

Beyond  The Veil  
In-Home Fasting Retreat



Your Guide to an  
*Intimate Encounter*  
With *God.*

*Prayer Journal*

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# Making Your Prayer Time Count

*“I love those who love me, and those who **seek me early and diligently** shall find me.”*  
(Proverbs 8:17 AMP emphasis added)

Many people have the idea that they have to pray for some *magical* amount of time to see real change in their lives. But, that is a religious mindset, and Your God wants to move you out of mere religion and religious acts, and into intimate relationship with Him.

Being stuck in the mindset that prayer has to take a long time can **deceive us into thinking we don't have the time to pray**. But, when we realize that by just setting a small amount of time aside to be alone with God each day we can see real change in our lives, a powerful prayer life becomes more practical and doable.

There will be days were we spend hours basking in God's presence deep in prayer. But, for most of us, much of our prayer time will be the time we spend walking with Him in the cool of the day. Chatting with Him as we get dressed or drive to work.

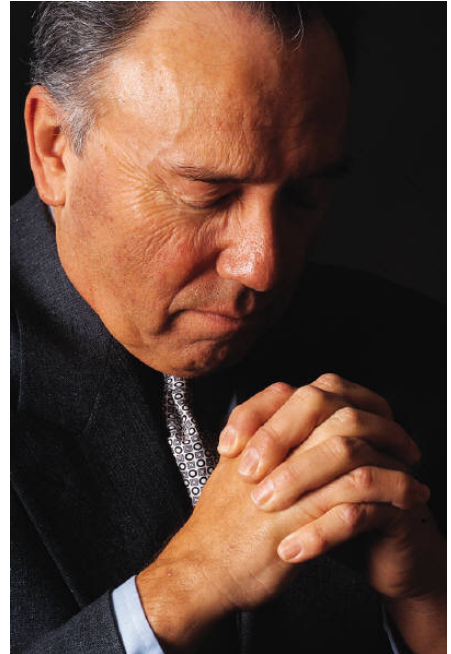
In order to develop that type of intimacy with your Heavenly Father, where you recognize His Holy Spirit walking and talking with you, you have to start somewhere. One of the best places to begin is by keeping a **Reflective Prayer Journal**. It will help you to *Practice His Presence*.

Writing your prayers out to God is a powerful way to connect with Him. It keeps your mind focused during prayer and helps you organize your thoughts towards God.

It also allows you to look back over your journey by reflectively reading the things you've shared with the Lord, and the things He's shared with you. It's kind of like a married couple reading through old love letters. It can deepen your love and passion with the Lord in an unexpected way.

But, if we're honest, sometimes figuring out what to talk to God about can be hard.

And, in times of struggle in our lives, it is all too easy to start focusing our prayers on seeking God's hand and provision, instead of His heart and Spirit.



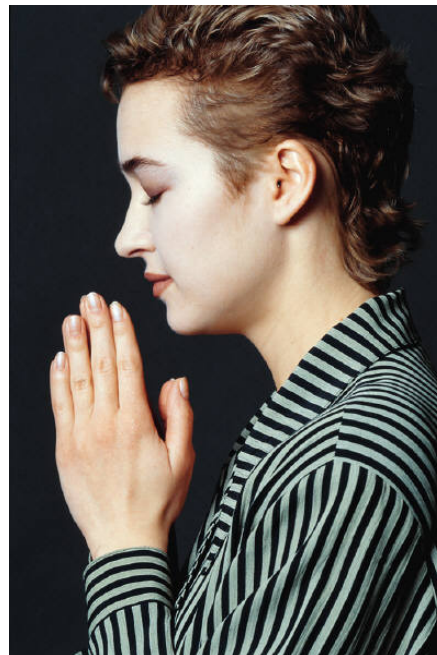
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Each of these journal pages has a prayer prompt that keeps you focused on seeking first the kingdom of God. They will open you up to receive the transformational relationship with God that Jesus died to give you.

Remember, prayer is meant to be a two way conversation. So, once you've written out your prayer, pause and take the time to listen for God's voice responding to you. Then write down what you hear. This discipline of *Reflective Journaling* will help you to be more sensitive to the Spirit and voice of God in your daily life.

## Getting the Most Out of Your Prayer Journal

- ✝ Set the atmosphere. Start off your time a part with God with some heartfelt worship. Play your favorite worship CD, or just sit and verbally tell Him how much you love Him. Invite Him to join you right where you are – He's excitedly waiting for your invitation!
- ✝ Date your entries. This will keep you honest about how often you are using your journal and help you as you read through it in the future.
- ✝ Make it a reflective journal - Write out your prayers to God and then add in what you feel He is saying back to you.
- ✝ Pick a certain time of day that works well for you to write in your journal. Try out a few different times until you find one that fits your lifestyle. Then be consistent.
  - Mornings before anyone else is awake.
  - For 15 minutes of your lunch time at work.
  - Before bed, etc.
- ✝ Don't beat yourself up if you miss a few days or even weeks. Just pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be more consistent and start over. His grace is sufficient!











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## Prayer Journal

**My Meditation Scripture for Today:** Write out your scripture by hand below.

**Your True Purpose.** Paul said in Philippians 3:10 that his determined purpose was to know God, and to constantly be developing a deeper more intimate relationship with Him. Ask God to help you see that as your purpose, and to guide you in fulfilling that purpose and growing closer to Him.

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**My Meditation Scripture for Today:** Write out your scripture by hand below.

**Do you ever hide from God out of guilt?** When you make a mistake, do you run to Abba's arms, or away from them? Ask Him to show you instances where you have shied away from His presence because you felt unworthy to be in it.

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**My Meditation Scripture for Today:** Write out your scripture by hand below.

**Do you try to burry your pain?** Ask God to reveal any hurts or pains that you have experienced in the past that you have tried to stuff away. Wounds that have never properly healed that He would like to heal for you.

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**My Meditation Scripture for Today:** Write out your scripture by hand below.

**Thought Life.** Ask God to examine your thoughts, and reveal any areas in your inner life that are displeasing to Him. Fear. Anger. Lust. Envy. Then, write out the things that come to your mind, and commit to confronting them head on.

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**My Meditation Scripture for Today:** Write out your scripture by hand below.

**The Self-Sufficient Christian.** Ask God to reveal any areas or ways where you tend to be self-sufficient instead of Christ-sufficient. Then, repent and ask Him to teach you to totally rely on Him in all things.

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