

Names, Actions, and Attributes of God

The following are names of God drawn from various parts of Scripture, which helps our congregation to address God with a full range of biblical imagery and expands our use of language for God beyond our normal patterns of speech. Often the following names can be combined, such as “Almighty and merciful God”.

Names of Address for God

Alpha and Omega	God, our provider	Lord
Almighty and loving God	God, our peace	Lord God
Almighty God, giver of strength	God of peace	Lord of hosts
Creator	God, our purifier	Most High God
Everlasting God	God, our righteousness	Our Father
Faithful God	God, our shepherd	Redeemer, covenant God
Father of compassion and	God and Father of Jesus	Refuge
God of all comfort	Christ	Rock
Father of mercies	Gracious God	Triune God
God, our healer	Holy God	
	Living God	

Throughout church history, the primary pattern of praying has been to address God “through Jesus Christ” and “in the power of the Holy Spirit,” but a secondary pattern of prayer has been to directly address Jesus or the Holy Spirit as fully divine persons of the Trinity.

The following list provides scriptural names and images for addressing Jesus. These may be combined, for example, “Jesus Christ, our bread of life.”

Jesus	Head of the church	Redeemer
Christ	High Priest	Savior
Anointed One	Holy One of Israel	Servant of God
Bread of life	King of kings	Son of David
Bright morning star	Lamb of God	Son of God
Cornerstone	Light of the world	Son of Man
Desire of nations	Lord of lords	Sun of righteousness
Deliverer	Master	Teacher
Emmanuel	Mediator	Wonderful Counselor
Friend of sinners	Messiah	Way of life
Good shepherd	One and Only Son	Word of God
	Physician	

The following list provides scriptural names and images for addressing the Holy Spirit.

Advocate	Eternal Spirit	Spirit of God
Breath of God	Holy Spirit	Spirit of holiness
Comforter	Spirit of adoption	Spirit of truth
Counselor	Spirit of Christ	Spirit of wisdom
Creator Spirit		

Actions and Attributes of God

The following are examples of how actions and attributes can be used to address God and to offer our thanks and praise. These are merely suggestions to help you get started. You may think of other actions or attributes. For the Prayer of Adoration, you may pick a few actions or attributes and elaborate.

Actions of God

Gracious God,
you created the world in beauty . . .
you created us in your image and yet more wonderfully restored us in Christ . . .
you are re-creating the world in Christ . . .
you revealed yourself to us in Christ . . .
you allow us to glimpse your glory in the face of Christ . . .
you teach, comfort, and challenge us by your Word . . .
you govern this world in power and love . . .
you lead us faithfully . . .
you led your people by fire and cloud . . .
you prepared the way for the coming of your Son . . .
you sent your Son to the world for its salvation . . .
you led the Magi by a star to worship your Son . . .
you anointed Jesus your Son with your Spirit at his baptism . . .
you raised Jesus from the dead through the power of the Spirit . . .
you send us out into the world to make disciples . . .
you sent your Holy Spirit to point us to Christ . . .
you send your Holy Spirit to empower the church . . .
you hear our prayers in Jesus' name . . .
you promise always to be with us . . .
you promise the coming of Christ's kingdom . . .
you alone can bring healing . . .
you alone can bring unity out of dissension . . .
you alone can conquer evil . . .

Attributes of God

Gracious God, we praise you as the one who is . . .

abundant in truth	good	just
almighty	gracious	living
beautiful	holy	long-suffering
eternal <i>or</i> everlasting	incomprehensible	loving
ever present	infinite	perfect
faithful	invisible	wise