



PRAYING THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Praying with Your Eyes Open by Richard Pratt

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The following list of divine attributes is designed as an aid for focusing on the character of God in prayer. It is often helpful to read the biblical passages noted and to incorporate them in prayer. This list is highly selective but provides a number of vital perspectives on the character of God.

Incommunicable Attributes (Qualities that belong to God alone):

INDEPENDENT (Self-existent): "...He does whatever pleases Him" (Ps. 115:3; cf. John 5:26; Rom. 11:35-36).

INFINITE: "...from everlasting to everlasting" (Ps. 90:1-2; cf. Pss. 33:11; 93:2; 145:13; Heb. 1:8-12).

ETERNAL: "...the LORD, the Eternal God" (Gen. 21:33; cf. Neh. 9:5-6; John 8:58; Rev. 1:8).

INCOMPREHENSIBLE: "...beyond our understanding" (Job 36:26; cf. Isa. 40:18-26; Matt. 11:27; Rom. 11:33-34).

PRE-EMINENT: "...all things were created by Him and for Him..." (Col. 1:15-19; cf. Exod. 15:1,11, 18; Rev. 19:11-16).

SOVEREIGN: "I will do all that I please..." (isa. 46:10; cf. Ps. 135:6; Dan. 4:35; Eph. 1:11).

TRANSCENDENT: "...beyond our reach..." (Job 37:23; cf. Exod. 33:20-23; Ps. 104:1-4; Isa. 40:21-26; 1 Tim. 6:15-16).

THE ONE AND ONLY: "...there is but one God..." (1 Cor. 8:6; cf. Deut. 6:4; Isa. 45:21-22; 1 Tim. 2:5).

MAJESTIC: "In the greatness of Your Majesty..." (Exod. 15:7; cf. Exod 15:6, 11; Job 37:22; Ps. 8:1,9; Jude 25).

EVERYWHERE (OMNIPRESENT) : "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" (Jer. 23:23-24; cf. 2 Chron. 2:6; Ps. 139:7-16; Acts 17:27-28).

ALL-KNOWING (OMNISCIENT): "...You alone know the hearts of all men..." (1 Kings 8:39; cf. Ps. 139:1-6; Prov. 3:19-20; 1 Cor. 2:10).

ALL-POWERFUL (OMNIPOTENT) : "...Is anything too hard for the LORD?" (Gen. 18:14; cf. 1 Sam. 2:6-7; Ps. 18:13-15; Rev. 19:6).

UNCHANGING (IMMUTABLE) "...You remain the same..." (Ps. 102:27; cf. Mal. 3:6; James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8).

Communicable Attributes (Belong to God & can be reflected in us via the HS):

HOLINESS: "Your ways, O God, are holy" (Ps. 77:13; cf. Isa. 6:3; 57:15; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Rev. 4:8).

WISDOM: "...magnificent in wisdom..." (Isa. 28:29; cf. Jer. 10:12; 1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 2:2-3).

TRUTHFULNESS: "...God is truthful..." (John 3:33; cf. Num. 23:19; Isa. 45:19; John 14:6).

LOVE: "...His unfailing love..." (Ps. 33:5,18, 22; cf. Exod. 15:13; Pss. 13:5-6; 89:2; Rom. 8:38-39; Eph. 3:17-19; 5:1-2).

GOODNESS: "...He is good..." (2 Chron. 7:3; cf. Gen. 1:31; Pss. 119:68;145:9; Mark 10:18).

FAITHFULNESS: "...He is the faithful God..." (Deut. 7:9; cf. Pss. 33:4; 100:5; 1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:24).

MERCY: "...His mercy is great..." (2 Sam. 24:14; cf. Neh. 9:31; Dan. 9:9; Luke 1:50, 54).

KINDNESS: "...He shows unfailing kindness..." (2 Sam. 22:51; cf. isa. 54:8; Jer. 9:24; Romans 11:22).

