

# Entering the Presence of God

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 ESV

Prayer draws you into intimacy with God. To have intimacy, there must be vulnerability—an opening up of the secret places of your heart and mind. Meditate on these verses:

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:9-10 NIV

There is only one way to enter the presence of God and that is through the blood of His Son. Pray the following verse,

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24 NIV

Does anything come to mind? If so, confess your sins to God.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 HCSB

God never holds a grudge, nor does He expect you to “pay” for what you did wrong. When you ask, you are forgiven! Now know this:

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don’t even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will. Romans 8:26-27 NLT

Pray this: Lord, I know that You hear me when I pray, and that You answer me in wisdom, power and love.

