

Grace *at home*

SPIRITUAL TOOLS TO DIG DEEPER

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Guidance for your time of prayer

Use the guide below to walk you through a time of prayer, Scripture reading, reflection, and worship.

Begin your time with worship:

Open your heart as you sing the praise song led by Ryan Bell, found at vimeo.com/405100538

Song

Way Maker (Sinach)

<i>You are here</i>	<i>You are here</i>	<i>Even when I don't see it</i>
<i>Moving in our midst</i>	<i>Touching every heart</i>	<i>you're working</i>
<i>I worship you</i>	<i>I worship you</i>	<i>Even when I don't feel it</i>
<i>I worship you</i>	<i>I worship you</i>	<i>you're working</i>
<i>You are here</i>	<i>You are here</i>	<i>You never stop</i>
<i>Working in this place</i>	<i>Healing every heart</i>	<i>You never stop working (Chorus)</i>
<i>I worship you</i>	<i>I worship you</i>	
<i>I worship you (repeat)</i>	<i>I worship you</i>	
<i>Chorus: Way maker</i>	<i>You are here</i>	
<i>Miracle worker</i>	<i>Turning lives around</i>	
<i>Promise keeper</i>	<i>I worship you</i>	
<i>Light in the darkness</i>	<i>I worship you</i>	
<i>My God</i>	<i>You are here</i>	
<i>That is who you are</i>	<i>Mending every heart</i>	
<i>Way maker</i>	<i>I worship you</i>	
<i>Miracle worker</i>	<i>I worship you (Chorus)</i>	
<i>Promise keeper</i>		
<i>Light in the darkness</i>		
<i>My God</i>		
<i>That is who you are</i>		

Continue your worship by reading these words of prayer:

Jesus, You are the Way and You are the way maker. I will follow You as You go before me and prepare the way for what is ahead in Your plan.

I know that You will see to every detail so that what needs to be done will already be done before I arrive... the path revealed, the direction confirmed, the way established. I trust in You to unlock the doors that need to be opened, loosen the things that need to be untied, and remove the hindrances that need to be taken away.

I ask You to provide for all that is needed as I walk along Your appointed path. Open my eyes to see the way You are leading, give me the understanding to take the right steps, strengthen me with the patience to move at the right pace, and work within my words and actions to say and do things in the right way.

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I trust in You to do what no one else can do, to work in ways that no one else can work, to perform the wonders no one else can perform. Lord, I thank You that You will make a way!—*Prayer for God to Make a Way* by Roy Lessin

Offer a prayer to God in your own words.

Daily scripture reading

Key Verse to ponder: John 18:4

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

Gospel: John 18:1-18

Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Listen and reflect

1. With the chaos and unknown to you, how do you encounter our living hope?
2. Jesus ask us the same question, “Who is it you want?” Reply to this questions with who you know him to be and how you want him to show up in your life today. Examples from our worship song include “Way maker, Miracle worker, Promise keeper, Light in the darkness, My God That is who you are!”

Prayers for the world, the church, others, and myself

Thank you, Lord Jesus. You made a way for us. You have given us a new covenant, one sealed in Your blood—the blood that brought victory over sin and death and continues to bring victory in our lives. Your forgiveness that covers us and redeems us is a gift of love and passion. Help us live this truth out in our lives—to serve as You served, to love as You loved. Empower our prayers, praise, and our lives with Your Spirit to do Your will. In the name of our savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Song

Play *Surrounded (Fight My Battles)* by Josh Baldwin and Bethel Worship—stand and praise God and pray during the song, sing and continue in prayer: we have a God whose ear is inclined to our very words and empowers our prayers.

Additional Tools

“Stabilize your SOUL with the sovereignty of GOD.

HE reigns supreme over every detail of the UNIVERSE.”

“Others see the problems of the WORLD and wring their hands.

We see the problems of the world and BEND our KNEES.”—*Max Lucado*

Open Psalm 136 and use it in a time of prayer and praise before a meal today. Remember this is the song that Jesus and his disciples sang after they celebrated the Passover.