PATIENCE: "...His unlimited patience..." (1 Tim. 1:16; cf. Neh. 9:30; Rom. 3:25; 2 Peter 3:15).

JUSTICE: "...all His ways are just..." (Deut. 32:4; cf. Job 37:23; Psalm 99:4; Luke 18:7-8).

RIGHTEOUSNESS: "...My righteousness will never fail..." (Isa. 51:6; cf. Ps. 89:14; Jer. 23:5-6; 1 Cor. 1:30).

WRATH: "...expresses His wrath every day..." (Ps. 7:11; cf. Deut. 29:28; Isa. 13:13; Rom. 1:18; 5:9; 9:22; Rev. 19:15).

JEALOUSY: "...a jealous God..." (Exod. 34:14; cf. Deut. 4:24; Nah. 1:2; Zech. 8:2; 2 Cor. 11:2).

GRACE: "...God, gracious, and compassionate..." (Neh. 9:17; cf. Exod. 34:6-7; Isa. 26:10; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5-7).

This list contains a number of the names, titles, and metaphors for God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit within the Bible. Some are paraphrased slightly for more convenient listing. The variety exhibited here should encourage us to address God in many ways in our prayers.

God the FATHER

Abba, Father-Mark 14:36; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6

Ancient of Days-Dan. 7:9,13,22

Creator-Isa. 27:11; 40:28

Creator of Israel-Isa. 43:15

Father-Luke 11:2

Father-Creator-Mal. 2:10

Father of Compassion-2 Cor. 1:3

Father of Glory (NASB)-Eph. 1:17

Father of Lights (NASB)-James 1:17

Father of Our Spirits-Heb. 12:9

God-Gen. 1-2:3 ("Elohim")

God Almighty-Gen. 17:1-2; 48:3-4; 49:25; Ps. 91:1 (NIV: "God, Almighty")

God Most High-Gen. 14:18-22; Ps. 78:56; Dan. 4:25; Num. 24:16; Acts 7:48

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-Exod. 3:6, 16

God of Heaven and Earth-Ezra 1:2; 5:11; Neh.1:4; Rev. 11:13

God of Hope-Rom. 15:13

God of Israel-Gen. 33:20

God of Justice-Mal. 2:17

God of Peace-Heb. 13:20
God Our Father-Eph. 1:2
God the Father-2 Tim. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:17
Holy Father-John 17:11
Holy One-Isa. 43:15; Hab. 3:3
Jealous-Exod. 20:5; 34:14; Deut. 4:24
Judge of the Earth-Gen. 18:25; Ps. 94:2 King-Pss. 10:16; 74:12; 84:3; Isa. 43:15
King of Glory-Ps. 24:7-10
King of Heaven-Dan. 4:37
King of the Ages-Rev. 15:3
King of the Nations-Jer. 10:6-7
Living God-Dan. 6:20,26; Matt. 16:16; Rom. 9:26 Lord of All the Earth-Josh. 3:11,13;
Mic. 4:13; Zech. 6:5
Lord of Lords-Deut. 10:17
Lord Our Righteousness-Jer. 23:5-6; 33:16 Lord, the God of the Hebrews- Exod 7:16
Our Father-Matt. 6:9
Redeemer-Job 19:25; Isa. 47:4
Righteous Father-John 17:25
Rock-Deut. 32:4, 15; Ps. 18:2
Rock of Israel-Gen. 49:24
Savior-Hos. 13:4
The Faithful God-Deut. 7:9; 32:4
The Father-I John 1:2; 3:1; 4:14
The First and the Last-Isa. 48:12
The God of All Comfort-2 Cor. 1:3
The God of Daniel- Dan. 6:26
The God of Gods-Deut. 10:17
The God of the Armies of Israel- 1Sam 17:45
The God Who Sees-Gen. 16:13
The Great and Awesome God-Neh. 1:5
The Lord Is My Banner-Exod. 17:15
The Lord Is Peace- Jud 6:24
The Lord Is There-Ezek. 48:35
The Lord My God-Josh. 14:8; Ezra 7:28; Pss. 7:1; 18:28; 30:2; Zech. 14:5
The Lord My Shepherd-Gen. 48:15; 49:24; Ps 23
The Lord of Hosts (NASB)- 1Sam 1:3; 4:4;
17:45; Isa. 6:3; 47:4; Hag. 2:4,6
The Lord Our God-Deut. 1:6,19,20; 2:29,33; 3:3; 4:7; 6:4

