

"COMMUNE WITH ME" GUIDE

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PRAISE GOD for who He is and all He has done for you! "I will enter His courts with praise!"

ASK FORGIVENESS - Be specific as the Holy Spirit reminds you of what you need to ask forgiveness for. Consider this verse: "Who shall stand in God's holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart." "Forgive us our sins..."

SET MY WILL TO FORGIVE - Help me give grace and mercy to those I live with, anyone who hurts, offends or sins against me. He will forgive me as (in the same way that) I forgive others!

WORSHIP - God says: "Let me see your face and hear your voice, for your voice is sweet and your face is lovely." He doesn't care how we sound or look! Just worship Him for who He is!

ASK FOR MY DAILY BREAD - "Give [me] this day [my] daily bread": which is whatever needs You see that I have spiritually, emotionally, physically, health-wise, time-wise, etc.

PRAY for family, friends as Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Keep them from the evil one... May God's joy be fulfilled in them... Keep them in God's Name... Sanctify (make holy) them in the Truth." Pray favorite Scripture verses over them.

PUT THE ARMOR OF GOD – as it says in Ephesians 6:10–17.

"EAT" THE WORD OF GOD – Read in Psalms, Proverbs and/or a book in the Bible.

JOURNAL - Write in journal out of your heart, good things and hard things. Listen for God to speak, and write down what He speaks to you.

DEVOTIONAL BOOK: Read a book that helps you understand God better or get closer to Him.

TIPS, IDEAS, & THOUGHTS:

This form (above) is for an older-intermediate-to-advanced reading child. I called it a "Commune with Me" Guide, but it could just as easily be called "Time With God" Guide, as the ones below are called.

The "Time With God Guide on the next page is larger print (than the one above) for a younger, earlier-reading-level child, at more of an "intermediate" level.

And then the last page is for the just-beginning-to-read child, in much larger print, and fewer words. This is simpler, and only a half-sheet. (So you can fit two on that page, if you have two children in this category.)

"Time with God" Guide

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_____’s Time With God Guide

Thank You, Jesus, for ... the blessings He has given you: family, home, love, friends.

I praise You, for You are... good, faithful, holy, just, kind, powerful, all-knowing, patient, gracious.

Please forgive me for... sins I have done, bad attitudes.

Help me forgive anyone who has hurt me.

I ask You for my “daily bread.” What I need help with from God today: the power to love, forgive, live peacefully with others, obey my parents.

I put on the armor of Christ. Strengthen me to do Your will, God.

I pray for my loved ones. (Family? Friends? Unsaved?)

OTHER OPTIONS: Read Bible, Devotional or Bible Story book or CD. Let Jesus love and hold you. Listen to Him. Write down your thoughts and prayers. Talk with Him.

You might notice that some of the wordings in the second form are different from the first one. This is because I edit pretty much anything I make every time I use it!! ☺ But it's all the same idea!

Here’s our sample! As in the one above, I had Carlianne write her name on the blank line at the top. If you prefer, you can type out the name on the computer and *then* print it out. Colored paper or cardstock is fun.

For greatest durability, laminate it. (You can barely tell, but this one *is* laminated.) I would punch a hole in the upper left corner and hang it on a straight nail (rather than one with a head) on a wall, like behind a bedroom door. Or you can put it into a plastic sheet protector and keep in a Bible or a “My Time with God” notebook or journal.

