



THE TABERNACLE PRAYER



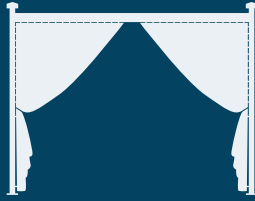
A note from Pastor Justin Jenkins

The following pages are a guide to some of the main ideas behind the Tabernacle Prayer. In this book, you'll find resources to help you visualize the Old Testament Tabernacle, along with prompts to help you pray. However, I want you to know that this is just a guide—not a formula. While you can read the words aloud as this book is written, don't feel bound to a form. I encourage you to let God's power and life fill each step. Many times, I'll stop in a certain place or pause in an area as the Lord begins to minister to me. I've found that each time I come, I experience God in a fresh way. Seeking God like this has been transformational for me, and it's my prayer that as you lean in to spend time with Him, His grace and empowerment will come upon you like never before. I'm praying for new strength, new power, and new freedom in your life as you experience God's presence and hear His voice through this method of approaching God.

Forever Forward,

Pastor Justin

In the Old Testament, the Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God, built to His specifications, where the Lord would meet with His people. As they entered the Tabernacle, they passed through seven stations, following God's instructions, where they experienced 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. This prayer model will take you through each station of the Tabernacle and use the purpose of each station to guide your prayers.



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the gate*

THE TABERNACLE GATE

The outer court of the Tabernacle was hidden behind pure white linen sheets stretched between poles. At one end of this was a 40 ft wide gate; a beautifully embroidered curtain of purple, scarlet and blue. The great width of this door reminds us that there is no sin too great to keep anyone out. The busyness of the world is left behind when you step through the gate.

Open the gates of righteousness for me. I will go through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which righteous people will enter. I give thanks to you, because you have answered me. You are my savior.

Psalim 118:19-21 GW

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalmi 100:4 NIV

PRAYER

Father, I desire to come into Your presence. I want Your anointing on my life today! I am seeking You and asking You to anoint me, Lord. Only through Your anointing can I carry out Your will for me, and only by Your anointing can I fulfill Your plan for my life.

As I come to You, I remember the pattern of worship displayed in Your Word. You gave Moses the sequence for entering Your presence and activating our anointing. I desire that today. In my mind, I see the Tabernacle that You commanded Moses to build in the wilderness. This is the place where You met with Your people. It was the only place the Israelites worshipped, and it illustrates Your pattern of worship.

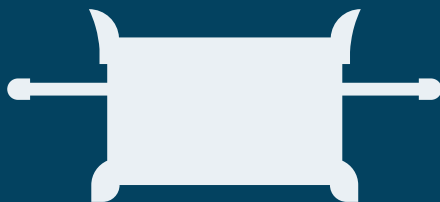
I thank You for the Courtyard, where the Brazen Altar and the Laver are. I thank You for the Holy Place, where the Lampstand, the Table of Showbread, and the Altar of Incense are found. I thank You for the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant and Your Mercy Seat reside. I thank You for the Tabernacle model given through Moses, witnessed in Jesus, and present in Heaven.

Today, according to Your Word, my body is Your Temple and I am a priest. My spirit is like the Holy of Holies. My mind is like the Holy Place. My physical body is like the Courtyard. So Jesus I ask you; work through my spirit, through my mind, and through my body. I worship You directly, Lord. I am a priest and You are my God.

Jesus, You are the High Priest of Heaven. Teach me my priestly duties today. Teach me according to Your ordained pattern for coming into Your presence.

PRACTICE

In your own words think of fresh reason to thank God. Spend time reflecting on your gratitude and give God praise.



THE BRAZEN ALTAR

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brazen altar*



At the Brazen Altar there were five different offerings presented: the burnt offering which shows surrender, the grain offering which shows thanksgiving, the fellowship offering which shows relationship, the sin offering which shows forgiveness, the trespass offering which shows restoration. These offerings foreshadowed the sacrifice of Jesus Christ at Calvary and illustrate the immense cost of sin. Today, the Cross of Jesus Christ replaces the Brazen Altar, and the blood of Jesus Christ replaces the blood of animals. His shed blood and death on the Cross was the one sacrifice for all our sins for all time.

God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so by faith in him we could come to God.

Romans 3:25 CEV

God wanted us to be made holy. We have been made holy by Jesus Christ. He made us holy by once making his body a sacrifice.*

By one sacrifice Christ has made right for ever all those people who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:10,14 WE

PRAYER

Lord, through Your sacrifice on the Cross and through Your shed blood I have confidence to approach You now. You defeated all the powers of darkness. So I ask You to sanctify me because of what you did at the Cross. Any hold that the world or the devil has on me is canceled and broken right now in the name of Jesus! Because of Your blood, I am free!