The Lord Our Maker-Ps. 95:6
The Lord Who Heals-Exod. 15:26
The Lord Who Sanctifies (NASB)-Exod. 31:13; Lev. 20:7-8; 21:8,15,23
The Lord Will Provide-Gen. 22:14
The Mighty One of Jacob-Gen. 49:24 Yahweh-Gen. 4:26; Exod. 6:2-3; Num. 14:18;
Ps.106:25.
Also: LORD, Jehovah Your Father-Matt. 5:16; John 20:17

God the SON

Advocate (NASB, KJV)-I John 2:1-2
Alpha and Omega-Rev. 1:8; 22:13
Apostle and High Priest-Heb. 3:1
Author and Perfecter-Heb. 12:2
Author of Salvation-Heb. 2:10
Blessed and Only Ruler-1 Tim. 6:15
Branch From Jesse-Isa. 11:1
Bread of God-John 6:33
Bread of Life-John 6:35
Bridegroom-Matt. 25:1-10; Mark 2:19-20; John 3:29
Chosen of God-Luke 23:35; 1 Pet. 2:4
Chosen One-Isa. 42:1; Luke 23:35
Christ Jesus Our Lord-2 Tim.1:2
Christ of God-Luke 9:20; 23:35
Christ the Lord-Luke 2:11
Christ, the Power of God and the Wisdom of God-1 Cor. 1:24
Consolation of Israel-Luke 2:25
Cornerstone-Isa. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6 Deliverer-Rom. 11:26
Desired of All the Nations-Hag. 2:7
Everlasting Father-Isa. 9:6
Faithful and True-Rev. 19:11
Faithful and True Witness-Rev. 3:14
First Born-Heb. 1:6
First Born From the Dead-Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5
Firstborn Among Many Brothers-Rom. 8:29
Firstborn Over All Creation-Col. 1:15
Forerunner (NASB)-Heb. 6:20
Foundation-1 Cor. 3:11
Fountain-Zech. 13:1
Friend-Matt. 11:19

Gate-John 10:7-9
Gift of God-John 4:10
Glory of Israel-Luke 2:32
Good Shepherd-John 10:11,14
Head of the Church-Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18-20
Heir of All Things-Heb. 1:2
High Priest-Heb. 3:1; 4:14; 7:26-27
Holy One-Acts 2:27
Holy One of God-Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34; John 6:69
Hope of Glory - Col. 1:27
Horn of Salvation-Luke 1:69
I Am-John 8:58
Immanuel-Matt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14
Jesus-Matt. 1:21; Acts 9:5; Heb. 2:9
Jesus Christ-Matt. 1:1
Jesus of Nazareth-Mark 1:24; John 18:5,7; 19:19
Judge-Acts 10:42
King-Luke 19:38
King of Kings-1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 19:16
Lamb-Rev. 5:6
Lamb of God-John 1:36
Light of the Gentiles-Luke 2:32
Light of the World-John 8:12; 9:5
Lion of the Tribe of Judah-Rev. 5:5
Living Stone-1 Pet. 2:4
Lord-Matt. 22:43-44; Mark 1:3; Luke 7:13; Rom 10:9; Phil. 2:11
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ-2 Pet. 1:11; 2:20;3:18
Lord of Glory-1 Cor. 2:8
Lord of Lords-1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 19:16
Lord of the Dead and Living-Rom. 14:9
Lord of the Sabbath-Matt. 12:8; Mark 2:28 Master-Matt. 23:8
Mediator-1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 12:24
Messiah-John 1:41; 4:25
Mighty God-Isa. 9:6
One and Only-John 1:14,18; 3:16
Our Holiness-1 Cor. 1:30
Our Passover-1 Cor. 5:7
Our Redemption-1 Cor. 1:30

