

Creative ideas

Names and attributes of God to use in prayer

Sometimes we struggle to really press in when we are praying for others because we simply run out of things to pray for. We came across something Bill Hybels said he did to help expand his prayer life, and have found adapting it really helpful. It begins with the idea that to expand your prayer life you have to expand your view of God, your understanding of his character, and your vocabulary about him and his kingdom.

When you are praying for a particular situation, glance down this list and see which names and attributes of God's amazing and huge person, particularly resonate with it. Jot these down and use them one by one to pray for the people, country or issue you are lifting up to God.

We've used plenty of Biblical and traditional terms in our list, but we have also included some modern words or concepts which hold a new resonance for us – for example 'future-proof' as well as 'faithful'.

(We recommend making your own list, with words that help you, as an even better start and fuel for prayer – for more on this, see 'Creative ideas – Bringing an outward focus to personal devotions' at www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-prayer)

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1. Abba	2. Able
3. Active	4. Advocate
5. Ageless one	6. Anchor
7. Ancient of days	8. Alive
9. Almighty God	10. Alpha and Omega (The first and the last)
11. Artisan	12. Authentic
13. Author	14. Avenger
15. Awesome	16. Back-stop
17. Banner (Jehovah Nissi)	18. Beacon
19. Beautiful	20. Beautifies
21. Bedrock	22. Beyond imagining
23. Blesses	24. Builder
25. Burden bearer	26. Caring
27. Centrepiece of civilization	28. Centre of it all
29. Champion	30. Close
31. Cleanses	32. Comforter
33. Commander	34. Compass
35. Compassionate	36. Complete
37. Constant	38. Cornerstone
39. Counsellor	40. Creative
41. Crucified	42. Dangerous
43. Dazzling	44. Defender
45. Deliverer	46. Doting Dad
47. Down To Earth	48. Dwelling Place
49. Earth-shaper	50. Emmanuel
51. Empathic	52. Encircling us
53. Encourager	54. Enough
55. Eternal	56. Everlasting
57. Extravagant	58. Exuberant Life
59. Faithful	60. Father
61. Finisher and completer	62. Freedom
63. Friend of sinners	64. Gardener
65. Guards	66. Generous
67. Genius	68. Gentle
69. Gift-giver	70. Glorious
71. God Of The Angel Armies	72. Good
73. Governs	74. Gracious
75. Guide	76. Healer (Jehovah Rapha)
77. Heaven-maker	78. Helper
79. Hiding Place	80. High King Of Heaven
81. High Priest	82. High strong tower
83. Holy	84. Holy Spirit
85. Honest	86. Hope
87. Humble	88. I AM (Yaweh)
89. Incomparable	90. In control
91. Incomprehensible	92. In our midst
93. Indescribable	94. Infinite
95. Intercessor	96. Interested
97. Involved (in the past, present and future)	98. Irresistible
99. Jealous	100. Jesus
101. Joyful	102. Judge

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103. Just	104. Key of knowledge
105. Kind	106. King of kings
107. Lamb	108. Leader
109. Life-giver	110. Light of the world
111. Lighthouse	112. Lion
113. Living water	114. Lord of lords
115. Love	116. Majestic
117. Master	118. Merciful
119. Mighty one	120. Mighty to save
121. Miracle Maker	122. Morning Star
123. Mysterious	124. Ominipotent (All-powerful)
125. Omnipresent (All-present)	126. Omniscient (All-knowing)
127. One in three	128. Only one able to supply all of our needs simultaneously
129. Original	130. Overcomes
131. Partner	132. Patient
133. Peace (Jehovah Shalom)	134. Peacemaker
135. Pearl of great price	136. Perfect
137. Pioneer	138. Powerful
139. Pre-eminent	140. Prince of peace
141. Present	142. Protector (Jehovah Shabaath)
143. Provider (Jehovah Jireh)	144. Pure
145. Quiets us with his love	146. Radiant
147. Real	148. Reckless forgiver
149. Re-creator	150. Redeemer
151. Refiner	152. Refuge
153. Reigns	154. Rejoicing over us with joy
155. Relational	156. Reliable
157. Rescuer	158. Rest
159. Restorer	160. Retreat
161. Righteousness (Jehovah Tsid-Kenu)	162. Safeguard
163. Safe Place	164. Saviour
165. Servant	166. Shelter
167. Shepherd (Jehovah Raah)	168. Shield
169. Shines like the sun	170. Sincere
171. Singing over us	172. Sky-painter
173. Source of all life	174. Sovereign
175. Steadfast	176. Strong
177. Sufficient	178. Supernatural
179. Supreme	180. Superlative of every good thing you choose to call him
181. Supply	182. Sustainer
183. Teacher	184. The bread of life
185. The door	186. The gate
187. The God who saves	188. The Life
189. The potter	190. The Resurrection
191. The Truth	192. The vine
193. The Way	194. Trinity
195. Timeless	196. Treasure
197. Tree of life	198. True North
199. Trustworthy	200. Truth

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201. Unapproachable light	202. Unchanging
203. Uncontainable	204. Understanding
205. Unfathomable	206. Unique
207. Unparalleled	208. Unprecedented
209. Untameable	210. Upholder
211. Victorious	212. Was, Is and is to come
213. Well-spring	214. Wild
215. Wing overshadowing us	216. Wise
217. With us everywhere (Jehovah Shammag)	218. Wonderful
219. Wonder-weaver	