



THE TABERNACLE PRAYER

In the Old Testament, the Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God, built to His specifications, where He would meet His people. As they entered the Tabernacle, they passed through seven stations, following God's instructions, to experience His presence. Today, even though we no longer need the physical Tabernacle to meet with God, these same steps can help us connect with Him. This prayer model will take us through each station of the Tabernacle and use the purpose of each station to guide our prayers.

1. THE OUTER COURT / ENTRANCE GATE

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

The Israelites entered the Tabernacle with thanksgiving and praise, and we start our prayer time the same way.

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. **PSALM 100:4***

Spend some time really thinking about all the blessings in your life for which you're thankful. You can write down a list, sing your own song of

praise, or just spend quiet moments reflecting on your gratitude and praise toward God.

PRAYER: *“Holy Heavenly Father, I enter into Your gates with thanksgiving. I approach this entrance into Your presence with praise. I love You and adore You. I worship You with every breath that is within me. I bow before You. I proclaim your greatness. Like the Psalmist David, I want to make Your praise glorious (Psalm 66:2). You are the Almighty and all powerful King of kings and Lord of lords. There is no God like You. You are the creator of all things. You are the giver of life. You are the alpha and omega - the beginning and the end of all things. I proclaim your greatness. I thank You for everything You have done. I thank You for every good and perfect gift You have given me. From the depths of my soul - with all of my heart and mind and soul and strength - I thank You, Jesus. You are great and greatly to be praised!”*

2. THE BRAZEN ALTAR

THE PLACE OF REPENTANCE & SACRIFICE

In the Old Testament, everyone had to regularly bring animal sacrifices as payment for their sins. Today, we don't have to do that because Jesus paid for our sins once and for all with His blood on the cross.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. PSALM 103:2-5

Repent and pray for God's fire to fall on your life. Forgive us as we forgive our debtors. Shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

PRAYER: *“Dear Lord Jesus, as I approach the Brazen Altar, I am struck by the fact that it symbolizes the cross where You died for me. You were beaten and bruised. You suffered stripes. You were brutally crucified. You shed your blood. You died. For me. You did it all that I might have redemption from sin. So, I bring to You my repentant heart. I repent of*

everything I have done that was not pleasing to You. I repent of everything I have said that was not pleasing to You. I beg your forgiveness for my sins of omission and my sins of commission. I lay myself on this Altar of repentance and offer myself to You as a living sacrifice. Take from me all that is not like You. Remove from me everything that is not pleasing to you. I join the Psalmist David in crying out to you, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalms 51:10). Forgive me for any unforgiveness I have carried in my heart. Forgive me of jealousy, envy, strife, murmuring, backbiting and complaining - everything sinful and not pleasing to You found in me. I repent before You for wrongful words and deeds. I may know some aspects of my nature. However, my heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9). I can think I know it and do not. So I ask you to search me and cleanse me. Burn out everything in me that is not a part of Your plan for my life. Let me surrender my heart and life to You as a living sacrifice. You, O Lord, are my consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29)."

3. THE LAVER OF WATER

THE PLACE OF WASHING

Be honest with God and ask Him to wash you with His Word. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Don the helmet of salvation and the breastplate of righteousness by placing faith in Jesus Christ and His Word.

PRAYER: *"Heavenly Father, I come now to this Laver of Water. I ask You to cleanse me by the power of your Word. Let your Word speak to me and wash me from all sin and iniquity. David asked and answered the question "who will stand in his Holy Place?" in Psalm 24. I ask You to give me clean hands and a pure heart. I ask you to protect me and keep me from vanity and deceitfulness. I seek your blessing and righteousness here in this place of washing. Let me become who Your Word tells me I can be. Remove condemnation from me (Romans 8:1). Let me understand and walk in my holy calling (II Timothy 1:9). Let me remember I am a child of God (Romans 8:16). I am forgiven (Colossians 1:13). I am redeemed (Psalms 31:5). I have been set apart for Your service (Psalm 4:3). You have purchased me, and I am Yours (I Corinthians 6:19, 20). Your Word promises Your peace will keep my heart and mind through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). Let nothing separate me from You (Romans 8:39)."*

4. THE HOLY PLACE

THE PLACE OF MEETING

Five pillars - pray for a revelation of the Name. Pray for a revelation of His love.

