

Children-2-pray: Who is God really?

It is difficult to imagine what God looks like, because we cannot see Him! One of the reasons is because God is a Spirit. We are made in God's image, that is why we think of Him in 'human' terms. But God is Spirit and no man had ever seen Him. You can't see Him like you can see your parents or friends. How then can we know He is real or what He is like? The answer is simple. It lies in what we call God's character, as He explains it to us in the Bible. He has special names that help us understand what He is like. An important word to remember when you're praying according to God's character is the word 'always'. 'Always' means 'eternal'. God has always existed and always will. With this in mind, take note of these 6 important reminders of God's character.

1. God is **always** present. This means God is everywhere, all the time. *Thank you God that I can pray anywhere, any time. Especially when I feel lonely, help me to remember You are with me, closer than my mom and dad, or my friends.*
2. God is **always** powerful. God can do anything, nothing is impossible for Him. *Thank you God that You always answer my prayers, even though You sometimes say 'no'. Your will is best for me. Please come and do the things that I cannot do.*
3. God **always** knows. God knows everything, even before it happens. *Thank you God that I can have peace and confidence when I pray because You are in control of all things that will happen in my life.*
4. God is **always** fair. God does only what is right and just. *Thank you God that I can turn to You to help me out when I do not know what the right thing is to do. Please do in my life what is best in Your eyes.*

5. God is **always** holy. 'Holy' means 'perfect'. God can never sin. *Thank you God that You never make a mistake in the way You hear or answer my prayers. I also want to be holy. Make me holy as You are holy.*

6. God is **always** good. His plans for your life are for your own good. *Thank you God that in every situation, You work out all things for my own good. Help me to see circumstances like You do.*

Can you think of other parts of God's character that are not on this list? Make your own list. But most of all, remember to give thanks to God every day for being with you always, even now!