

## TABERNACLE PRAYER

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Here priests sacrificed animals to pay for their sin, but the cross of Jesus replaces this altar and is the one sacrifice for all time. We start by thanking God for the difference Jesus' blood makes for us: we are forgiven, healed, freed from the world, sin and death. Read Eph.2:1-10 and praise Jesus! This renews our thinking! Before moving on I offer myself on the altar, surrendering everything to God. Passing *through* not *round* the altar. Rom.12:1

Here the priests would clean their hands and feet before approaching God. The water becomes a mirror for us and we ask the Holy Spirit to show us anything we need to say sorry for. Perhaps reflect on the 10 Commandments (Ex.20) or the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:36-40).



We enter the Holy Place and find the lampstand representing the Holy Spirit. I spend time asking the Spirit to fill me. Holy Spirit is a *person* not a force: *I welcome you Holy Spirit, you are my Lord and friend, fill me, lead me, anoint me, and use me for your glory today.*

This symbolizes the Word of God. We read the Bible daily and we take time here to pause and ask God: "What is your living Word for me today?" It might be a verse, a picture, image or simple nudge that comes. Matt.4:4 – "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God."



Here the priests burnt sweet smelling incense keeping a pleasing aroma before God all day long. We take time to sing in the Spirit or worship songs and praise God enjoying Him!

On top of the Ark is the 'mercy seat' – the throne of God – and the ark itself speaks of His 'covenant' or promises to us. We are welcome to walk right up to God's throne trusting in His promises! Here we begin to intercede, knowing we are heard, and in this place we live the rest of the day.



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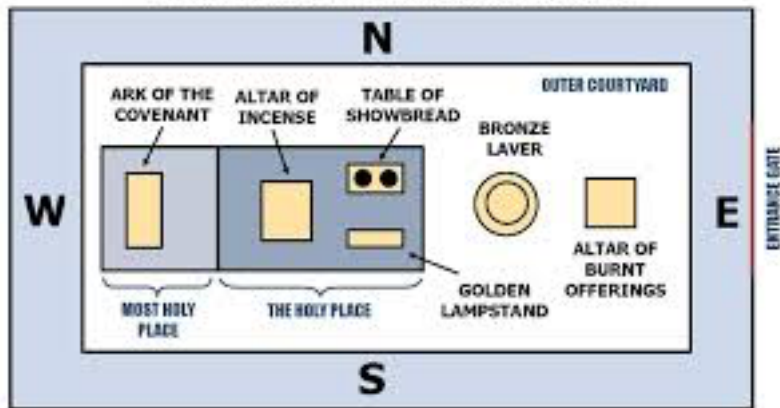
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