



Section: Reformed Theology

Module: God

Biblical Images of God

The wealth of biblical images of God and God's activity in the world give us words for addressing God in prayer. "Recognizing that our language is limited and limiting, it is important to counteract those limitations by using many and varied images and metaphors as we attempt to speak about God. Our language should be as intentionally diverse and varied as is that of the Bible and our theological tradition."¹

Consider putting this list where it can remind you to use them to enrich your personal prayer and those you pray with and for as you teach and lead. Circle five you might use in the coming week.

Sovereign God	God of forgiveness and understanding
Loving God	God our helper
Providing God	Gracious Giver of Knowledge
Planning God	Guide and inspiration of humanity
Holy God	Infinite God
Creating God	Keeper of the Covenant
Redeeming God	Light of the faithful
Sustaining God	Maker of heaven and earth
Companion of the lonely	Creator and Teacher
Creative Source of all being	Proclaimer of Justice
Creator of light	Rock of our salvation
Eternal Father-Mother God	Ruler of all peoples on earth
Eternal Source of knowledge	Shelter from the storm
Faithful God	Source of all true joy
Fountain of light and truth	Source of life
Generous Provider of all good gifts	Steadfast and loving One
Giver of Health and Salvation	Strong God of truth
God of ages past and Future	Teacher of peace
God of all comfort	Watchful and caring God

1 - Most of these ways to address God were taken from a list compiled by Drew Theological School's Task Force on Inclusive Language in 1981 and adapted for use at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1986.

