

# Daily Prayer

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Today's prayer is based on I Timothy 2.5-7, ESV.

*For there is one God,*

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for revealing your self as the one and only true God  
with a capital G.

I know there have been and are now many claims across this world of yours  
that there are many Gods.

But that simply cannot be true - there cannot be two Gods  
as you describe yourself in Scripture in existence at the same time.

I do readily acknowledge - because you say so in your Word -  
that there *are* many gods - with a little g.

Paul said as much at Mars Hill.

But you, only you, are the true God, God of gods, God over all.

Please, Father, help me in my quest to know you as you really are -  
the only un-created being in existence, from whom all else proceeds.

*and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

Lord, there are as well *many* claims from folks

who think they have figured out a path back to you -  
and yet this same *singleness* also applies to your Son, our Lord Jesus,  
as the true path to you.

Only *He* proceeds from you, God and man at the same time.

Only *He* kept your will perfectly.

*who gave himself as a ransom for all,*

Only *He* offered himself as sacrifice to satisfy the demands of justice.

Only *He* rose from the death that was the punishment due us.

Only *He* offers himself to anyone, anywhere, who will turn to him in faith.

*which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

Father God, thank you for your sovereign and providential  
governing of all history so that,

at just the right time,

Jesus came and accomplished our salvation.

*For this I was appointed a preacher*

Thank you for appointing and equipping Paul  
as a *forth teller* of your Word,

with power in his *Thus says the Lord*  
and grace in his *Trust and obey*.

*and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying),*

Thank you also for *sending* him at the proper time  
with his preaching, teaching and example  
of what it means to live by faith in your truth.

*a teacher of the Gentiles in faith*

Father, I am one of these *Gentiles* who have come  
to faith and life in large measure through Paul's message and teachings.  
Thank you for raising him up with his comprehensive grasp  
of your saving, delivering work among your chosen people,  
and how that work now extends to all the earth  
through Jesus Christ, the Messiah, our Lord and Savior.

*and truth.*

Thank you for the marriage of faith and truth.  
Many in our day think that *believing* is good, an end in itself.  
They think that, psychologically,  
it is better to have a believing disposition  
than to be a cynic.  
But Father, thank you for making it clear that that is no option at all.  
Of course we as humans have to believe -  
no one of us is a sufficient gatherer and processor of knowledge  
so that we *possess* all truth.  
We *all* have to believe things we cannot prove.  
So thank you for revealing your truth in your Word quickened by your Spirit  
to broken, fallible vessels such as we are,  
that we can hope that, walking in trusting dependence on you,  
we will walk in to more and more of your truth  
as you prepare us to receive more and more of it,  
for Jesus and His kingdom's sake. Amen.

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Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering.

Augustine

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