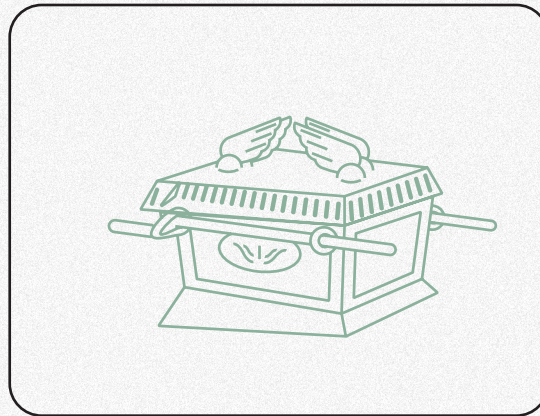
Prayer:

“Thank You, God, for wanting to be with me. Thank You for Your presence. I know that You are here with me. I worship You and You alone. I know, God, that You are: my Righteousness, my Sanctifier, my Healer, my Provider, my Banner of Victory, my Peace, and my Shepherd. (As you pray, praise His Names and worship Him personally and specifically for who He is and what He has done in your life.) I know that You are always with me, God, and Your presence means everything. You give me life, joy, and purpose. I love you, God.”

I worship God for His...

7. The Ark of the Covenant

Intercession



I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

The final station in the Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, the most holy place where God lived. Only the Priests could go inside. Once inside, they would pray for other people. Today, since we all have access to the presence of God through Jesus, we can do the same thing by praying for those around us. When we pray for others it is called “intercession.”

**We can make a difference when we spend time praying for others.
Pray for the people around you, including:**

Those in authority

People who guide you and help you make good decisions such as your leaders in church, your parents, your family, and your teachers

Your family

Your parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins

