

# **Privileged Position**

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Deuteronomy 4:7 (ESV)

For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

**There was never a nation that could call upon God as their God. Then God called on Abraham and he believed God and God grew the nation of Israel from him. This nation had the Privileged Position of being called the apple of God's eye. Jesus' human lineage came through the nation of Israel. Although this nation failed in many ways, Jesus fulfilled all that God desired. Now today we hold the Privileged Position of being called the people of God, the Holy Nation as stated in 1Peter 2:9. The church and individual believers have proven to fall short of God's intended purpose. How then could God call us a Holy Nation?**

Colossians 2:14 (ESV)

God cancelled the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

**God looks at us as pure and holy as Jesus HIMSELF. Now with open arms, God is very attentive to our prayers. God hears them instantly. Therefore, with this Privileged Position:**

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**God cancelled our iniquity by nailing it to the cross. As 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "Jesus who knew no sin, became sin!"**



Because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, God tells us to draw near HIS throne with confidence. **We are the only people on earth that have this capacity.** Through Jesus we have absolute security that God hear us and will do abundantly more than we ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.

**We are pure through Jesus with every sin nailed to the cross.  
Therefore, we have confidence in HIS Perfect Written Word.**

Psalm 18:30 (ESV) NO/OH

This God—his way is perfect;  
the Word of the LORD proves true;  
HE is a shield for all those who take refuge in HIM.

**It is very clear throughout Scripture that we should spend time in prayer to God. **Our prayers have power.** When I came to know Jesus, I didn't know how to pray, so I just walked around our apartment complex and talked to God which is certainly appropriate. Also, like Nehemiah when the King of Persia asked him a question, we should pray anytime, anywhere.**

Nehemiah 2:4 (ESV)

Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So, I prayed to the God of heaven.

**It is not how we pray; we just need to pray. But have you ever wanted to pray and wondered what was appropriate or didn't not what to say? I would like to share a few insights on prayer I learned from RT Kendall. Hopefully you will be encouraged.**

**RT Kendall = Perfect Prayer = Got my attention.**

**#1 Lord's prayer – Jesus said, "Pray like this!" – Matthew 6:8-9**

**#2 Pray in the Spirit – The Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. – Romans 8:26-27**

**#3 Ask for Wisdom – If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, and it will be given him. – James 1:5**

**OT and NT God literally begs us to come to HIM in prayer. This is God speaking:**

Psalm 91:14–15 (ESV) NO/OH

<sup>14</sup> Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows MY NAME.

<sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

**Rejoice that our Privileged Position gives us total access to God the Father through Jesus. With access comes power!**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake God made Jesus to be sin WHO knew no sin, so that in HIM we might become the righteousness of God.

Matthew 6:9–13 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> Jesus says pray like this:

“Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

*For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.*

*Amen.*

*We have this XYZ prayer. Let us Pray it in this context and these parameters because Jesus said, “This is the perfect prayer.”*