

Prayers on Approaching the Lord

O Lord, Help us to heed Your call to us, the invitation to partake of Your love and truth, to accept the wonderful blessings that You lay out before us. Teach us to know how greatly we need Your merciful presence and healing hands. Open our hearts, so that we may approach You and dwell in Your house forever more. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the wonderful spiritual home of Your church, which is Your heaven on earth. Here, our lives are enriched by the study and understanding of Your Word, our spirits are uplifted by prayer and praise, and our hearts are warmed by fellowship and unity with others who seek the same spiritual goals we seek. We pray, O Lord, that Your church will grow from strength to strength. May we become ever quicker to serve You in every aspect of our lives, that Your church may grow in us, and, through our words and deeds, around us. Amen.

O Lord, I trust that You can no more be absent from me than the sun can be absent from the earth. Help me to feel the warmth and see the light of Your continual presence. Amen.

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Lord, where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there. If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will hold me. Amen.

(see Psalm 139)