

The Lord spoke with Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend (Exodus 33:11). Model your prayer after their conversation. Here's how Moses prayed:

Moses said, *“You have been telling me, ‘Take these people up to the Promised Land.’ But you haven’t told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, ‘I know you by name, and I look favorably on you. . . . let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people.”*

The Lord replied, *“I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest — everything will be fine for you.”*

Then Moses said, *“If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place. How will anyone know that you look favorably on me — on me and on your people — if you don’t go with us? For your presence sets us apart from all other people on the face of the earth.”*

The Lord replied, *“I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you and I know you by name.”*

Moses responded, *“Then show me your glorious presence.”*

The Lord replied, *“I will make all my goodness pass before you . . . As my glorious presence passes by, I will hide you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”*

Here’s how I prayed:

“You’ve told me to teach these children. They are yours. If you don’t help me, I can’t do it. I know you are always with me, but I want to experience your presence every moment. Please show me more of who you are, speak to me. I’m listening.”

I waited. God didn’t appear, or speak audibly, but my Bible was open and I kept reading his promise, “I will personally go with you, and I will give you rest — everything will be fine for you.”

I decided to believe God was with me. As I drove to school that day, I felt incredible joy. In fact, I was joyful all day long. That’s how God showed me his presence.

In His presence is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11).