Our Righteousness-Jer. 23:6; 1 Cor.1:30 Physician-Luke 4:23
Prince-Acts 5:31
Prince of Life-Acts 3:15
Prince of Peace-Isa. 9:6
Rabbi-Mark 10:51; John 1:38,49
Rabboni-John 20:16
Radiance of God's Glory-Heb. 1:3
Redeemer-Isa. 44:24; Gal. 4:5
Righteous Branch-Jer. 23:5
Righteous Judge- 2 Tim 4:8
Righteous One-Acts 7:52; 1 John 2:1
Righteous Servant-Isa. 53:11
Rising Sun-Luke 1:78
Rock-1 Cor. 10:4
Root and Offspring of David-Rev. 22: 16
Root of David-Rev. 5:5
Ruler-Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:6
Ruler of God's Creation-Rev. 3:14
Savior-Luke 2:11; Acts 5:31; 1 Tim. 2:3; Titus 3:6
Second Man- 1Cor. 15:47
Servant-Isa. 52:13-15; Phil. 2:7
Shepherd and Overseer-1 Pet. 2:25
Son- Col. 1:13; Heb. 3:6
Son of Abraham-Matt. 1:1
Son of God-Matt. 8:29; 14:33; John 10:36
Son of Man-Matt. 8:20; Mark 2:10; John 1:51; 3:13
Son of the Blessed One-Mark 14:61
Son of the Father-2 John 3
Son of the Living God-Matt. 16:16
Son of the Most High God-Mark 5:7; Luke 8:28
Stone-Matt. 21:42; 1 Pet. 2:8
Sure Foundation-Isa. 28:16
Teacher-John 13:14
The Almighty-Rev. 1:8; 15:3
The Amen-Rev. 3:14
The Beginning-Col. 1:18
The Branch of the Lord-Isa. 4:2
The Christ-John 7:41; Acts 2:36

The Last Adam- 1Cor. 15:45
The Life-John 11:25; 14:6
The Morning Star-2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 22:16
The Prophet-John 7:40
The Resurrection-John 11:25
The Son of God-Matt. 8:29; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:35; John 10:36; Acts 9:20
True God-I John 5:20
True Light-John 1:9
True Vine-John 15:1
Truth-John 14:6
Way-John 14:6
Wisdom- 1Cor. 1:30
Wonderful Counselor-Isa. 9:6; see also Isa. 28:29
Word-John 1:1,14
Word of God-Rev. 19:13

God the HOLY SPIRIT

Breath of the Almighty-Job 32:8; 33:4 Counselor-John 14:16
Deposit-Eph. 1:13-14
Eternal Spirit-Heb. 9:14
God-Acts 5:3-4
God's Seed-I John 3:9
Good Spirit-Neh. 9:20
Helper (NASB)-John 14:16,26; 15:26; Rom. 8:26
His Holy Spirit- 1Thess. 4:8
His Spirit-Ps. 106:33; Eph. 3:16; 1 John 4:13
Holy Spirit-Matt. 1:18; Mark 12:36; John 1:33; Acts 4:8; Rom. 15:16
Holy Spirit of God-Eph. 4:30
Living Water-John 7:38-39
Lord-2 Cor. 3:17-18
Power of the Most High-Luke 1:35
Promise of the Father-Acts 1:4; 2:33
Seal-Eph. 4:30
Seven Spirits-Rev. 1:4-5; 4:5; 5:6
Spirit-Num. 11:17,25,26
Spirit He Gave Us-I John 3:24
Spirit of Christ-Rom. 8:9; 1 Pet. 1:11
Spirit of Counsel-Isa. 11:2
Spirit of Faith- 1Cor. 12:9; 2 Cor. 4:13

