

austin house of prayer

prayer Book



holy holy holy
is the lord god almighty
who was and is and is to come



PRAYERS OF ADORATION

"The most important commandment," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'"

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS IT WAS IN THE
BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE

adoration * old testament

101) 2 Chronicles 5: 13-14 *God's enduring goodness & mercy*

The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang:

"He is good;
his love endures forever."

Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

102) Exodus 15: 1 – 3 *Moses' song of victory*

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD :

"I will sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
The horse and its rider
he has hurled into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

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103) Isaiah 6 : 1-4 *Isaiah's vision*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

104) Psalm 84:1, 10 –12 *Praise for the beauty of God*

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD Almighty!

Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

O LORD Almighty,
blessed is the man who trusts in you.

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105) Psalm 45: 1-8 *A psalm for Christ the Bridegroom*

My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with grace,
since God has blessed you forever.

Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously
in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness;
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;
let the nations fall beneath your feet.

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.

All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.

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106) Psalm 18 :1 –7

David worships God for His deliverance

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I am saved from my enemies.

The cords of death entangled me;
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

The cords of the grave coiled around me;
the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called to the LORD;
I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came before him, into his ears.

The earth trembled and quaked,
and the foundations of the mountains shook;
they trembled because he was angry.

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107) Psalm 99: 1 – 5 *God is exalted above all nations*

The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.

Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.

Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.

108) II Samuel 7 : 18 – 22 *David's response to God's promise*

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:
"Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you
have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your
sight, O Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of
the house of your servant. Is this your usual way of dealing with man,
O Sovereign LORD ?

“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O
Sovereign LORD. For the sake of your word and according to your
will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your
servant. How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like
you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own
ears.”

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109) Deuteronomy 10: 12 –22 *Moses exhorts the Israelites*

And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. Your forefathers who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

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151) Matthew 6:9 Jesus teaches us adoration for the Father

This, then, is how you should pray: **“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name ... for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”**

152) Rev. 4:8-11 The Seraphim proclaim the Father's transcendent beauty - the 1st “worthy song”

The 4 living creatures...do not rest day or night, saying: **“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”** Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the 24 elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: **“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and for Your pleasure they exist and were created.”**

153) John 1:29-30 John the Baptizer proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, **“Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”**

154) Rev. 5: 8-14 Angelic host, seraphim and the 24 elders worship Jesus – 2nd and 3rd “worthy songs”

When He had taken the scroll, the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a Harp, and golden Bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sang a new song, saying: **“You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was 10,000 times 10,000, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” Every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!” The 4 living creatures said, “Amen!” The 24 elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.**

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155) Rev. 1:4-6: Glory to Jesus for loving and washing us in His blood

Grace & peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, from the 7 Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, the ruler over the kings of the earth. **To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

156) Luke 2:14 Song of the angels at the announcement of Jesus' birth

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night ... Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared, praising God and saying, **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”**

157) Rev. 7:9-12 All nations worship at end of the age - heavenly host overwhelmed by fulfillment of this

...behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, And crying out with a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”** All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the 4 living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: **“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”**

158) Revelation 12:6-7 Angels calling forth worship from all peoples of the earth

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, **“Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”**

159) Rev. 11:15-17 Time for God to fully manifest His reign on earth

The seventh angel sounded: there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”** The 24 elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: **“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned.”**

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160) Rev. 15:2-4 Victorious saints worship God on the sea of glass

And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

**“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are Your ways, O King of Saints!
Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?
For You alone are holy.
For all nations shall come and worship before You,
for Your judgments have been manifested.”**

161) Acts 4:24-30 The early church responds to threats with adoration & a cry for justice to be done

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. **“Sovereign Lord,”** they said, **“you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:**

**‘Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together against the Lord
and against his Anointed One.’**

... Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind.

