

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 7

The God Whom We Seek is Gracious

May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: To realize the holiness of the God we seek, and to see the love of God demonstrated for us on the cross of Christ, will remain empty knowledge, if we do not understand the greatness of the Mercy of God. The Holiness of God stands as a door and barrier to our sinfulness. The love of God is a banquet feast on the other side of the door, but without understanding the Mercy of God, we have no right to feast on His presence. In our seeking the face of God, it is important for us to understand that the Mercy of God is not a “feeling” that God has toward us. Mercy is a part of the very nature of God. And as a part of His Nature, it is eternal and unchanging. Mercy is that character of God that causes Him by to be actively compassionate toward us. It is the Mercy of God that opens the door for us to personally experience the Face of God. Mercy is the key that opens the door, but it must be activated by faith. We must place our faith in the infinite, unchangeable, mercy of God that reaches out to us, even as we reach for the handle of the door to His presence. His Mercy is not a temporary mood, it is a part of His eternal being. He is always gracious toward us. Count on this as you seek His face.

- Day 1:** Today, take time to remember the many ways that God has been kind and merciful toward you. Maybe make a list and review how merciful He has been to you.
- Day 2:** Are there ways that you have viewed God’s mercy as some temporary mood, but that if you disobey, God’s mercy will be removed? Repent of any false ideas of God’s mercy.
- Day 3:** Ask God to help you to understand more of His mercy, and ask the Lord to help you grow in your knowledge of Jesus your Lord, as Peter writes.
- Day 4:** Pray for insight from the Lord as to how you can reflect His mercy to those around you. This is part of being His people who seek His face.
- Day 5:** Pray today that individuals and families in your church will grow in their understanding of God’s mercy.
- Day 6:** Pray for mercy to be extended between the churches in your city. Pray that barriers of competition would be broken down by the mercy of God.
- Day 7:** God’s mercy extends to all men and women. Pray today for mission agencies that especially minister with compassion and mercy ministries.