

Pray Without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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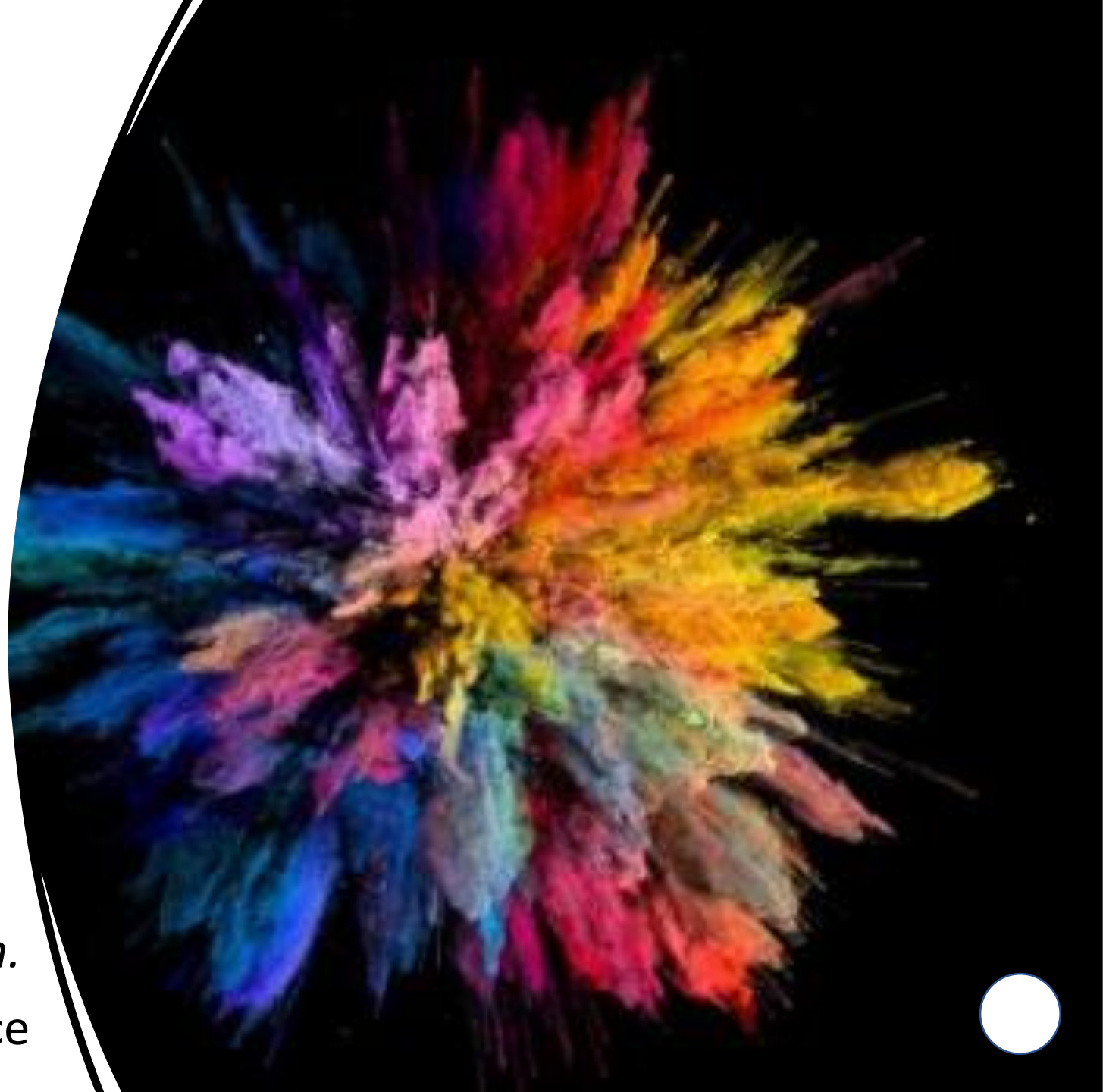
Jesus taught his disciples to pray

