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# PRAYER GUIDE

1 PETER 3:15-16



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# THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU

## 1 Peter 3:15–16 (ESV)

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

## REVERENCE

In the prayer pattern Jesus gave His disciples, He instructs us to **begin with a focus of worship**. (“Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name...”). We call this upward focus: Reverence. Before we ask anything of God, we begin with His character, His works, His person, and His promises -take time to focus your entire being on the wonders of who God is.

### PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy (ESV)
- But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. (NIV)
- But honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. (HCB)
- Our holy Christ is worthy of honor
  
- **PROMPT:** Lord Jesus Christ, I honor You because You are...
- **SONG:** Revelation song – v. 1 and chorus

## RESPONSE

We now turn in response to God’s character and consider His will, His Word, and His purposes on earth. Let’s yield our hearts and minds to the control of the Holy Spirit as we respond to His invitations. Introspection and surrender mark this time of response, as we look to the accomplishment of His will in our lives.

## PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as *holy*
- Honoring Christ from hearts that are *holy as He is holy*
- **PROMPT:** Father, I confess my great need for authentic holiness in my...
- **SONG:** We Fall Down

## REQUESTS

Now that we have rightly worshipped our God and Savior — and we have wholly surrendered to His will for our lives — we can now boldly bring our requests before Him, knowing that we are asking “in His name” and for His glory.

“...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”

## PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- Praying that our hope will clear and compelling
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- **PROMPT:** Lord, I pray that the hope in me will be evident, especially when...
- **SONG:** In Christ Alone – vs. 1
- **PROMPT:** Give me gentleness and respect in my witness to...
- **SONG:** Mighty to Save (Bridge, Chorus)

## READINESS

As we close we are now mindful of the spiritual battle that awaits us, and more importantly, reassures us of the Holy Spirit's power within us. We entrust our welfare to the power of God's presence and promises. We pledge ourselves to walk in obedience and victory as the fruit of our praying.

"...having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame."

### PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- We face slander, reviling and shame as true Christ followers in a fallen world and must live with a clear conscience for His glory
- **PROMPT:** Lord, let me live with a clear conscience this week when...
- **SONG:** Build My Life (Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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