

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. —Romans 8:26-27 ESV

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**“I know I should pray,
but what should I pray?”**

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**Prayer is Often a Spiritual Achilles
We are Limited in Time**

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**Prayer is Often a Spiritual Achilles
We are Limited by Sight**

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**“Your legs are too short to
see over God’s shoulder.”**

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**Prayer is Often a Spiritual Achilles
We are Limited With Expression**

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The best way to deal with weakness is to lean onto/into someone who has a strength.

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Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.
—**Ecclesiastes 4:9** **ESV**

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When You Pray, Remember...

The confidence of your prayer life is in your family relationship.

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¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

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¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. —Romans 8:14-17 **ESV**

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“Our Father” (Luke 11:1-4)

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When You Pray, Remember...

The concern of your prayer life is simple dependency, not eloquent articulation.

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Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. —James 4:8 ESV

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“Wordy prayers are usually windy ones.” —A.W. Pink

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“When thou prayest, let thy words be few, but thy thoughts and affections many, and above all let them be profound... External and bodily prayer is that buzzing of the lips, that outside babble that is gone through without any attention, and which strikes the ears of men;”

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... “but prayer in Spirit and Truth is the inward desire, the motions, the signs, which issue from the depths of the heart. The former is the prayer of hypocrites and of all who trust in themselves: the latter the prayer of the children of God who walk in His fear.” —Martin Luther

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“We make prayer a performance and God wants our prayer life to be an expression of dependence.”

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But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." —Luke 10:40 ESV

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**⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.
⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
 Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
 —2 Corinthians 12:8-9 ESV**

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When You Pray, Remember...

The constant goal of your prayer life is a daily alignment with the will of God.

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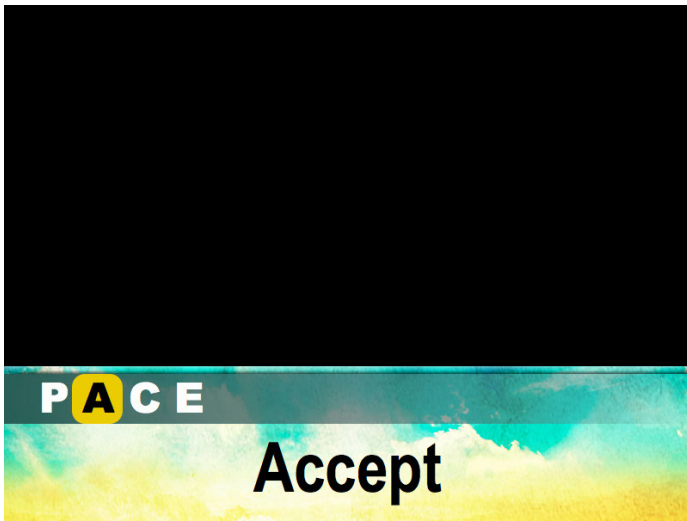
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! —Psalm 100:4 ESV

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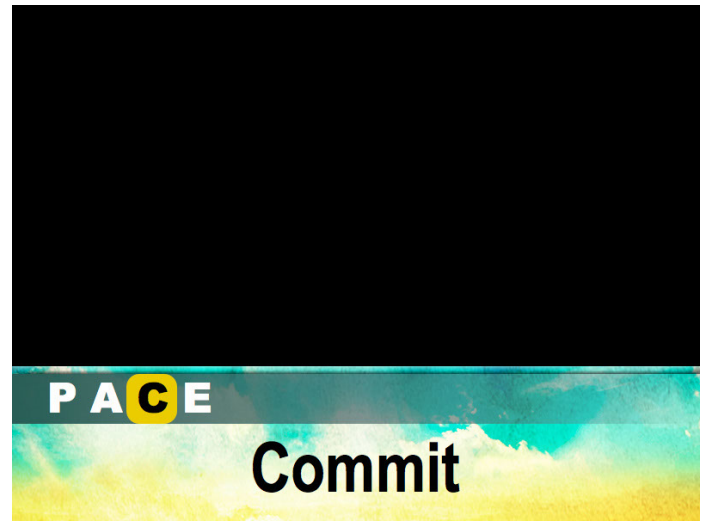
"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