Spirit of Fire-Isa. 4:4
 Spirit of Glory- 1 Pet. 4:14
 Spirit of God-Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4; Matt. 3:16; 12:28
 Spirit of Grace and Supplication-Zech. 12:10
 Spirit of Him Who Raised Jesus From the Dead- Rom. 8:11
 Spirit of His Son- Gal. 4:6
 Spirit of Holiness-Rom. 1:4
 Spirit of Jesus-Acts 16:7
 Spirit of Jesus Christ- Phil 1:19
 Spirit of Judgment-Isa. 4:4
 Spirit of Knowledge-Isa. 11:2
 Spirit of Life-Rom. 8:2
 Spirit of Our God- 1 Cor. 6:11
 Spirit of Power-Isa. 11:2
 Spirit of Promise--Eph. 1:13
 Spirit of Sonship-Rom. 8:15
 Spirit of the Fear of the Lord-Isa. 11:2
 Spirit of the Living God-2 Cor. 3:3
 Spirit of the Lord-Isa. 11:2; Luke 4:18; Acts 8:39; 2 Cor. 3:17
 Spirit of the Lord God-Isa. 61:1
 Spirit of Truth-John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13 Spirit of Understanding-Isa. 11:2
 Spirit of Wisdom-Isa. 11:2 .
 Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation (NASB) - Eph. 1:17
 Spirit of Your Father-Matt. 10:20
 Spirit Who Intercedes for Us-Rom. 8:26-27
 Spirit Who Is From God-1 Cor. 2:12
 Spirit Who Searches All Things-1 Cor. 2:10 Your Holy Spirit-Ps. 51:11

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Holy

Exodus 15:11; Leviticus 19:2; Deuteronomy 32:4; 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalms 22:3; 33:4-5; 47:8; 92:15; 96:9; 99:3, 5; Isaiah 6:1-5; 57:15; Habakkuk 3:3; Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:4,7; James 1:13; 1 John 1:5; 2:20; Revelation 4:8; 6:10; 15:4

Sovereign

1 Chronicles 29:11-12; 2 Chronicles 20:6; Job 41:11; Psalms 75:6-7; Isaiah 45:7;

Matthew 11:25; 20:15; John 10:29; Acts 17:24-26; Romans 14:11; 1 Timothy 6:15-16

Love

Deuteronomy 33:12; Job 7:17; Psalms 63:3; 89:33; Isaiah 38:17; John 14:21, 23; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:1; 4:8-10

Wrath

Deuteronomy 9:7; 2 Chronicles 36:16; Psalms 2:4-5; 76:10; Isaiah 13:9,13; Jeremiah 25:15; Ezekiel 5:13; 20:8; John 3:36; Romans 1:18; 2:5; 5:9; 9:22; Ephesians 5:6; Revelation 6:15-17; 14:9-10,19; 19:11-16

Person

Isaiah 45:5-6; Jeremiah 10:6; 32:17, 27; John 17:3; Romans 1:25; 1 Timothy 2:5

Father

Psalms 68:5; Isaiah 64:8; Jeremiah 31:9; Matthew 5:44-45; 6:9; 10:20; 18:19; Luke 11:13; John 6:27; 14:13, 26; 1 John 2:1; 3:1; Jude 1

Eternal

Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalms 90:1-2; 102:24-27; Isaiah 40:28; Habakkuk 1:12; 1 Timothy 1:17; 2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 4:8-10

Glorious

Exodus 15:11; 1 Kings 19:12; Psalms 19:1; 29:2; Isaiah 55:9; John 14:13; Acts 9:3-5; 2 Corinthians 4:15; Philippians 4:19; Revelation 15:8

Righteous

Numbers 23:19; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalms 86:11; 119:144; 145:17; Jeremiah 23:5; Matthew 6:33; 2 Timothy 4:8; 2 Peter 1:1

Faithful

Genesis 28:15; Joshua 23:14; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Timothy 2:19; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 10:22-23; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:9

