

# Epicurean substitute for prayer

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I thought I had posted about prayer previously and sure enough - 2 years ago - I was going through Obbink's translation and commentary on On Piety:

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προσευχεσθαι γαρ εν τωι Περί [Βιω] οικείον είναι [ημέ]ν φησί.

I promised something on prayer yesterday, so to fulfill my self-imposed obligation 😊, here's what Epicurus said about prayer according to column 26 of On Piety. The original is above and is mostly intact in the papyrus.

For he says in the *On Ways of Life*, προσευχεσθαι is οικείον for us.

προσευχεσθαι [proseukhesthai] means "prayer", specifically to offer prayers or vows; offer prayers or worship. The word can be broken down...



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Not that it's any great insight! Just thought y'all could find it interesting.