162) Hebrews 1:10-12 A song of praise for the eternal God of creation

In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

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163) Matthew 9:8 Praise to God because of His work in men

When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and **they praised God, who had given such authority to men.**

164) Jude 24-25 Doxology to the strong God who keeps weak men from falling

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

165) Luke 1:46-49 Mary's confession of God's astonishing work in her life

My soul exalts the Lord and my spirit is dancing in God, my Savior – for he has kept in his mind the humble state of his servant. From this point on generation after generation will call me ‘blessed’, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name!

166) Ephesians 1:3-10 Praise for the perfect execution of God's eternal purposes

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment — to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

167) Romans 16:25-27 An apostolic benediction from Paul to the church in Rome

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him — to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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168) 1 Timothy 1:17 Glory & honor to the invisible God

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

169) Ephesians 3:20-21 Glory in the church throughout all generations

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

170) Luke 19:36-40 The people of Jerusalem erupt in adoration for the Messiah

As Jesus went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

171) John 19:3,19-22 Pilate’s prophetic proclamation of Jesus as King of the Jews

The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, **“Hail, king of the Jews!”** ... Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: **Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.** Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

172) John 6:66-69 Peter declares his loyalty to Jesus even in difficulty

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, **“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”**

173) Matthew 11:25 Jesus praises the Father for both hiding & revealing His plan

At that time Jesus said, **“I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.”**

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174) Rev. 16:4-7 God's rightness is declared in light of His end time judgments

Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying: **"You are righteous, O Lord, the One who is and who was and who is to be, because you have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."** And I heard another from the altar saying, **"Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."**

175) Matthew 16:13-16 Peter's confident confession of Jesus as Messiah

"But what about you?" Jesus asked his disciples. "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, **"You are the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of the living God."**

176) 1 Timothy 6:14-16 The only immortal God dwells in unapproachable light

God will bring about the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ in his own time — **God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.**

177) Rev. 19:2,4-8: The Bride from all nations worships God in light of His judgments

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, **"Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!"** ... And the 24 elders and the 4 living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, **"Amen! Alleluia!"** Then a voice came from the throne, saying, **"Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"** And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thundering, saying, **"Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."** And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

178) Rev. 22: 16-17, 20 Spirit and the Bride agree in asking Jesus to come, for the church and the lost

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the Bride say, **"Come!"** And let him who hears say, **"Come!"** And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely ... He who testifies to these things says, **"Surely I am coming quickly."** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!



PRAYERS OF LISTENING

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

BEHOLD THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD.
*may it be done unto me
as you have said.*

LISTENING * OLD TESTAMENT

201) I Samuel 3: 10 *Samuel hears God's call*

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

202) Psalm 46 : 10 *God calls us to be still*

"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

203) Psalm 27: 8 *Listening to the cry of our hearts*

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

204) Psalm 139 : 23-24 *Listening for God's examination*

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

205) Psalm 45: 10-11 *The Bride listens to the call her Husband*

Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear:
Forget your people and your father's house.

The king is enthralled by your beauty;
honor him, for he is your lord.

LISTENING * OLD TESTAMENT

206) Psalm 66: 16-20 *God listens to the plea of the upright*

Come and listen, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.

I cried out to him with my mouth;
his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened
and heard my voice in prayer.

207) Psalm 85: 8-10 *Listening to the prophetic promise*

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
he promises peace to his people, his saints—
but let them not return to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

208) Song of Solomon 5:2 *The Beloved listens for her Lover*

I slept but my heart was awake.
Listen! My lover is knocking:
"Open to me, my sister, my darling,
my dove, my flawless one.
My head is drenched with dew,
my hair with the dampness of the night."

LISTENING ✱ NEW TESTAMENT

251) Rev 8:1 Silence before the throne

When he opened the seventh seal, **there was silence** in heaven for about half an hour.

252) Mark 6:30-32 Jesus' invitation to be quiet with Him

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, **“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”** So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

253) Matthew 17:5 The Father commands listening to Jesus

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. **Listen to him!**”

254) Luke 10:38-42 Mary of Magdalene listens to Jesus

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, **who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.** But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but **only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.**”

255) John 3:29-30 The joy of friends of the bridegroom is to hear Him

The bride belongs to the bridegroom. **The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice.** That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.

