

The *Worshipful* Language of Prayer

Use the worshipful pronouns of *Thee, Thou, Thy* and *Thine* in place of the informal, common pronouns of *you, your, and yours.*

To use the respectful language of prayer:

1st, identify all 2nd person pronouns:
subjective, objective, and possessive.

Ex 1: I love *you*. (I=subject doing the action,
you=object receiving the affection)

Ex 2: *You* give me hope. (*You*=subject who
gives, *me*=object who receives hope)

2nd, replace common pronoun with
worshipful pronoun.

You → **Thou** (subjective; acts)

You → **Thee** (objective; receives action)

Your → **Thy** (possessive; used like “my”: my
joy, your joy, thy joy)

Yours → **Thine** (possessive; used like
“mine”: it’s mine, it’s yours, it’s thine)

3rd, Modify verb ending with -est (usually)
when using subjective form “Thou.”

Ex: Thou knowest, Thou doest, Thou helpest,
Thou gavest, Thou *art*, Thou *wilt*.

Worshipful Examples:

We give **thee** praise for what **Thou** hast done.

I thank **thee** for **thy** goodness and mercy.

We ask **thee** to bless **thy** prophet.

We seek to emulate **thee**.

Please help me to understand **thy** will.

All that is **thine** can be ours.

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