

Setting the LORD before Us

“I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” (Psalm 16:8, NIV)

Jehovah

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” (Exodus 3:14)

Father, we set You before us as the LORD—*Jehovah*, I Am who I Am (Exodus 3:14)—

You are beyond time and space, the One who set the start in place (Psalm 8:3) and calls them each by name (Psalm 147:4)—100 billion galaxies, each with 100 billion stars! You are eternal (Genesis 21:33) and unchanging (Malachi 3:6), the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

Father, bless us with keeping our eyes on You (Hebrews 12:2), no matter how difficult the times may be. Grant us the courage You gave Peter when he got out of the boat to walk on the water with You (Matthew 14:29). May we see You as our LORD—*Jehovah*, I Am who I Am (Exodus 3:14)—always present (Psalm 139:7-10), eternal (Genesis 21:33), unchanging (Malachi 3:6). Bless us with setting our minds on You (Colossians 3:2) as we move through this day. *Continue with your own personal prayer . . .*

God is able

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8, NIV)

LORD, we set You before us (Psalm 16:8) **as our God who is able—**

You are our Creator God who is infinitely creative, infinitely conceptual, infinitely powerful, infinitely able—what an awesome God we serve (Psalm 68:35)! Your love is abounding (Psalm 103:8), Your faithfulness reaches to the skies (Psalm 108:4). There is no other God than You, the one and only living God (Jeremiah 10:10), our glory (Psalm 3:3) and our only hope (Colossians 1:27). Without You we can do nothing (John 15:5); with you all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)!

Father, bless us with believing the truth that nothing is impossible for You (Luke 1:37), nothing is too hard for You to do (Jeremiah 32:17). May we trust that You who parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14:26-29), brought water from the rock (Exodus 17:6) and fed thousands with a few loaves and fish (Luke 9:16) are equally able and willing to meet our needs. Grant that we will have more than enough for the good works You have prepared for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). Bless us with standing firm in our faith (Isaiah 7:9)! *Continue with your own personal prayer . . .*

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Our Sure Foundation

“So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.’” (Isaiah 28:16)

LORD, we set You before us (Psalm 16:8) **as our Sure Foundation—**

You are our sure foundation, the Rock on which we stand, the truth on which we build our lives (Matthew 7:24-25). You are our stronghold (Psalm 43:2), our fortress (Psalm 18:2) and we are secure in You.

Father, bless us with trusting You as our sure foundation, the rock on which we stand (Psalm 18:31). May we see and experience You as David did in Psalm 40, lifting us out of discouraging circumstances and setting our feet on a hard, firm path. May You steady us, as You steadied him when he waited on You (Psalm 40:1-2, TLB). May we be confident that our lives are in Your hands (Psalm 31:15). *Add your own personal prayer....*

Alpha and Omega

“‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’” (Revelation 1:8)

May we set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8) **as the Alpha and the Omega—**knowing He is everything from A to Z. His power is absolute. As our Alpha, may we acknowledge that He is with us and sufficient for every new beginning—every new relationship, season of life, project or task at hand.

May we see every new thing we face as an opportunity for Christ’s life to be lived through us (John 15:5), for His light to be seen (Matthew 5:14), His love to be felt (Galatians 5:22), His purpose accomplished (Matthew 6:10). May we be confident that He is with us for every new beginning we need to make. *Add your own personal prayer....*

Lord of Peace

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

May we set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8) **as the Lord our Peace—**What a wonderful promise that He Himself will give us peace at *all* times and in *every* way. No matter what issues and trials we may face, we can live as the clock in the eye of the storm because He will give us peace.

Father, bless us with a fresh understanding of the peace that is ours for the asking (Matthew 6:11)—None of us wants to live in turmoil, emotionally upset over circumstances we face, so bless us with the ability to let go of our anxious thoughts, to give them to You with thanksgiving so that the peace that passes understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ (Philippians 4:6-7). *Add your own personal prayer....*

Our Resting Place

“They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place...the LORD, their true pasture, the LORD, the hope of their fathers.” (Jeremiah 50:6-7, NIV)

Let us set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8) **as our resting place** (Jeremiah 50:6)—knowing that in times of stress we need the rest that only He can give. Let us listen and heed what Jesus said when His disciples were too busy to even stop and eat: “Come with me to a quiet place and get some rest.” (Mark 6:31) So simple, yet often when we’re overwhelmed with too much to do, our tendency is to skip our time alone with the Lord. May we instead turn to Him as our resting place.