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256) Luke 2:49-52 Treasuring our experience of Jesus

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. **But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

257) Rev. 7:9-12 Our privilege as Jesus’ friends of night-watching with Him

He took Peter and James and John along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. **Stay here and keep watch with me.**”

258) Mark 13:32-37 Our responsibility as Jesus’ servants of night-watching for Him

“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **Be on guard! Be alert and pray!** You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: **‘Watch!’**”

259) Acts 1:4, 14 Waiting in prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ... They all **joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.



PRAYERS OF LONGING

Batter my heart, three-personed God: for You
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, oérthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.

I, like an usurped town, to another due
Labour to admit You, but O, to no end:
Reason, Your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captived, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love You, and would be loved fain,
But am betrothed unto Your enemy:
Divorce me, untie, or break that knot again:
Take me to You, imprison me, for I
Except that You enthrall me, shall never be free,
Nor ever chaste, except that You ravish me.

John Donne

my soul is consumed with longing

LONGING ✱ OLD TESTAMENT

301) Genesis 3: 8-9 *The eternal uncreated God wants to be with men!*

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

302) Psalm 42: 1-3, 5 *David yearns for the presence of God*

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while men say to me all day long,
"Where is your God?"

Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.

303) Psalm 130: 5-8 *Waiting in hope*

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

LONGING ✦ OLD TESTAMENT

304) Psalm 27: 4

Longing for the house of God

One thing I ask of the LORD,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

305) Psalm 84: 1-2

Yearning for the courts of the Lord

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

306) Isaiah 64:1-4

Prayer for God to reveal Himself in power

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

LONGING ✦ OLD TESTAMENT

307) Job 9: 32-34 *Job yearns for the Messiah*

He is not a man like me that I might answer him,
that we might confront each other in court.

If only there were someone to arbitrate between us,
to lay his hand upon us both,

someone to remove God's rod from me,
so that his terror would frighten me no more.

308) Psalm 63: 1-7 *Thirsting for God*

O God, you are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you,
my body longs for you,
in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.

LONGING ✦ OLD TESTAMENT

309) Song of Solomon 3: 1-3 *Night searching*

All night long on my bed
I looked for the one my heart loves;
I looked for him but did not find him.

I will get up now and go about the city,
through its streets and squares;
I will search for the one my heart loves.
So I looked for him but did not find him.

The watchmen found me
as they made their rounds in the city.
"Have you seen the one my heart loves?"

310) Isaiah 26: 9 *Yearning for God in the night*

My soul yearns for you in the night;
in the morning my spirit longs for you.
When your judgments come upon the earth,
the people of the world learn righteousness.

311) Psalm 84: 1-2 *Longing for God in the morning*

O LORD, be gracious to us;
we long for you.

Be our strength every morning,
our salvation in time of distress.

LONGING ✳ NEW TESTAMENT

351) Rev. 22:17,20 The cry of mutual longing from the Bride & the Spirit

And the Spirit and the Bride say, **“Come!”** And let him who hears say, **“Come!”** And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely ... Even so, **come, Lord Jesus!**

352) John 4:10-15 Give me this water!

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, **“Sir, give me this water** so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

353) Mark 10:46-52 I want to see!

As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped ... “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, **“Rabbi, I want to see.”** “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

354) John 17:24 Jesus’ unquenchable desire for intimacy with us

“Father, **I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory,** the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.”

355) Romans 8:23 Our unspeakable desire to become who we are – sons of God!

... we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly as we wait eagerly** for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

356) Matthew 23:27-39 Jesus’ longing to gather the children of Israel to Himself

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, **how often I have longed to gather your children together,** as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

LONGING ✱ NEW TESTAMENT

357) 2 Timothy 1:3-4 *Paul's night-and-day desire to see Timothy face to face*

I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, **I long to see you**, so that I may be filled with joy.