- Wonderful: Stand in awe at His presence.
- Counselor: Inquire about His wisdom.
- Mighty God: Magnify Him.
- Everlasting Father: Adore Him.
- Prince of Peace: Rest in Him.

Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. Hide me in the covert of Your wings.

PRAYER: *“Jesus Christ, You are wonderful. You are wonderful in my life! There is no God like you - what a wonder you are! You are my wonderful Savior, my wonderful friend! You are my Counselor. I want Your mind to be in me. Counsel me. I want to be a better husband/wife. I want to be a better father/mother. Counsel my family. Give direction to my wife/husband and to my children and grandchildren. Give Your direction to my parents. Let my family always know Your ways and follow Your pathways. I pray for our pastoral staff and their families. Counsel them that they might know how to care for the sheep of Your pasture. I thank You, Lord, for the professional counselors You've sent to us. Walk with them and give them Your wise counsel as they address the unique needs of Your people. Lord Jesus, speak into our lives that we will all know how to handle the life You have given us. Let each one know what to do and what to say. Give us Your wisdom and teach us how to lead Your people home. You are my mighty God! I thank You that I know Your name and the power that is in Your name. Thank You for showing me the truth of who You are. Thank you for revealing to me that You are One; "hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one...I (Deuteronomy 6:4) and the words of Jesus, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). You are the mighty God and there is no god like You. I am so thankful You are MY God - not just any god. You are Almighty and all powerful! There is no Father like You. Be a father to those who are fatherless among us. I pray for those who have felt the pain and condemnation of divorce and for those children with absent fathers - I ask*

that You care for them and nourish them as only a heavenly Father can. I thank You for all good fathers. I also ask You to become the Good Father that was never known to those who were abused by their fathers. Heal them and give them new understanding of Your Word and Your love for them. Be our Everlasting Father. I pray for peace. In the name of Jesus, I speak peace into my life. I speak peace into my wife/husband and children. I speak peace into the leadership of this church. I speak peace into the First Church congregation. I speak peace into us all - into our lives, our homes, and our marriages. I speak peace into the lives of our young people. Let them know that if they will stand for righteousness, You will give them the peace that passes understanding. I speak peace into our children. Bring peace to our city, our state, our nation. Bring peace to the nation of Israel. Forever be our Prince of Peace.”

5. THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK

THE PLACE OF ANOINTING & DIRECTION

Pray for the anointing that gives light. Take now the shield of faith, draw your sword of the Word, and prepare for battle.

PRAYER: *“I need to be baptized today with the Holy Ghost and fire. Let the oil of Your presence flow over me, through me, and fill me. Baptize me with a fresh touch of Holy Ghost and fire. Let the oil of Your Spirit and anointing flow. I pray, Lord, that You will let Your light shine on me. I take time today to stop and tend the fire and oil of these candlesticks as the priests did twice a day. Help me cleanse the details of my life. Let nothing remain in me that hinders a free flow of Your Spirit in my life. I pray the gifts of Your Spirit will find free operation in our church. I pray our church will become, as never before, that "city set on a hill." Help me to let the light of Your presence never flicker or fade. Let the men and women I see and interact with daily, as well as those who come in and out of my life, see good works and know that I am full of the oil of the Holy Ghost. Let the power of Your Spirit flow through me. Let the light shine. I ask you, dear Lord, today, to let Your light shine on each member of my family. I pray for them to see You clearly. I pray for them to live lives full of the Holy Ghost and for their every step to be directed by you. I plead with you that none of us would ever allow the candle of Your Spirit to go out in any of our lives.*

Direct my steps, today, Lord. Let me go where I am supposed to go. Let me encounter those people who need to see Your light in me. Let those who bring the Gospel to others around the world - at home and abroad - be bright beacons of hope and life to their lost worlds. Let someone go and bring light to cities, towns, and countries in spiritual darkness. Give me supernatural life - and supernatural light - as I walk in the Spirit.”

6. THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD

THE PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP & PETITION

Pray for the right word to be spoken. Pray for daily bread. Pray that God will meet all your needs according to His riches in glory.

PRAYER: *“Lord, I thank You for every promise in Your Word that is mine. That those promises are "yea" and "amen" (II Corinthians 1:20). I thank You that no weapon formed against me will prosper, and no words spoken against me will matter (Isaiah 54:17). I thank You for Your promise that when we lay hands on the sick "they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). I thank You for your promise of "perfect peace" to those who trust You, and who keep their minds and hearts turned toward You (Isaiah 26:3). I pray for every preacher who preaches the Word. I pray that they would be anointed and that their minds would be quickened. I pray for church leaders. Let the light from the Candlestick shine and illuminate Your Word fresh and new to them. I pray over our North American Missionaries. These are the men and women who left friends and families, nice homes, and good churches to go into unchurched areas and take the bread of life. I pray for the bi-vocational pastors - those who are working full-time jobs in secular workplaces while devoting additional moments to bringing in a church for the Kingdom of God. I pray for God to give physical, emotional, and spiritual strength and renewal to each one of these ministers and families of these Kingdom builders. I pray for each of our world missionaries and AIM workers and others involved in world missions. I pray that God would give for these men and women who are holding the bread for their country keen insight into reaching the people of their regions. I pray for the revival of the nations. I pray for the nation of Israel. I pray for the city of Jerusalem. I pray for God to bless His people and His nation. I pray for peace to come to that city (Psalm 122:6). I pray for our pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and church*

leaders around the world to be given wisdom and knowledge. I ask God to lead and guide each of them into all truth. I pray for God's protection over our people and our leaders - that the plots of terrorism would be thwarted. I pray for those who would wreak terror on us and ask that God instead bring someone into their individual lives who would share with them the message of the one true God and the only bread of life. Let the hatred and rage that motivates them be overwhelmed with God's pure love for them. I pray for the church. I pray for our Sunday School teachers and ministry leaders. I pray for those who are teaching Bible studies in homes and at various locations around our community. I pray for the living Word, that bread of life, to bring life to the lost and hurting in our area. I pray anointing, wisdom, and spiritual insight into the Word for everyone in our congregation who shares the Word in any capacity. I pray for the Word to come alive in the hearts and lives of everyone in our congregation - and community - who reads the Word and hears the Word. It shall not return void (Isaiah 55:11)!"

7. THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

THE PLACE OF INTERCESSION

Pray intercessory prayers.

PRAYER: *"Almighty God, I bring before You today my personal sacrifice of praise and worship. I thank You for every blessing. I thank You, too, for every trial and test. I thank You for allowing me to walk with You and for the assurance that You are walking with me. Today, I come to this Altar of Incense, and I intercede for the needs of my family. I intercede for the needs of the members of First Church. I intercede for this community and for our great Buckeye state. I plead the blood over them. I stand in the gap for them all. I stand as an intercessor for this church. For our families and for our children, I plead Your blood and intercede before You. I intercede for our marriages and family relationships. Lord, You alone know where there are needs for healing and restoration, and You alone are able to bring those things. I intercede for the power of our church to not be diminished. I pray for unity to remain and for anointing and blessing to rest on us. I intercede against those who would sow disunity and discord among Us. I intercede before Your throne, asking for revival to come as never before.*

Work in our lives and let us lift You up in such a way that all men are drawn to you. I intercede for those who do not know You yet. I intercede for those who have known You before but drifted away. Lord Jesus, I offer up the incense you require of us all. I mix together the ingredients and offer them to You with my worship - fresh and new every morning and every evening. I ask You to give me the "skill of the apothecary" (Exodus 30:35) as I mix the ingredients for the incense from my heart and life. Let my worship not be or become stale. Do not let there be flies in the ointment to spoil and destroy it (Ecclesiastes 10:1). I prostrate myself before You. You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. From the depths of my soul, I worship You."

