DEVELOPING AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Seven Scripture-supported prayer priorities | Devotion, understanding, obedience, prayer and fruitful service

	PRAYER PRIORITY	WHAT TO PRAY FOR	BIBLICAL FOUNDATION
1	**Wholehearted love for God**	Father, draw our whole heart, soul and strength to You; deepen our devotion as we behold Your Spirit resting upon Jesus.	The Shema calls for wholehearted love; at Jesus' baptism the Spirit descends and the Father speaks. **Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 3:16-17**
2	**A mind governed by the Spirit**	Set our minds on the things of Your Spirit; turn us from fleshly desires and deepen our life and peace in You.	The mind set on the Spirit is life and peace; God's indwelling Spirit marks those who belong to Christ. **Romans 8:6-9**
3	**Understanding what God reveals**	Open our understanding through Your Spirit; help us receive Your truth and grow in the mind of Christ.	God reveals through His Spirit; spiritual understanding depends on what His Spirit teaches. **1 Corinthians 2:9-16**
4	**Spirit-led obedience and sonship**	Lead us in obedience, even through testing; assure us that we are Your children and teach us to cry, Abba, Father.	The Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness; God's Spirit leads His children and affirms their adoption. **Matthew 4:1; Romans 8:14-16**
5	**Prayer helped by the Holy Spirit**	Help us in our weakness when we do not know how to pray; align our desires and intercession with Your will.	The Spirit helps our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to God's will. **Romans 8:26-27**
6	**Fresh filling and courageous witness**	Fill us with Your Holy Spirit; make our fellowship with You fruitful in bold, faithful witness to Jesus Christ.	Jesus promises power for witness; at Pentecost the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4**
7	**Anointed compassion and restorative service**	Empower us to proclaim good news, comfort the brokenhearted and serve the sick and oppressed with Christlike compassion.	Isaiah's anointed mission is fulfilled in Jesus, who proclaims freedom, does good and heals. **Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:17-19; Acts 10:38**

Father, draw us near through Your Spirit; form Christlike character and empower our service, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.