358) Philippians 1:8-9 *Paul's affectionate longing for the church at Philippi*

God can testify **how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus**. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

359) Rev 6:9-11 *The martyrs through the ages cry out for God to judge rightly*

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, **“How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”** Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer ...

360) James 4:5 *The fiery desire of the Holy Spirit within us*

Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the Spirit he caused to live in us **longs jealously**?

361) Romans 8:26 *The deep intercession of the Holy Spirit towards us*

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us **with groans that words cannot express**.

362) 1 Timothy 2:3-6 *The Father's desire for every person in every nation*

God our Savior ... **wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth**. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men.



PRAYERS OF GRIEVING

Let the priests who minister before the Lord
weep between the temple porch and the altar.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord.
Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn,
a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

*my GOD my GOD
why have you forsaken me?*

GRIEVING ✧ OLD TESTAMENT

401) Judges 21: 2 - 4 *The Israelites grieve for the tribe of Benjamin*

The people went to Bethel, where they sat before God until evening, raising their voices and weeping bitterly. "O LORD, the God of Israel," they cried, "why has this happened to Israel? Why should one tribe be missing from Israel today?"

Early the next day the people built an altar and presented burnt offerings and fellowship offerings.

402) I Samuel 15 : 10 - 11 *The Lord is grieved over Saul*

Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.

403) Job 42: 1-6 *Job sees God face to face*

Then Job replied to the LORD :

"I know that you can do all things;
no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that
obscures my counsel without knowledge?'
Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.

"You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.'

My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.

Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes."

GRIEVING ✧ OLD TESTAMENT

404) Lamentations 2: 18-19 *Pour out your heart in the night watches*

The hearts of the people
cry out to the Lord.
O wall of the Daughter of Zion,
let your tears flow like a river
day and night;
give yourself no relief,
your eyes no rest.

Arise, cry out in the night,
as the watches of the night begin;
pour out your heart like water
in the presence of the Lord.
Lift up your hands to him
for the lives of your children,
who faint from hunger
at the head of every street.

405) Psalm 109: 4, 21-25 *People of prayer with wounded hearts*

In return for my friendship they accuse me,
but I am a man of prayer ...

But you, O Sovereign LORD,
deal well with me for your name's sake;
out of the goodness of your love, deliver me.

For I am poor and needy,
and my heart is wounded within me.

I fade away like an evening shadow;
I am shaken off like a locust.

My knees give way from fasting;
my body is thin and gaunt.

I am an object of scorn to my accusers;
when they see me, they shake their heads.

GRIEVING ✧ OLD TESTAMENT

406) Psalm 137: 1-6 *A psalm in exile*

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

There on the poplars
we hung our harps,

for there our captors asked us for songs,
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How can we sing the songs of the LORD
while in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
may my right hand forget its skill .

May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem
my highest joy.

407) Jeremiah 9: 20-21 *Let the women lament for their lost children*

Now, O women, hear the word of the LORD;
open your ears to the words of his mouth.
Teach your daughters how to wail;
teach one another a lament.

Death has climbed in through our windows
and has entered our fortresses;
it has cut off the children from the streets
and the young men from the public squares.

GRIEVING ✧ OLD TESTAMENT

408) *Psalm 51: 1-4* *David's psalm of repentance*

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts ;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

GRIEVING ✧ OLD TESTAMENT

409) Psalm 73 : 21–26 *Asaph struggles with envy*

When my heart was grieved
and my spirit embittered,

I was senseless and ignorant;
I was a brute beast before you.

Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

410) Isaiah 6: 5-7 *Isaiah is stricken at the sight of the Lord*

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the
King, the LORD Almighty."

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which
he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth
and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and
your sin atoned for."

