



Pervade all my imaginations

Closely akin to our thoughts are our imaginations, though there is a subtle difference. They are siblings, having the same DNA, but are not identical. Imagination is more free-wheeling than our mere thoughts, with its insistence on exploring nooks and crannies in search of secret, hidden treasures. It is envisioning new possibilities that are not yet realized. Our imaginations can run wild if untethered. This prayer petition is asking God to pick up the reins and control our otherwise wild imagination. That might mean shutting down the visualization of images that are destructive. It might mean repurposing them for a more worthwhile cause. Admittedly, we can lose control of our imaginations and unwittingly follow them into places unworthy of our presence. Therefore, we ask God to guide us in our explorations.

Some of us have a more vivid imagination than others and need more help from God to guide and control its wandering. If this fits you, the petition is particularly critical for your spiritual well-being.

Our imaginations do have a creative edge that cuts into the unknown. That is the source of new and useful thoughts and ideas. Inventions originate within the laboratory of imagination.

Our prayer should always be one of thanksgiving for the gift of imagination and for the reins to be in God's steady hands.