Father, bless us with the rest we need—for You have promised if we’ll come to You when we’re weary and burdened, You will give us rest (Matthew 11:28-30). Bless us with making time to get alone with You (Matthew 6:6), with casting our cares on You because we know how much You care for us (1 Peter 5:7). *Add your own personal prayer....*

King of the nations

No one is like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not revere you, O King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you. (Jeremiah 10:6-7)

May we set the Lord before us as the King of the nations—there is no one like Him. Heaven is His throne, and the earth His footstool (Isaiah 66:1). He is the LORD, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, rich in unfailing love and faithfulness. He shows His unfailing love to many thousands by forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion.... (Exodus 34:5-7)

Father, we pray for our nation as Moses once prayed: “It is true that these people are sinful and rebellious, but forgive our sin and let us be your people” (Exodus 34:9). We acknowledge it is not only the lost in our nation who are sinful and rebellious, but many of Your own. Forgive *our* sin and make of us a people wholly devoted to You. Then use us, our lives and our prayers, to call people out of the kingdom of darkness and bring them into the kingdom of Your Son whom You love (Colossians 1:13). *Add your own personal prayer....*

Our Faithful God

“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.” (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Let us set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8) **as our faithful God**—knowing that even as we face difficult or seemingly impossible struggles, He is faithful. When circumstances seem to overwhelm us, let us set our Lord before us, remembering Joseph in prison (Genesis 41:14-40), Daniel in the lion’s den (Daniel 6:21-28), the disciples caught in the storm (Luke 8:22-25). He has not changed.

Father, bless us with personal awareness of how faithful You are, in the big issues of our lives and the myriad small ones, for You are our faithful God. May we be confident that You are faithful to us (Psalm 33:4) and to Your promises: You have a plan for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11), You have created good works for us to do (Ephesians 2:10), You hold our lives in Your hands (Psalm 31:15), no matter what the circumstances may seem. *Continue with your own personal prayer....*

Morning without Clouds

“And he shall be like...a morning without clouds....” (2 Samuel 23:4, NKJV)

Let us set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8) **as One who is like a morning without clouds**—

Think of a season of cloudy, stormy days and finally waking up to a “sunrise bursting forth in a cloudless sky” (NLT). What a relief! He is always willing to lift our spirits and give us clear vision when we turn to Him.

Father, bless us with a strong sense of Your presence—that we may face our days with courage and enthusiasm no matter what awaits us. Bring clarity to our confusion, understanding when we lack knowledge, light when we feel oppressed by darkness or discouragement. *Continue with your own personal prayer....*

Wonderful Wisdom of God

“Christ is the mighty power of God and the wonderful wisdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:24, NLT)

Let us set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8) **as the wonderful wisdom of God**—

Other translations of this verse describe Christ simply as “the wisdom of God” (NIV, NKJV, NASB), but we like the enthusiasm expressed here—*wonderful* wisdom, so far beyond us that we can only marvel at it. This wisdom lives within us (Galatians 2:20), free for the asking (James 1:5).

Father, bless us with Your wonderful wisdom! We praise You that you have given us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, the indwelling Spirit who reveals You to us—that is wonderful indeed. Grant us Your wisdom and revelation in great measure, that we may know You better and love You more every day of our lives. *Continue with your own personal prayer....*

The LORD, our Banner

“Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. He said, ‘For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD.’” (Exodus 17:15)

Let us set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8)—**He is our Banner!**

Moses stood on a hill overlooking Israel’s battle with the Amalekites (Exodus 17:10-13). As long as he lifted his hands in prayer, God’s people were winning, but when he lowered his hands, they began to lose. Aaron and Hur held up Moses tired arms until sunset, and the battle was won—what a picture of united prayer! Let us stand together in prayer over *our* troops!

Father, bless us with the certainty that we are all soldiers in the army of our God—Keep us mindful that our prayers can shield our troops, our friends and family. Go before us, and be our rear guard (Isaiah 52:12)! Cover us with your hand (Psalm 139:5) and shelter us beneath Your wings (Psalm 61:4). *Continue with your own personal prayer...*

Mighty Warrior

“But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior....” (Jeremiah 20:11)

Let us set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8)—**He is our Mighty Warrior!**

This verse begins “But the LORD....” reminding us how often in the Bible we read of traumatic circumstances, and then, “But God....”

But God remembered Noah... (Genesis 8:1);

But God has seen my hardship... (Genesis 31:42),

But God intended it for good.... (Genesis 50:20),

But God is the strength of my heart.... (Psalm 73:26)

You may feel under attack, you may *be* under attack—*but God!* Set Him before you as a Mighty Warrior. He hems you in, before and behind (Psalm 139:5); He is a shield around you (Psalm 3:3).

Father, bless us with the confidence that You are our mighty warrior, ready to protect us—May we know as the wall of fire around us (Zechariah 2:5), as the mighty One (Isaiah 10:13), the Lord God Almighty (Revelation 4:8), our Defender (Proverbs 23:11) and Protector (Psalm 41:2). *Continue with your own personal prayer...*

Our God Who Hears Prayer

“O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.” (Psalm 65:2)

Let us set the LORD before us (Psalm 16:8)—
He is our God who hears our prayers!

We serve a prayer-hearing God! And we serve a God who promises to hear and answer our prayers when we pray according to His will (1 John 5:14-15). He has told us to ask for what we need (Matthew 6:11), and we can do that with confidence, knowing He is our heavenly Father who desires to give us much more than any earthly father could (Matthew 7:7-9).

Father, bless us with believing that You not only hear our prayers, but You desire to provide what we ask—May we know You as our God who is able to make all grace abound to us, so that in all things at all times, having all that we need, we will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8). Bless us with the knowledge of Your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding (Colossians 1:9), and equip us with every good thing that we need to do Your will (Hebrews 13:21). *Continue with your own personal prayer....*