Through Your blood I have a new identity. Make me aware of my new identity — my true identity, a new person in You, a brand-new person through the blood of Jesus Christ. Lord, clarify my vision of myself as Your child, a member of Your family, and as a priest.

I reject the devil's messages and I rebuke the devil's schemes. They have no power or place in my life. I am a new creature, a new creation. I am holy, I am sanctified, and I am blessed. The glory of God is in me and I will enjoy the glory of God today!

As I come to the altar and see the Cross, I am walking into my new life now and leaving behind the old life. I am stepping into my new identity through the Cross and leaving behind the old me.

When You hung on the Cross You took my infirmities and healed me. That means sickness and disease have no place in me. You've provided for my healing, so sickness can't stay. I receive my healing today! By Your stripes endured in the courtyard of Pilate, I am healed!

Through the Cross and through Your blood, I am redeemed from the curse. You hung on a Cross so that the blessing of Abraham would be mine. I am no longer under the curse; I am under the blessing of Christ. I receive the blessing today! Thank you for blessing me! I am blessed in my home, work, ministry, and family. Poverty is not for me. I am rich in Christ. I have a glorious and blessed inheritance with all of God's people.

Because of Your blood, I am completely redeemed from any negative thinking. I am not anxious or worried—I have confidence in Christ and the peace of God. My mind is renewed by the truth of Your Word and my eyes are open to the freedom I have in Christ.

I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing, through Your blood, Jesus.

I am redeemed from death and hell. Through Your death on the Cross, resurrection, and ascension You have made me to sit with You. I see Your redeeming grace flowing to me now. Thank You, Lord, that my mind is being renewed as I pray this way. Thank You for renewing my mind as I confess these truths. Thank You for renewing my mind as I worship You. Thank You for renewing my mind from lies and negative thoughts. Lord, cleanse my mind from the filth of the world by the power of Your blood. I reject every lie, and I cut off every tie with darkness in Jesus' Name.

PRACTICE

With confidence, trust in what Jesus did for you. Your sin is forgiven, and you are declared righteous through the Cross. Imagine the Cross as a door and see yourself stepping through it. As you step through you discard your sinful identity of the past and receive the righteousness of Jesus. Confess these truths.

PRAYER

*It's at the Altar, through the Cross and by Your blood ...
That I am:*

- *Adopted into Your family as a child of God.*
- *Ordained as a priest in Your royal priesthood.*

*It's at the Altar, through the Cross and by Your blood ...
That I have been delivered:*

- *From sin to righteousness.*
- *From sickness to health.*
- *From cursed to blessed.*
- *From poverty to prosperity.*
- *From fear to faith.*
- *From anxiety and worry to confidence and peace.*
- *From the world and the devil to the Kingdom of God and the Holy Spirit.*

Jesus, I trust in what You did for me. There is no guilt or shame for me today; I have a clean slate. As I discard my sinful identity of the past and receive the righteousness of Jesus, I experience Your Glory now.



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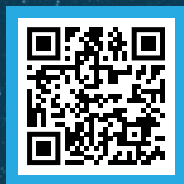


THE LAVER

The priests would wash their hands, feet, and face at the Laver, which is like a wash basin with a mirror. Before entering the Holy Place, look at yourself in the Laver and cleanse your conscience. Do this daily. Evaluate your heart as you reflect on the Ten Commandments, pursuing a clear conscience.



*cleanse your
conscience*



*see yourself
in Christ*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 EHV

Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, because we have been made free from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what he promised.

Hebrews 10:22-23 NCV

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I can't bring a guilty conscience into Your presence, and You won't allow it. So I come before You in humility, acknowledging that You have given me Your Holy Law as a guide to live in truth. As I reflect on each of the Commandments, I seek Your grace and mercy for the ways I have fallen short.

"I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD; YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME."

Forgive me for how I have prioritized possessions, status, and other distractions before You. Help me to seek and serve You first.

"YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY IDOLS."

Forgive me, Lord, for idolatry in my heart. I repent, for the times I've made other things my source of identity, security, and purpose. Help me to depend on You.

"YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN."

Lord, forgive me for how I have spoken and acted in ways that haven't honored Your name. Help me to glorify You.

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY."

