

Organizing Intercession

with the Names of God

When we address God by His names and titles in prayers of worship or supplication, we affirm our understanding of who He is and what He can do, and our faith to believe that He will act according to His nature and character.

As we grow in our prayer lives, we often find the list of people we pray for growing. To keep prayer lists manageable you might also set boundaries for yourself, such as agreeing to pray for each request for one month, or for a given number of times.

An effective way to organize our intercessions is to arrange them by needs or topics using cards or pages in a notebook. Typically that might include provision, healing, guidance, spiritual growth, salvation, etc. You might pray for different needs on different days.

It helps to begin each group of intercessions by topic with a prayer of worship to God as He relates specifically to those needs. For provision, He is our Provider, the giver of every good and perfect gift, the One who knows our needs before we ask, our Father who is able, kind, compassionate and more.

When we begin our intercessions with such a focus, we are reminded of who God is and why He is likely to hear and answer our prayers for a given need—an honor to Him and a faith-builder for us. After worshiping Him by His names, we can then offer a brief general prayer for all on the list—for instance, for healing (wisdom for the doctors, etc.)—and quickly move through the specific requests. This puts the focus of our prayers on God, where it belongs.