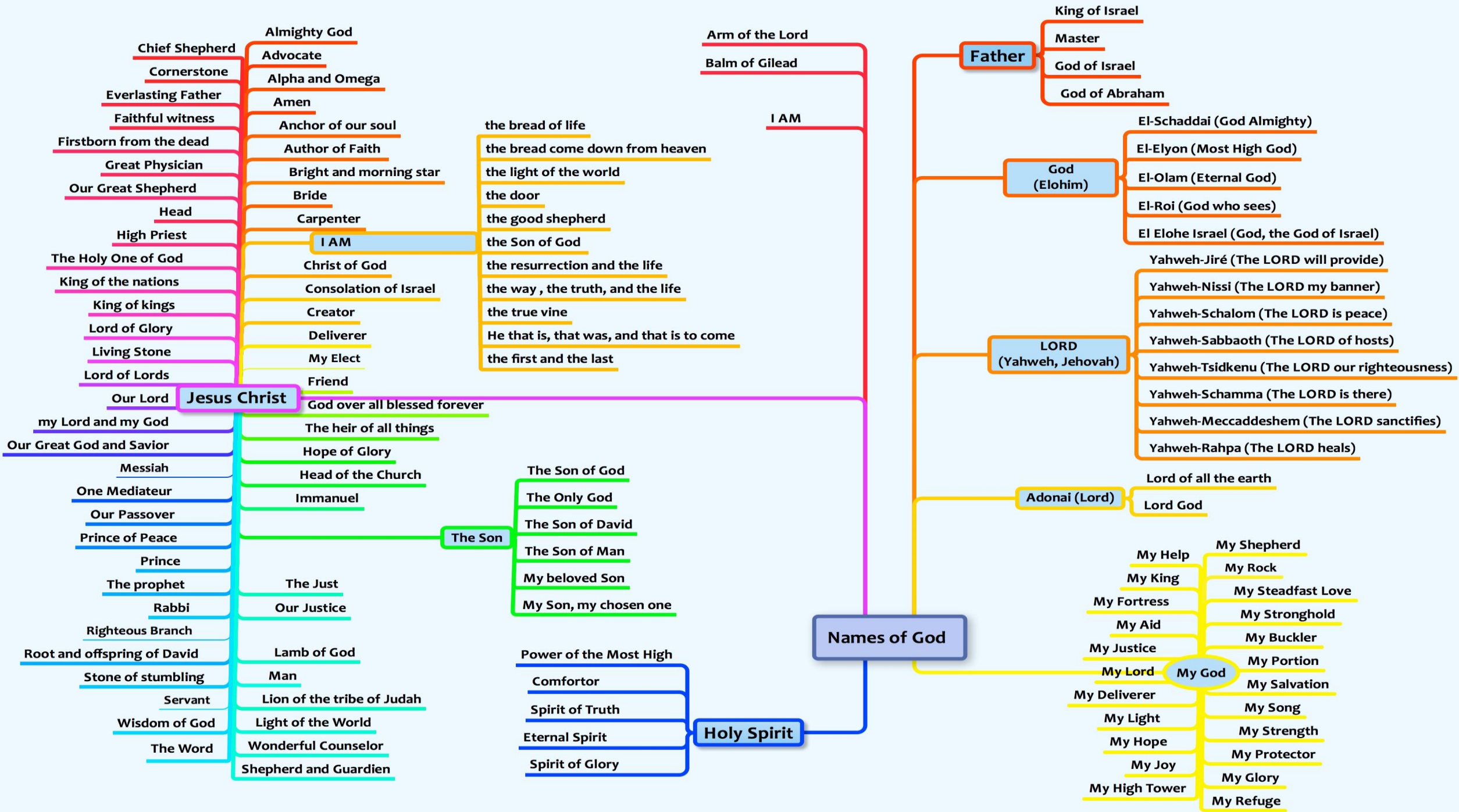
Our Father who art in heaven.
Hallowed be your name...

All prayer begins by naming God.

