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Pray First

Part 2: Tabernacle Prayer

**Ephesians 6:18 NIV** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

**Exodus 25:8-9 NLT** “Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them. You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern I will show you.”

**Exodus 33:11 NLT** Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

### 1. The Outer Court: Give God thanks.

**Psalms 100:4 NIV** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

### 2. The Brazen Altar: Focus on the Cross.

**Psalms 103:2-5 NIV** Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### 3. The Laver: Offer every part of my life to God.

**Romans 12:1 NIV** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

**Psalms 139:23-24 NIV** Search me, 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.

### 4. The Candlestick: Invite the work of the Holy Spirit

in my life.

**Isaiah 11:2 NIV** 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.

**Galatians 5:22-23 NIV** The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**2 Timothy 1:6-7 NLT** This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

### 5. The Table of Shewbread: Read God's Word and let God speak to me.

**Matthew 4:4 NIV** Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

**Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... (Take) the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

### 6. The Altar of Incense: Worship His Name.

**Proverbs 18:10 NIV** The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

### 7. The Ark of the Covenant: Intercede for others.

**1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV** I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

**James 4:8 NIV** “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

