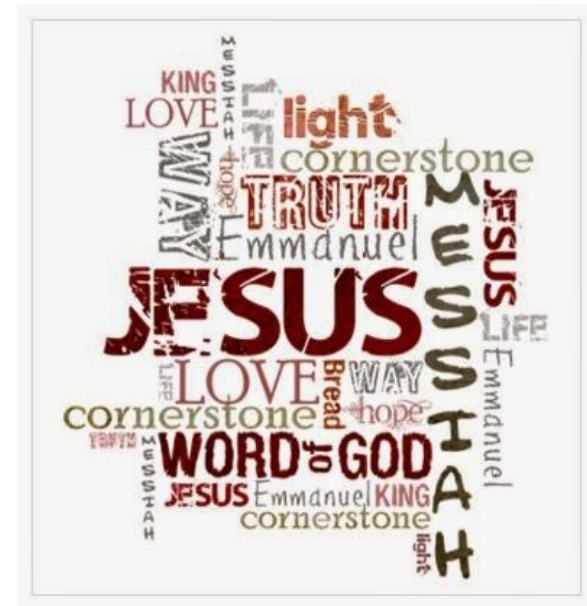




Personal Prayer

from the lips of Jesus:

Evening.



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Preparation

Father, glorify your name. (John 12.28)

Father, I have sinned against others and before you,
and am no longer worthy to be called your child. (Luke 15.22)

My grace is sufficient for you;
my strength is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12.9)

Thought to dwell on

I lie down and sleep;
and I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. (Psalm 3.5)

The Word of God

Jesus said, 'For this I was born, and for this
I came into the world; to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. (John 18.37)

Reading from the Bible or other Spiritual Book

Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last,
and the living one.
I was dead and see I am alive for evermore;
and I have the keys of Death and Hades. (Revelation 1. 17-18)

Jesus, Pattern for life

In my life, let me follow in the steps of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth,
but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.* (Matthew 6.19)
Lord, assist me to follow you in this.

Jesus said: *Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.*
Lord, assist me to follow you in this. (Matthew 6.33)

Jesus said: *Do good and lend, expecting nothing in return.* (Luke 6.35)
Lord, assist me to follow you in this.

Jesus said: *Love your enemies, and pray for your persecutors.*
Lord, assist me to follow you in this. (Matthew 5.44)

Jesus said: *Do not be afraid, only believe.*
Lord, assist me to follow you in this,

Jesus said: *Except you turn again and become like children,
you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Lord, assist me to follow you in this. (Matthew 18.3)

Jesus said: *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened to you.* (Matthew 7. 7-8)

Lord, assist me to follow you in this.

Jesus said: *When you pray say this:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.
for ever and ever. Amen. (Matthew 6.9-13)

Prayers for yourself and others - Free prayer.

Conclusion

And this is eternal life; that we may know you,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17.3)

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit,
through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen. (Luke 23.46)

(Material used from 'Prayers from Great Traditions' by Christopher Voke copyt. Bloomsbury Publications 2013;
and a 'Diary of Private Prayer' by John Baillie; copyt. Oxford University Press 1968)