

Closing Prayer: Idols of the Heart

Ezekiel 14:1–6 • Exodus 20:1–6 • Matthew 6:19–24 • Colossians 3:1–5

Heavenly Father,

You know my heart more completely than I know it myself. You see what I treasure, what I fear losing, and what I turn to when I want comfort, security, or a sense of worth. I invite You to show me anything I have placed above You, even when it began as something good.

Forgive me for the times I have depended on Your gifts more than on You, the Giver. Forgive me when I have tried to find lasting peace in control, approval, possessions, relationships, or my own accomplishments. Help me recognize the difference between being grateful for a blessing and asking it to carry what only You can carry.

Lord, You are the One who rescues and restores. I do not want to merely appear devoted to You while my heart is held captive elsewhere. Where my priorities have become misplaced, gently bring them into the light. Give me the courage to repent, release what has taken Your place, and turn toward You again.

Teach me to store up treasure that lasts. Set my mind and my desires on Christ. Let me love people freely without expecting them to save me, enjoy good things without being ruled by them, and make plans without making an idol of certainty.

As I fast and make room for Your heart, show me what has been filling the space that belongs to You. Replace striving with trust, fear with faith, and divided loyalty with wholehearted devotion. May the things I hold be held with open hands, and may my heart belong fully to You.

In Jesus' name, amen.