

Breath Prayers

Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Breathe in.

Breathe out.

Pay attention to the breath of life within you.

The following words and phrases can be used to focus your attention while distractions are shed. Rhythmically repeat the word or phrase, breaking as indicated by the slash (/), inhaling and then exhaling.

Je/sus Come/Holy Spirit

The Lord/is my shepherd (Psalm 23:1) Rest/in me

Come Lord Jesus/hear my prayer Be still and know/that I am God

(1 Corinthians 16:22b) (Psalm 46:10)

Be not/afraid (Isaiah 43:1) Jesus/fill me

I have called you by name/and you are mine Your own breath prayer...

(Isaiah 43:1)

What happens when you let go and let God?

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