—Revelation 4:11 ESV

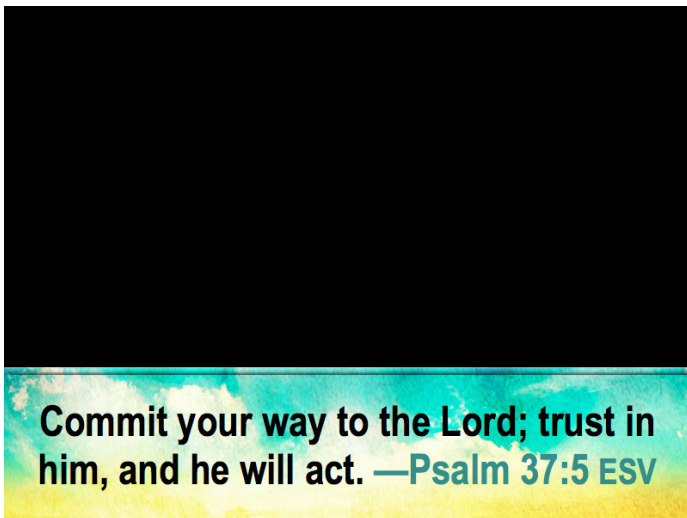
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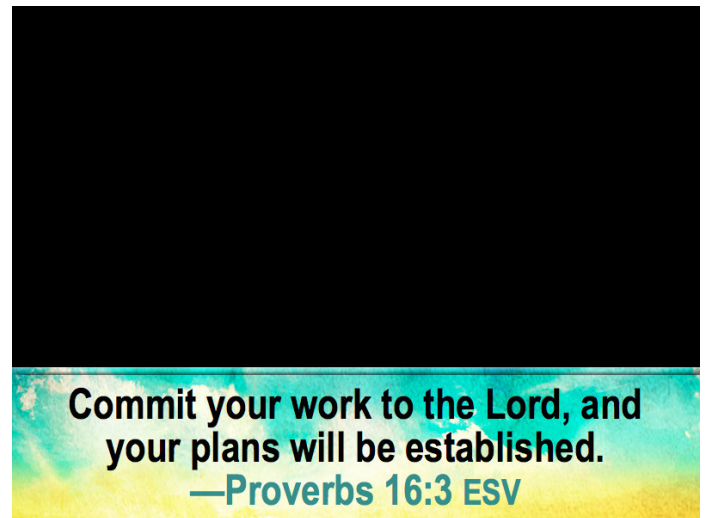
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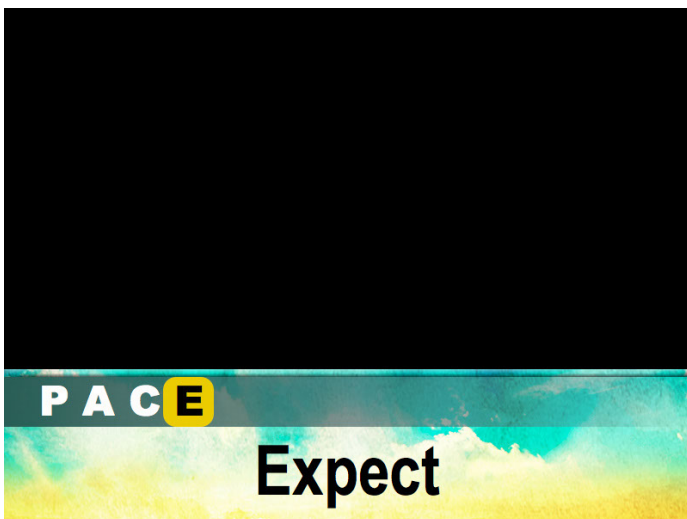
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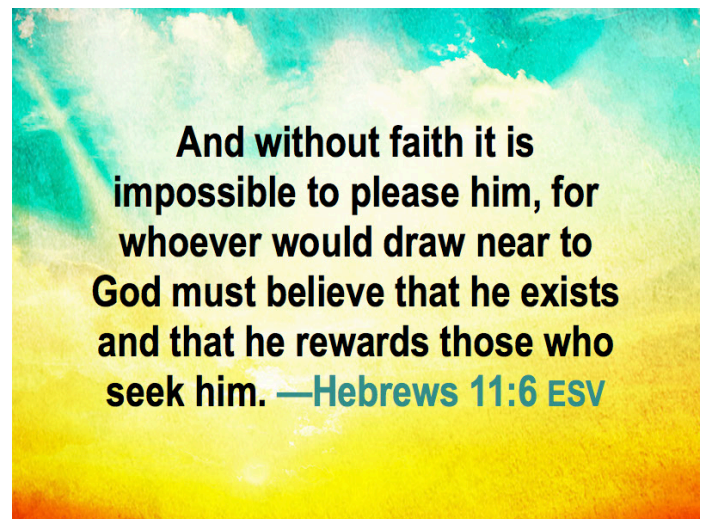
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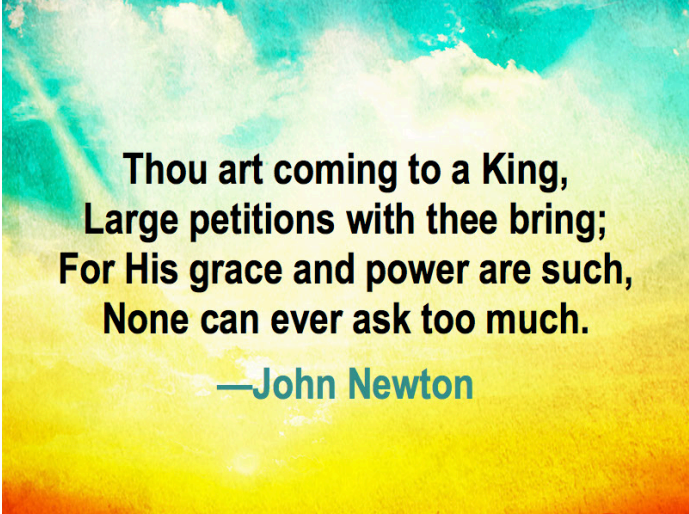
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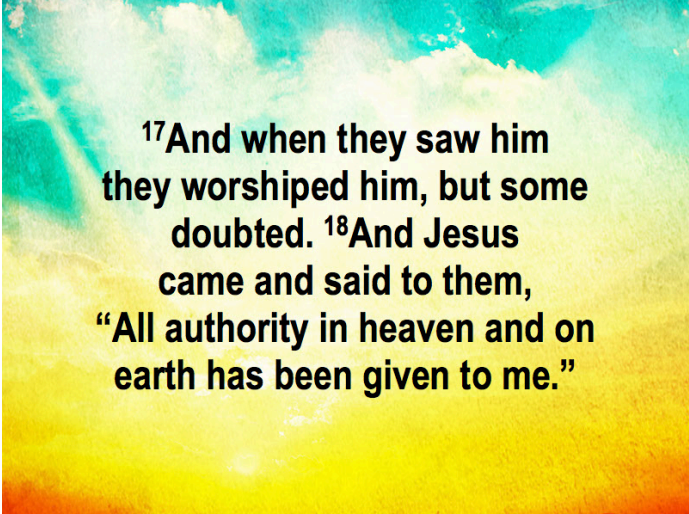
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**Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.**