GRIEVING ✧ OLD TESTAMENT

411) Psalm 55 : 1-7 *A cry of David in time of trouble*

Listen to my prayer, O God,
do not ignore my plea;

hear me and answer me.
My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught

at the voice of the enemy,
at the stares of the wicked;
for they bring down suffering upon me
and revile me in their anger.

My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death assail me.

Fear and trembling have beset me;
horror has overwhelmed me.

I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest-

I would flee far away
and stay in the desert;"

Selah

GRIEVING ✱ NEW TESTAMENT

451) Matthew 9:14-15 *Jesus expects his followers to grieve when He isn't with them*

Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered, **"How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast."**

452) John 16:20-22 *Our heart-sickness at not seeing Jesus will one day turn to joy*

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? **I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.** A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: **Now is your time of grief**, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

453) Matthew 2:16-18 *Weep for the children sacrificed to power and convenience*

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
**Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.**"

454) James 5:1-6 *The rich and powerful of the earth should mourn their sins in light of eternity*

Now listen, you rich people, **weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you.** Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

GRIEVING ✱ NEW TESTAMENT

455) Mark 15:33-34,37 The Son of God experiences separation from the Father as He takes the sins of the world upon Himself

At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**” ... With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

456) Mark 14:72 Peter’s sorrow after denying Jesus

Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” **And he broke down and wept.**

457) Luke 15:17-20 The prodigal son’s prayer of contrition

When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: **Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.**’ So he got up and went to his father.

458) Acts 8:18-24 Peter warns Simon to repent for religious greed

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. **Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord.** Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.” Then Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.”

459) James 4:6-10 Humble yourself with grieving, let God be the lifter of your head

Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.**

GRIEVING ✱ NEW TESTAMENT

560) Luke 23:27-31 Grieving for the daughters of Jerusalem

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; **weep for yourselves and for your children.** For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

561) Luke 19:41-46 Jesus weeps over the city of Jerusalem

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, **he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.** The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

562) John 11:33 Jesus deeply moved by Lazarus’ death and his friends’ sorrow

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, **he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.** “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. **Jesus wept.** Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

563) Acts 20:36 Grief at the departure of a dear friend

When Paul had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. **They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again.** Then they accompanied him to the ship.

564) 2 Cor 1:3-5 Praise in the midst of grief for a God who knows suffering!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **who comforts us in all our troubles,** so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.



PRAYERS OF REQUESTING

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever
Amen

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

REQUESTING ✠ OLD TESTAMENT

501) Numbers 6: 22-26 *The priestly blessing*

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The LORD bless you
and keep you;

the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

502) Genesis 16: 3-5 *Abraham entreats the Lord to stay*

He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

503) Genesis 16: 22- 25 *Abraham pleads for Sodom*

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

REQUESTING ✠ OLD TESTAMENT

504) Exodus 33: 15-20 *Moses asks to see God's glory*

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

505) Psalm 68: 1 –2 *Prayer for God to scatter the wicked*

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.

As smoke is blown away by the wind,
may you blow them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.

But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

REQUESTING ✠ OLD TESTAMENT

506) Psalm 90 : 16-17 *Prayer for God's blessing*

May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children. May the favor^l of the Lord our
God rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

507) I Samuel 1: 10 –17 *Hannah's plea for a son*

In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine."

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

REQUESTING ✠ OLD TESTAMENT

508) Song of Solomon 8: 6-7 *Prayer for the seal of God's love*

Place me like a seal over your heart,
like a seal on your arm;
for love is as strong as death,
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.
It burns like blazing fire,
like a mighty flame.

Many waters cannot quench love;
rivers cannot wash it away.
If one were to give
all the wealth of his house for love,
it would be utterly scorned.

509) Song of Solomon 2: 14-15 *The Lover petitions the Beloved*

My dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the hiding places on the mountainside,
show me your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

Catch for us the foxes,
the little foxes
that ruin the vineyards,
our vineyards that are in bloom.