8. THE HOLY OF HOLIES

THE ONLY WAY

As we approach The Holy of Holies, we see Four Pillars. At these Four Pillars - confess your faith in the report of Jesus' life (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Father, hallowed by Thy name. Gird your loins with truth. You have been adopted, accepted, and given access to God's treasures.

THE PLACE OF HIS PRESENCE

Here, pray to go beyond yourself, to give yourself completely to Him. Love God with all your soul, mind, heart, and strength.

- Covering of Cherubim: Pray for angelic help.
- Mercy Seat: Pray for God's mercy and favor on your life.
- Golden Pot of Manna: Pray for the assuring Word to sustain you in your journey.
- Aaron's Rod That Budded: Pray that God will confirm your ministry.
- Shekinah Glory Covers the Ark: God's acceptance of your ministry to Him.

PRAYER: *"This is a sensitive place. I take off my priestly garments and come before the throne of Almighty God. I am created one before my Creator; I am the redeemed sinner before my Savior. None of us are worthy to be in this place except for the blood and broken body of Jesus Christ, which purchased our access. Holy God, we have been promised Your presence. I am at this Veil and I have donned a white linen robe to come into Your presence. Nothing is here but You and me. I have walked through*

the posts symbolizing the four Gospel writers. Luke, the physician, the one who never saw You nor heard You speak but was compelled to tell Your story. Mark was a common man chosen by You to give the world and the ages some of the greatest writings in Your Word. Matthew, the reformed and redeemed tax collector told the world of You. And John the beloved, a fisherman who became a fisher of men. When I look at the Gospels, I see Your birth, Your life, Your death, Your burial, Your resurrection, Your ascension, and the promise of Your soon return. As I study the beatitudes and the miracles and the parables, I want to be like You. Let me live the beatitudes. Let me expect the miraculous. Let me practice the wisdom of the parables. I want to reach for the less fortunate. Guide my steps. Lead me to someone who needs You. Lead me to a Matthew 25 person. Lead me to a Nicodemus who needs to know "except a man be born of water and spirit he cannot see the Kingdom of God" John 3:5). The priests of old applied blood to the Mercy Seat. I ask You to apply Your blood to me today. Your blood forgives all my sin. You are blinded by Your blood. You no longer see my failures and my faults, You see me through Your blood and I am yours. Thank You for Your mercy. Thank You for the power of Your forgiveness. I go inside the Ark, and I am with Your presence - Your manna, Your Word. I pray Your ten commandments: 1. I love you with my whole heart. 2. I will put no god before you. 3. I will not take your name in vain. 4. I will honor my parents. 5. I will keep the Sabbath. 6. I will not murder. I will not assassinate people with my words. A three-inch tongue can slay a six-foot man. Do not let me be guilty of murder. 7. Keep me from adultery - keep my mind pure. Empower me by Your Holy Spirit to avoid all lust - physical, power, etc. Build walls around me and protect me. Guard my eyes, and guard my heart. 8. Don't let me covet the things you have given others. 9. Don't let me lie by word or deed, in action or implication. Let truth be in me. 10. Don't let me steal anything in any way. Do not let me take what does not belong to me. Let me always give of my tithes; I don't want to rob you. Let me be generous with my offerings that I not be a thief. (Malachi 3:8). Thank You for the authority of Your name. It is matchless and mighty. Let me pray with the authority of Your name and power for my family and my church. I smite sickness and disease. I ask You to drive away divisive spirits. Remove the things that hinder a free flow of Your Spirit among us. Through Your name, Your Word, and Your blood, give me the courage to take authority over all that would come against me."