Father, I repent for the times I have neglected to honor You through worship at church. Help me to prioritize Your presence, Your house, and to keep Your day holy.

"HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER."

Forgive me, Lord, for how I've failed to honor my parents, my family, and those in authority. Help me to walk with submission and integrity toward those You have placed over me.

"YOU SHALL NOT KILL."

Forgive me Father, for the anger, hatred, and harm I have had and caused, both in my heart and through my actions. Help me to love others as You have loved me.

"YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY."

Lord, forgive me for immorality, infidelity, and lust in my thoughts, desires, and behavior. Help me to live a life of purity and faithfulness, both in heart and body.

"YOU SHALL NOT STEAL."

Father, forgive me for the times I've cheated and stolen, both materially and spiritually. Help me to live with honesty and generosity.

"YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR."

Lord, forgive me for the lies, gossip, and slander I have entertained and spoken. Help me to speak the truth and build others up.

"YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

Forgive me for jealousy and discontentment I have had in my heart. Help me to trust in Your provision. I thank You for all You have given me.

Father, as I reflect on Your commandments, I repent of all my sins. Through Your grace, transform me, and help me to live a life that is consecrated to You.

PRACTICE

Take a moment and thank God for His forgiveness and mercy.

PRAYER

Lord, You are the source of all blessings and abundance. I don't want anything outside of Your will for me. You are an abundant God. You desire to bless me even more than I desire to be blessed! I give You permission to make open spaces in my life. I release my control on things so You can make room for what You want. I release my time, I release my money, and I release my preferences so that I can receive all that You have for me! Lord, let Your will be done in my life.



*experience
the lampstand*

THE LAMPSTAND

Behind the curtain of the inner court is the Holy Place. There is no natural light. The only light inside this chamber comes from the Lampstand, symbolic of the Holy Spirit. Here we no longer see in the light of the world and its perspective, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us see in the light of His truth.

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 41:2 NIV

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Holy Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good and profit.

1 Corinthians 12:7 AMP

PRACTICE

Breathe in and receive the breath of God, The Holy Spirit. Breathe out and release everything in you that is not of Him.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, I welcome a deeper, more intimate relationship with You today.

I ask you to give me Your wisdom and help me solve all the problems I face through Your guidance.

I ask you to give me Your understanding so that I may grasp the deep truths of God, live those truths, and pass them on to others in my life.

*Grant me Your counsel so that I will follow Your narrow path
If it pleases You, allow me to advise others with the wisdom,
understanding, and counsel You give me.*

*Give me Your might so that I may be used by You to heal the hearts
and lives of others and defeat the works of the enemy.*

*Holy Spirit, increase my knowledge of the Bible so that I can honor
You more fully.*

Give me an acute Fear of the Lord so that I am sensitive to avoid sin.

*Set me apart and make me holy Lord, so that I can operate in Your
anointing. I commit myself to You completely today.*

*Holy Spirit, You are a person. Forgive me for treating You
impersonally. You have a will, desires, and emotions. You want
to speak to me, and I want to hear from You. I welcome Your
leadership in my life today. I love You. I value Your presence in my
life. I worship You. You are the leader of my life. You are my Lord,
and I follow You.*

*I don't want to do things my way; I want to do things Your way. I
don't want to labor today in my own strength, I want to partner
with Your divine ability. I don't want to strive on my own; I want to
work with You. I want to do what You want to do.*

*I receive Your help now. And I receive Your anointing now. Let's
work together Holy Spirit. Let's move together. Let's go together. I'll
follow Your lead.*

PRACTICE

**When you come to this point, take a moment and lift your hands
towards Heaven and receive the help of the Holy Spirit. Begin to pray in
the Spirit, praying as the Lord leads.**



THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD

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the table of
showbread*



Next in the Holy Place is a table with twelve loaves of bread, called the Showbread (or Bread of Presence). There was one loaf for each tribe. This was symbolic of how God took care of His people with manna in the wilderness and that He is the sustainer of His people. This table reminds us that Jesus is the Bread of Life and His Word is our daily bread. Here we hear Him speak and receive strength to do the will of the Father.

This is how you should pray ... Give us our daily bread today.

Matthew 6:9,11 GW

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4 NIV

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for giving me Your Word. Both Your written Word (logos) and Your inspired Word (rhema). I thank You for all of the promises (7,000+) in Your written Word that are available to me and I thank You for the inspired words You have specifically for

me. Lord, I ask You for a Word today – a rhema Word; a personal, inspired Word that You illuminate in my heart for a specific application. I'm asking You to do this through the Scriptures by the light of Your Holy Spirit.

