



PRAYER TRANSFORMATION

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Prayer Transformation is the truly life-giving change that occurs when we seek God's face instead of seeking God's hand.



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Hello
my name is

God knows us by name

**Old Testament references: Isaiah 43,
Isaiah 49, Jeremiah 1, and Psalm 139**



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God knows us by name

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:2-4, 14-15 NIV



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Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

2 Timothy 2:19 NIV



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God knows us by name

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:12-13 NIV



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**The purpose of prayer
gets turned around**

“How His Name Corrects our Nonsense”



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Prayer's purpose gets turned around

Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.
At that time people began to call on the name
of the Lord.

Genesis 4:26 NIV



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Prayer's purpose gets turned around

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.’

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV



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**“Prayer is a means God uses to give us
what He wants.”**

**-W. Bingham Hunter
writer & theologian**



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**Proclaiming God's name
Is the first step to surrender**

**Letting go of your will and clinging to the
will of the Father**



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God's name leads to surrender

And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

Matthew 26:37-44 NIV



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God's name leads to surrender

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

Matthew 26:37-44 NIV



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God's name leads to surrender

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV



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Declaring God's name humbles us

Recognizing and vocalizing that Jesus Christ is the name above every other name removes us from the throne of our lives and places Jesus there



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Declaring God's name humbles us

David's prayer of praise before the assembly of Israel: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14 NKJV



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**Proclaiming God's name
Reveals God's character to us**

**Knowing God's names allows us to
recognize His work in our lives**



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God's name reveals God's character

In the night, LORD, I remember your name,
that I may keep your law.

This has been my practice:
I obey your precepts.

You are my portion, LORD;
I have promised to obey your words.

Psalm 119:55-60 NIV



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God's name reveals God's character

I have sought your face with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

I have considered my ways

and have turned my steps to your statutes.

I will hasten and not delay

to obey your commands.

Psalm 119:55-60 NIV



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Application

1. **Watch out! The purpose of prayer can be easily confused and warped.**
2. **Understanding God's name corrects our nonsense when...**
3. **Proclaiming God's name leads us to humility and surrender.**
4. **Proclaiming God's names reveal His character to us.**
5. **Understand God's character and heart leads us to a deeper and more fulfilling life of prayer.**