Good

Exodus 33:19; Psalms 25:8; 33:5; 34:8; 68:19; 100:5; 107:9; 118:29; 145:9; Lamentations 3:25; Nahum 1:7; Matthew 7:11; 19:17; Luke 6:35; Romans 2:4

Just

Nehemiah 9:33; Proverbs 21:2-3; 24:12; Isaiah 30:18; Jeremiah 9:24; Hebrews 6:10; 10:30-31; 1 Peter 1:17; 2 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 15:3

Jealous

Exodus 20:5; 34:14; Deuteronomy 32:16; 32:16; Isaiah 30:1-2; Joel 2:18; James 4:4-5

Omniscient

Deuteronomy 2:7; 1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Job 23:10; Psalms 139:2-4; 139:15-16; Matthew 6:4; Romans 8:29; Hebrews 4:13

Omnipotent

Genesis 18:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Job 9:10; 42:2; Jeremiah 27:5; Matthew 19:26; 22:29; Luke 1:51; Acts 26:8; Ephesians 1:19-20; Revelation 19:1

Omnipresent

Genesis 16:13; 28:16; Exodus 20:24; Psalms 139:3, 5, 7-10; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Acts 17:27; Ephesians 1:23

Immutable

Numbers 23:19-20; 1 Samuel 15:29; Psalms 33:11; Isaiah 40:28; Malachi 3:6; Romans 11:29; Hebrews 1:12; 6:17-18; 13:8; James 1:17

Incomprehensible

Deuteronomy 29:29; Judges 13:18; Job 5:9; 26:14; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Isaiah 40:28; 55:8-9; Matthew 11:27; Romans 11:33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:11, 16

Infinite

Exodus 3:14; 1 Kings 8:27; Psalms 147:5; Jeremiah 10:10; Romans 11:33

Perfect

Deuteronomy 32:4; 2 Samuel 22:31; Matthew 5:48; Romans 12:2; Hebrews 7:28 (with Hebrews 5:7-10); James 1:17

Wise (Wisdom)

Job 9:4; 12:13; Psalms 104:24; Proverbs 3:19-20; Jeremiah 10:12; Daniel 2:20-22; Romans 16:27; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Ephesians 1:8; Revelation 7:11-12

Truth

Numbers 23:19; Psalms 33:4; 119:160; Jeremiah 10:10; John 17:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 John 5:20

Guide

2 Samuel 22:29; Psalms 23:2-3; 25:5, 9; 31:3; 32:8; 139:24; Isaiah 42:16; John 10:3-4; 16:13

Preserver

Psalms 116:6; 118:13; 145:14; Proverbs 3:6; Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 10:29-31; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 1:6

Comfort

Psalms 23:4; 119:50; 145:8-9; Isaiah 49:13; Jeremiah 31:13; Matthew 5:4; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; 7:6-7

Strength

Exodus 15:13; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Job 12:13-16; Psalms 28:7-8; 73:25-26; 1 Peter 4:11

Invisible

Deuteronomy 4:15; Job 9:11; Matthew 6:6; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 11:27; 1 John 4:12

Gift-giver

Psalms 112:9; 115:16; Isaiah 63:7; Matthew 7:11; Acts 1:4; 2:38; James 1:17; 1 John 5:11 (Verses listing the Gifts of the Spirit are Romans 12:6-8, 11; 1 Corinthians 2:4; 12:8-10, 28-30; Ephesians 4:11-13; 6:8; 1 Peter 4:9-11; Matthew 5:15; 10:1; 2 Timothy 1:6)

Generous

Ezekiel 36:26; Luke 11:13; Romans 5:17; 2 Corinthians 4:15; 8:9; 1 Peter 1:3-4

Victor

Deuteronomy 20:4; 1 Chronicles 11:14; Job 12:13-16; Psalms 44:5-8; Proverbs 21:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; 1 John 5:4

Unfathomable

Job 11:7-8; 26:14; 37:23; Psalms 145:3; Isaiah 40:28; 55:8-9; 1 Timothy 6:16