I don't want to rest in my own knowledge, because I know that my own knowledge can lead to disobedience. I am seeking truth from You today, Lord! I want to obey You in all things today with faith.

Thank You for Your Word. It is my daily bread. As I wait on You, I'm asking You to speak to me personally through Your written and inspired Word and I will wait to hear from You.

PRACTICE

Take time to read and meditate on passage of Scripture. As you read it

- **Claim God's promise to you found in it.**
- **Highlight what sticks out to you.**
- **Write down what God speaks to you.**
- **Ask Him to show you how to apply the truth He gives you.**
- **Take time to memorize a portion or part of what you read.**

If you haven't yet, consider taking Communion at this moment. Receive from Lord His Word and His very presence as you do.



*experience the
altar of incense*

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

Finally, within the Holy Place stood the Altar of Incense at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelled. This small golden altar is where incense was burned as a sacrifice to the Lord. Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the priest would take hot coals from the altar and two handfuls of incense to be burned behind the curtain in the Most Holy Place. The burning incense created a cloud of smoke that allowed him to be in God's presence. In the same way, we bring our worship as we come before the Father and experience His presence.

"But my name will be honored by the Gentiles from morning till night. All around the world they will offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name shall be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:11 TLB

So through Jesus we should never stop offering our sacrifice to God. That sacrifice is our praise, coming from lips that speak his name.

Hebrews 13:15 ERV

PRAYER

Father, You are Holy. There is none like You in Heaven or on Earth. You are All-Powerful and there is nothing You can't do. You are Righteous and Worthy. You stand alone in Your glory and splendor.

Your name is great and greatly to be praised. You are my Redeemer, my Healer, and my Provider. You are my Refuge and my Fortress. You are the Rock who never changes. You bring peace to my heart, and You are the source of my strength. You are mighty in power and my Banner of Victory. You stand for me in every battle and You never fail.

Lord, You see me completely. Nothing is hidden from You. You know my needs, my hopes, my hurts, and my joys. You are ever-present and always faithful. You are the source of truth and my guide in life.

I trust You because I know You are faithful. I worship You because You are worthy of all praise. I commit myself completely to You today, because of who You are.

Lord I love You, and I desire to experience Your presence in my life today.

PRACTICE

Pause for a few moments to simply worship God. You can confess the name of Jesus out loud, sing in the Spirit or sing a worship song that you know.

As you worship

- **Worship the Father for His nature and who He is.**
- **Honor and glorify His name. (You can read through His names in scripture, thanking Him for the divine character and attributes revealed in each one.)**
- **Be drawn close and feel the weight of His presence.**



THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

& THE HOLY OF HOLIES

*experience the
ark of the
covenant*



The final place in the Tabernacle is the Holy of Holies. This is the place where the priest interceded on behalf of the people of God. This is the place where God spoke with Moses face to face. Here we intercede for those on our heart and receive the answers we need. We can confidently place our requests before Him knowing He is pleased to grant any request freely in accordance with His will.

In this way, Aaron will carry the names of the tribes of Israel on the sacred chestpiece over his heart when he goes into the Holy Place. This will be a continual reminder that he represents the people when he comes before the Lord.

Exodus 28:29 NLT

Whenever Moses went into the Tabernacle to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim above the Ark's cover—the place of atonement—that rests on the Ark of the Covenant. The Lord spoke to him from there.

Numbers 7:89 NLT

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 NIV

PRAYER

Lord, I enter with faith and confidence into the Secret Place – the Holy of Holies. Your blood is sprinkled on the Mercy Seat and I remember, all my debts have been paid in full. I come before You boldly and ask You to help me.

As I pray according to Your will, I thank You that You hear me. And I know that because You hear me, You will answer.

PRACTICE

As you stand in God's presence, begin to pray personal requests. Start with those closest to you and work outward from there.

- ***My needs:***
relational, emotional, physical, and spiritual
- ***My family:***
both immediate and extended family members
- ***My church:***
pastors, leaders, members, its mission, and the larger body of Christ
- ***My relationships:***
friends, coworkers, and acquaintances
- ***My world:***
government leaders and those far from God
- ***My enemies:***
those with whom I disagree and who have hurt me

You do not need to pray for every person on this list. The Holy Spirit Himself will prompt you as necessary to bring focused petition on behalf of others. Allow the Spirit of God to lead you into the counsel and plans of the Father, praying forth His will and Kingdom.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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