"A Prayer Journey"

Father, we come this morning as those who were once without hope and without an inkling of the journey You would set before us.

We were wandering the planet in search of answers and then You appeared out of nowhere and provided conviction of sin, conviction of righteousness and conviction of judgment. Then we chose You because Your grace plan was so compelling.

In an instant we became a small part of a gigantic program. A program made just for us, both individually and collectively. A plan devised by the Creator of heaven and earth. Our hope gradually shifted from self to You.

And after years of trial and error we became aware that no one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame. You are our guaranteed expectation both in time of trouble and in time of prosperity. There is no other name given among men worthy of our trust.

So here we are again, asking that You show us more. Show us how You work. Show us Your ways. Take us by the hand. Lead us into the paths of truth. Shut tight the doors through which we should not walk and make clear to us the open doors; and give us confidence and capability to walk through them.

Keep watch over us and please keep us out of trouble. Shut us up when we go bonkers over silly, worldly things. Warn us gently when we put our mouths in gear and our minds in neutral. Go behind us and clean up our silly messes.

We have confidence Father that You and You alone can reform us through Your Word. For it is You Who has given all things that pertain unto life and Godliness.

Yes, Father it is You who called us into glory and virtue. The earth is Yours and everything in it; for You established it absolutely perfect and readied it for our habitation.

It was You who provided so many promises in order that we might partake of Your divine nature. So to You we come this day <u>knowing</u> You are ready to serve a six-course dinner right in front of our enemies – enemies both seen and unseen.

You are ready to revive our drooping heads and pour out from the windows of heaven blessings galore – so bountiful the pouring that there may not be room enough to receive them all.

Guide us in Your truth and teach us, for You are God, our Savior; our hope is in You and You alone. Remember not our rebellious ways; but according to your love remember our plaintiff cries, for You are good, Yes, Father, You are very good.

We stand at the ready and await Your pleasure. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen