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# *One Writer's Prayer*

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Dear God,

I pray to grow in intelligence and spiritual perception. I pray Your grace-filled, magnificent Spirit will thrive within my being, bringing a sweet fragrance to my life. Endow me with the spiritual gifts You desire for me, for the sake of being more for others.

In order to fully perceive the truth of being among those who are expressions of God's presence on earth, I determine to:

1. Have an open, listening heart.
2. Be obedient to what the Spirit asks of me throughout each day.
3. Be careful about having high expectations of myself and of others.
4. Be more aware of when my ego gets in the way!
5. Turn loose of my agendas.
6. Wait on God regarding who God wants me to encounter and who God does not want me to encounter.
7. Write with an ear to the Spirit.
8. Rely on God for income and to be satisfied with what comes.
9. Give up caring what other people think.
10. Grow in the desire to belong totally to God, seeking God's will over my own.
11. Trust God and be aware when worries are encroaching on my peace of mind.
12. Enjoy life and confront all fears.
13. Forget "old age." Aging is not an issue. I will see the passing of years as advancing in God.
14. Be **ageless**, live in the Spirit of renewal and stand tall in the power of God's Presence abiding within.
15. Keep my commitment to take time aside for daily prayer and reading of Holy Writ.
16. Keep questing after more understanding God is . . . and understanding myself.