*The names of God are windows
through which his character is seen.*

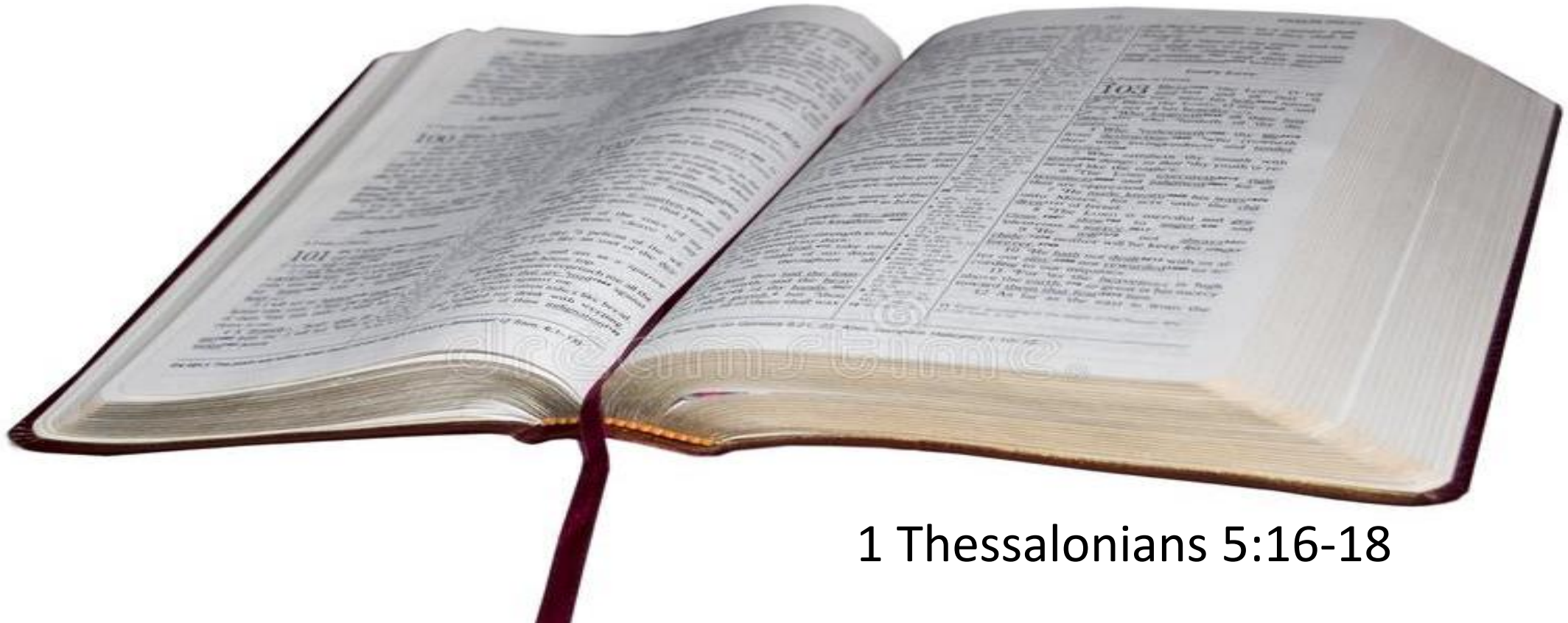
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My Baptismal Encouragement

Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

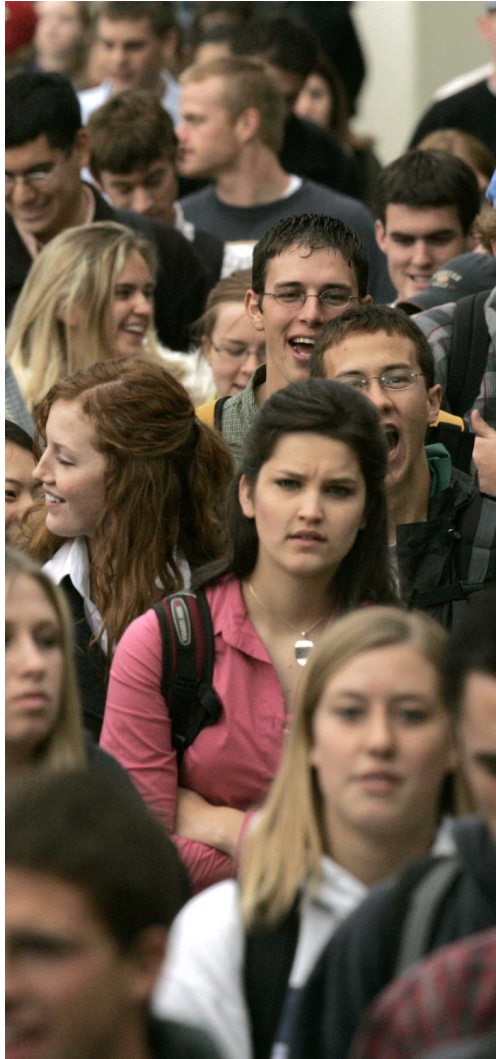
Expanding our Concept of Prayer

Prayer is...

- ✓ Worship
- ✓ Conversing with God – talking and listening
- + Practicing the Presence of God**

It took me a long time to discover prayer as awareness of God's presence. I need to learn to live within the God-dimension as consistently as I live within the dimensions of space and time. Not by drawing God into my world from outside, but by opening the eyes of my soul to see.

Practicing the Presence of God





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- we see what we are looking for.
- our imaginations are limited by our experiences.
- our concerns are limited by our desires.

The God of All Comfort



All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

The eternal God is your refuge, and his everlasting arms are under you.
Deuteronomy 33:27

The Awesome God



I prayed to the LORD my God, saying, “Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments...

Daniel 9:4

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Psalms 68:35

Let us pray

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