REQUESTING ✠ NEW TESTAMENT

551) Luke 11:2-4 *Jesus gives us the core prayer of the family of God*

Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

552) Luke 11:13 *Jesus says to ask for the Spirit ... and don't expect a No!*

If you fathers then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

553) Eph. 1:17-19 *Paul's prayer for the Spirit to reveal Jesus' beauty and the Bride's destiny*

...that the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your heart being opened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us ...

554) John 14:16-17 *Jesus' prayer to the Father to give the Spirit to His followers*

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.

555) Eph. 3:16-19 *Prayer for the release of mighty strength in the heart for experiencing God's emotions*

... that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

556) Rom. 15:13 *Prayer to be filled with supernatural joy, peace and hope*

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

REQUESTING ✠ NEW TESTAMENT

557) John 17:20-23 *Jesus prays that the Bride would share the unity of the Father and the Son*

... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them, and you in me.** May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

558) 1 Thes. 3:10-13 *Prayer for love to increase in the Church*

... may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all...so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

559) Colossians 2:2-3 *Struggling in prayer for unity in love producing knowledge of Christ*

... that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

560) Rom. 15:5-7 *Prayer for unity in the church across a city or region*

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus.

561) John 17:1-5 *Prayer that the Father would glorify the Son*

Father, the time has come. **Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.** For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

562) 2 Thes. 1:11-12 *Prayer to be worthy of God's calling*

Therefore we also pray always for you **that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus.**

REQUESTING ✠ NEW TESTAMENT

563) Matthew 9:36-38 Prayer for the sending forth of missionaries

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

564) Colossians 4:2-4 Earnest request that God would open a door of evangelism and provide ability to enter

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, **that God would open to us a door for the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak.**

565) 2 Thes. 3:1-5 Prayer for the glorified gospel to quickly penetrate the city

Finally, brethren, pray for us, **that the Word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified**, just as it is with you, and **that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men**; for not all have faith.

566) Philemon 1:6 Prayer for each believer to enjoy telling others about Jesus

... that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

567) Acts 26:29 Paul prays for a king to become a fervent follower of Jesus

Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?” Paul replied, “Short time or long—I **pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.**”

568) 2 Timothy 2:1-6 Pray for everyone!

I urge, then, first of all, **that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.** This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men ...

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569) 2 Thes. 3:5 *That the Bride would live in love*

Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

570) Phil. 1:9-11: *Prayer for God's love to abound in our heart resulting in discernment and righteousness*

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

571) Colossians 4:12 *Epaphras' prayer for confident maturity in the local church*

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, **that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.**

572) Col. 1:9-12 *Prayer to know God's will, be fruitful in ministry & strengthened by intimacy with God*

We...do not cease to pray for you, and to ask **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.**

573) 1 Thes. 5:23-24 *Confident prayer for believers to walk in mature holiness*

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

574) Hebrews 13:20-21 *That the God of resurrection would equip the church*

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

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575) Luke 22:31-32 *Jesus prays that Simon Peter would endure his upcoming trial*

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you all as wheat. **But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.** And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

576) John 17:9-17 *The Son asks the Father to protect the Bride*

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. **Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.** While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me ... I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. **My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.** They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

577) Luke 22:39-40 *Followers of Jesus should pray to not fall prey to temptation*

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, **“Pray that you will not fall into temptation.”**

578) Colossians 1: 9-12 *Prayer to know God's will, be fruitful in ministry & strengthened by intimacy with God*

We...do not cease to pray for you, and to ask **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.**

579) 2 Thes. 2:16-17 *Paul prays for the Bridegroom to strengthen the Bride*

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who reached out in love with gifts of eternal encouragement and good hope through grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and every good word.

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580) Jude 1-2 Jude's apostolic prayer for the church

To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: **Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.**

581) 2 Peter 1:1-2 Peter's apostolic prayer for the church

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: **Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.**

582) Luke 10:5-6 Jesus instructs the disciples to ask for God's peace in the households of the city

When you enter a house, first say, '**Peace to this house.**'

583) Romans 15:30-32 Our privilege of joining others' ministries by praying for them!