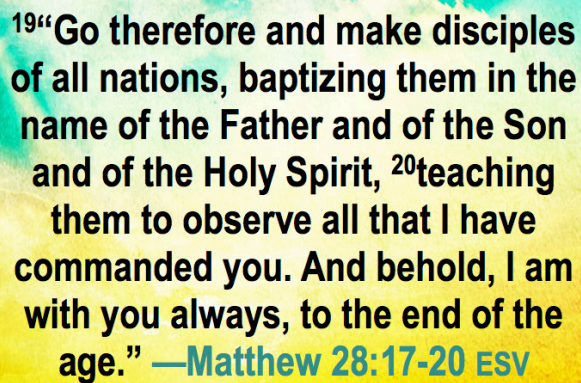
—John Newton

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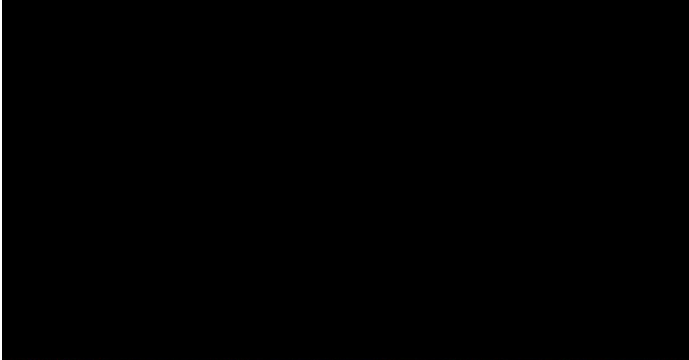
**¹⁷And when they saw him
they worshiped him, but some
doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus
came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me.”**

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**¹⁹“Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching
them to observe all that I have
commanded you. And behold, I am
with you always, to the end of the
age.” —Matthew 28:17-20 ESV**

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**“Prayer is recognizing what we cannot
do and trusting what only He can do.”**

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