

When we approach God in prayer, we often forget the greatness of the One we are addressing. This is the reason why the utmost importance is given to understanding both the power and the holiness of the Lord as we respond to him (Psalm 96:4). We were created by God and for God (Colossians 1:16). As created beings, we give our praise to our Creator (Psalm 95:6). Our prayer lives should reflect the reality of who God is clearly, boldly and biblically.

The authors of *The Battle Plan for Prayer* list a number of praiseworthy things about God we can incorporate into our prayer lives...

- **A reminder of who God is:**  
*You are our Creator. You are awesome. You are Lord of all.*
- **A recounting of what God has done:**  
*You rescued me. You saved us. You provided for me.*
- **A recognition of God's holiness:**  
*There is none like you. You are greater than...better than...higher than...more powerful than...anything else.*
- **A rejoicing in God's name:**  
*We lift up your name. I praise your name. We honor your name.*
- **A relinquishing of control to God:**  
*I love you and give you my life. I surrender all to you; all that I am*

Powerful prayers begin with appropriate praise. As we begin our 21-day prayer journey together, let's take some time today to reflect upon the character and works of God and praise him for his holiness, his power and his greatness.

**Prayer prompt:** Read **Psalm 145** slowly and thoughtfully. As you read, pay attention to how the psalmist celebrates the character and the works of God. Make those same moments of praise in the Scripture your personal praise to God today. Let Psalm 145 be a guide to start your prayer, and then add additional praiseworthy things about God as you pray.

*For great is the LORD,  
and greatly to be praised...*

Psalm 96:4

*"This is God's universe, and God does things his way. You may have a better way, but you don't have a universe."*