DEVELOPING AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER

Seven Scripture-supported prayer priorities | Love the Father, seek His presence and walk in His ways

	PRAYER PRIORITY	WHAT TO PRAY FOR	BIBLICAL FOUNDATION
1	**Wholehearted love and undivided devotion**	Father, draw our whole heart, soul, mind and strength to You; remove every rival to our love and devotion.	The Shema declares the LORD is one; Jesus affirms loving God as the foremost commandment. **Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Mark 12:28-30**
2	**Deep longing for the living God**	Awaken our thirst for You; help us seek Your presence and keep hoping in You through sorrow and spiritual dryness.	The psalmist thirsts for the living God and recalls worship while struggling with deep distress. **Psalm 42:1-7; Psalm 63:1-3**
3	**Knowing the Father through Jesus Christ**	Reveal Yourself to us through Your Son; deepen our faith in Jesus and our fellowship with You as our Father.	Jesus makes the Father known; through Him believers come to the Father and receive life. **John 17:3; John 14:6-9; 1 John 1:3**
4	**Sincere prayer and communion**	Teach us to meet with You in secret, speak honestly, give thanks and persevere in prayer with trusting hearts.	Jesus teaches prayer to the Father in secret; believers are called to continual prayer and thanks. **Matthew 6:6-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**
5	**Receiving and obeying Your Word**	Help us treasure Your Word, meditate on its truth and express our love through willing, consistent obedience.	Jesus connects love with obedience; the Father and Son make their home with the obedient believer. **John 14:21-23; Psalm 119:9-11; James 1:22**
6	**Repentance and purity of heart**	Search our hearts; lead us to confess and forsake sin, receive Your cleansing and draw near with sincerity.	Those who draw near must turn from sin; God forgives and cleanses those who confess. **James 4:8-10; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 5:8**
7	**Living as children led by Your Spirit**	Let Your Spirit lead us as Your children; grow our trust in Your care and help us reflect Your love toward others.	God’s Spirit leads His children to cry, Abba, Father; knowing God bears fruit in love. **Romans 8:14-16; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 4:7-12**

Dear Father God, draw us near and teach us to love and walk faithfully with You, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.