

The believer's access to the Throne of God

Ten Biblical reasons why you may stand before God

People often doubt or are uncertain whether God will hear them when they pray. We often hear people ask: Am I good enough? Will God listen to me? I am just an ordinary person. I do not pray well. I am afraid of God.

Take a look at the following verses from Scripture. It will help you understand what God wants to say to *you* about prayer. He wants you to speak to Him and on the basis of the following Biblical arguments you can be sure that He will listen to you:

1. *On the basis of God's invitation: Heb.4:16* - Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
2. *On the basis of the Cross: John 19:30* - When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
3. *Because Jesus is interceding for us: Heb.9:24* - For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.
4. *On the basis of the promises: 2 Cor.1:20* - For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.
5. *On the basis of His covenant with us: 2 Cor.6:18* – "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (*Heb.8:10*) This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
6. *On the basis of the blood: Heb.10:19-22* - Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
7. *On the basis of God's oath: Heb.6:17* - Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.
8. *On the basis of God's character: Num.23:19* - God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?
9. *On the basis of our priestly function: Rev.1:6* - To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.
10. *On the basis of the Name of Jesus: John 14:13-14* - And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

The following is an example of a prayer compiled from these verses from Scripture that you can pray at the beginning of your time of prayer and/or at times when you doubt that God is listening to you:

Father, it is on the basis of your invitation that we may approach the throne of grace with confidence, I come to You so that I may receive mercy and find grace to help me in my time of need. (Heb.4:16) Father, you promised that when we call to You, You will answer us and tell us great and unsearchable things we do not know. (Jer.33:3) Jesus, when You died, You said, "It is finished." With that the curtain was torn and we received direct access to your throne.(John 19:30) Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, and since I have

Jesus as a great high priest over the house of God, I draw near to You, Lord, with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, knowing that my heart is cleansed from a guilty conscience and my body washed with pure water.(Heb.10:19-22)

Father, I come to your Throne with confidence on the basis of Jesus interceding for me. Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for me in your presence. (Heb.9:24)

I stand on all your promises. For no matter how many promises You have made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him I speak the "Amen" to the glory of God. (2 Cor.1:20) Lord, Jesus, You said: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matt.7:7-8) Lord, I know that your promises are built on your character and the Bible tells me God is not a man that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? (Num.23:19) Lord, my confidence and comfort is in your Name because You promised us that You will do whatever we ask in your name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You promised that I may ask You for anything in your Name, and You will do it. (John 14:13-14)

Father, I call on You on the basis of your covenant with me when You said; "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters."(2 Cor.6:18; Heb.8:10) Because You wanted to make the unchanging nature of your purpose very clear to the heirs, You confirmed it with an oath. (Heb.6:17) You created me to be your representative on earth and have made me part of your kingdom, as a priest to serve You and to continuously remind You of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, while performing my priestly function before your throne. (Rev.1:6) When I am standing before your throne to intercede for the world, I hold on to your promise that from the fullness of your grace we have all received one blessing after another. (John 1:16)

Father, nothing is impossible for You (Luk.1:37) and You show no favoritism (Rom.2:11) Therefore I approach the throne of grace with the confidence that You will listen to me and that I will receive mercy and find grace to help me in my time of need. (Heb.4:16)