

# PRAYING TO A GOD BEYOND OUR PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS

A Biblical Guide to Prayer #4

General definition of dimension: “A measurable extent of a particular kind, such as length, breadth, depth, or height.” (Oxford Dictionary). Generally, it’s believed we live in a four-dimensional world: length, breadth, depth, and height, all of which are measurable. But God exists beyond the measurable four-dimensional world. That’s why there’s aspects to prayer we will never fully comprehend.

## FUNDAMENTAL FACT – GOD IS MULTIDIMENSIONAL

### [1] God’s multidimensional nature is seen in creation

Romans 1:20 – *“Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”* (NIV)

### [2] God’s multidimensional nature is seen in Jesus’ incarnation

John 1:14a – *“The Word became a human and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the father.”* (New Century)

### [3] God’s multidimensional nature is seen in His eternal existence

Revelation 1:4b – *“Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come...”* (NIV)

### [4] God’s multidimensional nature is seen in the actions of the Holy Spirit

John 3:8 – *“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where the wind comes from or where it’s going. That’s the way it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”* (God’s Word Translation)

## WHAT DOES THE MULTIDIMENSIONAL NATURE OF GOD MEAN TO ME? I AM NEVER ALONE

Psalms 139:7-10 – [7] *“Where could I go to escape from you? Where could I get away from your presence? [8] If I went up to heaven, you would be there; if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there. [9] If I*

*flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, [10] you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me.” (Good News)*

Application: God is in every dimension so there at least five ways or dimensions of prayer.

### **PRAYER DIMENSION #1 – WHEN I PRAY, I LOOK BACK TO THE CROSS AND THANK GOD**

The cross instantly reminds us of three things:

- [1] How deeply God loves me.
- [2] The costly price of sin.
- [3] How completely forgiven I am.

1 Peter 1:18-19 – [18] *“For you know that God paid a ransom to save you...And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. [19] He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” (New Living)*

### **PRAYER DIMENSION #2 – WHEN I PRAY, I LOOK UP INTO GOD’S PRESENCE AND SEE HIM AS MY FATHER**

Romans 8:15-17 – [15] *“You should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God’s very own children, adopted into his family—crying out ‘Abba, Father,’ [16] For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God’s children.” (New Living & NIV)*

Three important points about prayer:

- [1] **God wants my prayers to be personal** – *“Abba, Father.”*
- [2] **God wants my prayers to be passionate!** *“We cry out ‘Abba Father.’”*
- [3] **God wants my prayers to be a partnership!** *“By His Spirit”*

Romans 8:26 – *“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don’t even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.” (New Living)*

### **PRAYER DIMENSION #3 – WHEN I PRAY, I LOOK INWARD TO SEE JESUS LIVING IN ME**

2 Corinthians 13:5 – *“Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. If you cannot tell that Christ is in you, it means you have failed the test.”* (New American Bible & New Living)

Galatians 5:22-23 – [22] *“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.* (New Living)

#### **PRAYER DIMENSION #4 – WHEN I PRAY, I LOOK AROUND AND ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO USE ME**

Romans 6:13 – *“Do not let any part of your bodies become tools of wickedness, to be used for sinning; but give yourselves completely to God--every part of you--for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.”* (Living)

#### **PRAYER DIMENSION #5 – WHEN I PRAY, I LOOK AHEAD TO MY FUTURE WHICH IS ROOTED IN FAITH**

Philippians 1:6 – *“I am confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* (NIV)

Prayer:

“Lord, I don't understand everything but as much as I know how, I surrender to you beginning with the action of baptism. I want to live the kind of life made possible by You: My past sins forgiven, my purpose for living clear and my pathway to heaven secure. I throw myself on your grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.”

Acts 2:38 – *“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”* (NIV)