

**The One with Many Names:
A Prayer**
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Oh Jesus, you are one with many names--names that meet us in the complexity and desires of our life and living. Hear us, we pray.

ADVOCATE

We long for an advocate, a defense attorney, one who understands and represents our fears, longings, and sin.

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One” (I John 2:1).

PEACE

We long for the misunderstandings, tensions and infighting to cease. That “the common good” be central to working together.

“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph. 2:14).

THE WORD

Most Holy One, we long to see your face. To see your character and being represented as something we can understand and follow. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

SUPREME CREATOR OVER ALL

Oh God, we fervently want someone to be in control.

“By Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together....” (Col. 1:16-17).

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We give you thanks that you light our way through the most difficult circumstances.

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

GOOD SHEPHERD

Oh God, we are thankful that you walk ahead of us to protect us and have already given your life for us. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11).

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