

AUGUST 24TH, 2025 WAITING ON A WORD PROVERBS 16:24

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²⁴ Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24 (NASB95)

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

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Psalm 27:4 (ESV)

⁴ The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 15:4 (NIV84)

PRAYER PROCESS

Opening Declaration

Father, I am made by You, for You. I am made to glorify You **by** enjoying You forever; I'm designed for deep, intimate communion with You. My body has been formed from the dust, and You have placed Your breath within me. I long to know You today, body and spirit. I choose to serve You today, body and spirit.

I am Your image-bearer (Genesis 1:26-27). I consecrate today through the mighty strength of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I claim for myself the power of Christ's Incarnation, Baptism, Crucifixion, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension, and coming Judgment, as my refuge and fortress (Psalm 91). Thank You, Jesus, for rescuing, restoring, and redeeming me; I take my place in Your Cross, dying to sin and self; in Your Resurrection, receiving Your life; in Your Ascension, claiming Your authority over all things.

Identity: As a Child of God

Lord, I trust in You with all my heart, choosing not to lean on my own limited understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). I affirm my divine design: I am Your child, created for intimate relationship with You and made to enjoy You deeply. I claim allegiance to King Jesus and therefore have been given the right to be called a child of God (John 1:12). I have been made a new creation in King Jesus—buried in His death and raised in His resurrection and ascension (2 Corinthians 5:17). Help me Jesus, to reject any other identity than what you have given me. In Jesus' name, I reject the foul spirits of shame and rejection and renounce the lies that attack my worth. May Your love move me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:29-30).

(Pause: Breathe deeply, affirming, "I am a child of God—made by You for You.")

Community: As a Member of the Family of God

Father, You've shown me it's not good to walk alone (Genesis 2:18)—You crafted me in Your image for interdependence, not independence. Because I am Your child, I am a member of the family of God, woven into Your loving relationships, designed to reflect Your Trinity in unity and diversity. With deep gratitude, I thank You for my family; both physical and spiritual. Help me today to choose to know and be known; to love and be loved. Thank you, Jesus, for the unity in the Spirit You have already given. I reject any spirits of division or isolation that threaten these bonds, trusting that I can only be who You made me to be in community.

(Pause: Visualize your family and church thriving under God's loving shelter, offering prayers for anyone the Spirit brings to mind.)

Humility: As an Apprentice of Jesus

Father, You resist the proud but pour grace upon the humble (Proverbs 3:34)—teach me this path of wisdom today. I affirm my calling: I am an apprentice of Jesus, humbly learning to turn from evil and embrace Your restoration. Sin has broken me; forgive my pride and recreate me through Christ's free gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23). By the Spirit, I put to death the deeds of the flesh (Romans 8:13): I declare myself a slave to righteousness, not sin (Romans 6:18) and I ask you to grow my faith, Lord, as Your apprentice; strengthen me to keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25), not grieving Him through pride or fleshly ways (Ephesians 4:30), but yielding fully to His leading in every step. Today, let humility lead me to honor and deeper trust in You.

(Pause: Ask the Spirit to lead you to the joy of repentance.)

Journey: As an Ambassador of the King of Kings

Father, all authority in heaven and earth belongs to You! King Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)—send me out as Your ambassador today, to join You in Your work of making disciples and announcing Your Kingdom. I affirm my mission: I am an ambassador of the King of Kings, empowered to bring Your rule and healing to broken places. Not against flesh and blood do I wrestle, but against the rulers, authorities, and dark powers of this age (Ephesians 6:12)—I claim Your supreme authority over them all, Jesus; at Your name, every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11). You will build Your church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). From the days of John the Baptist until now, Your Kingdom advances forcefully, and as Your forceful servant, I lay hold of it (Matthew 11:12). I actively resist the devil, and he must flee from me (James 4:7), for greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4). In Your mighty name, I take every thought captive and shatter the strongholds of deception and darkness (2 Corinthians 10). Jesus, remove the blinders that the god of this age has placed on the lost, unveiling the Your glory to everyone, everywhere (2 Corinthians 4:4). Please use me today to proclaim and demonstrate Your gospel and to take advantage of every opportunity You give me (Ephesians 5:15-16).

(Pause: Envision your day living as an Ambassador of Jesus.)

Rest and Be Still

Jesus, You are my King and closer than a brother. You live and breathe within me through Your Spirit and You created me for communion. Draw me close, let me enjoy Your presence body and spirit. Speak Your love over me, whisper guidance for the battles and beauties ahead; grow my faith as I yield to Your Spirit's leading. I rest in You, my life woven into Yours—the best is yet to come. Amen.