I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. **Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.**

584) Luke 23:33-34 Prayer that the Father would forgive Jesus' enemies

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**"

585) Matthew 8:23-25 Jesus' followers cry out to Him to rescue them from danger

Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "**Lord, save us! We're going to drown!**"

586) Luke 18:7-8 Call out day & night to God for justice!

... will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, **who cry out to him day and night?** Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?



PRAYERS OF ENJOYING

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and
the fact that I think I am following Your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that
the desire to please You
does in fact please You.

Thomas Merton

LET HIM KISS ME
with the kisses of his mouth

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601) Psalm 16: 5-11 *Joy in God's presence*

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup;
you have made my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

602) Song of Solomon 1: 2-4 *Exhilarating beauty of the Word*

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—
for your love is more delightful than wine.

Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes;
your name is like perfume poured out.
No wonder the maidens love you!

Take me away with you—let us hurry!
Let the king bring me into his chambers.

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603) *I Chronicles 16: 10* *David instructs 24/7 intercessors to enjoy God*

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

604) *Isaiah 56: 4-7* *Joy in prayer promised to those distant from God*

To the eunuchs ... and foreigners ...
these I will bring to my holy mountain.
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all the nations.

605) *Psalms 149: 1-6* *The Lord delights in His people*

Praise the LORD.
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

For the LORD takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with salvation.

Let the saints rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.

May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands.

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606) Psalm 104: 1-5, 31-34 *Reveling in God's majesty*

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

He wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent

and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.

He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.

He set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved.....

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works-

he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.

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607) Zephaniah 3: 14-15, 17 *Israel rejoices in the love of God*

Sing, O Daughter of Zion;
shout aloud, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
O Daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.

The LORD your God is with you,
he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you,
he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing.

608) Psalm 48: 11- 14 *Joy in the judgments of God*

Mount Zion rejoices,
the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go around her,
count her towers,

consider well her ramparts,
view her citadels,
that you may tell of them to the next generation.

For this God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

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609) Isaiah 61: 10 –11 *Garments of salvation*

I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise
spring up before all nations.

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651) Revelation 19:7-10 The surpassing joy of the marriage supper of the Lamb

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad

and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean,

was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

Then the angel said to me, “Write: **‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’**” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

652) Luke 10:17-20 Rejoice in your identity! (not your deeds ...)

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. **However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**”

653) Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice always in God’s cherishing care

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

654) Romans 5:10-11 Joy in reconciliation

For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but **we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

655) Ephesians 5:18-20 Sing your joy & thanksgiving to God!

Be filled with the Spirit ... **Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord**, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything ...

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656) John 3:27-31 *The greatest joy of the forerunner – hearing His voice*

John the Baptist replied, “A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.’ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and **is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine**, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less. The one who comes from above is above all ...”

657) Luke 2:25-32 *Simeon’s prayer of joy upon seeing Jesus*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

**“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”**

658) I Peter 1: 8-9 *The inexpressible joy of salvation*

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and **are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy**, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

659) Jude 24-25 *The bride’s destiny – to be presented to God by God*

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and **with great joy**—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

660) Romans 15:13 *Prayer to overflow in joy – pray it for yourself too!*

May the God of hope fill you **with all joy** and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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661) Luke 1:46-49: Mary's confession of God's astonishing work in her life

My soul exalts the Lord and **my spirit is dancing in God, my Savior** – for he has kept in his mind the humble state of his servant. From this point on **generation after generation will call me “Blessed,”** for the Mighty One has done great things for me – Holy is his name!

662) Luke 24: 51-53 Joy-filled continual prayer launched after the resurrection

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem **with great joy**. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

663) 1 Thessalonians 3:9-10 The secret of joyful night-and-day prayer for friends

How can we thank God enough for you **in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?** Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again ...

664) Philippians 1:4-7 Praying with joy for heart-partners in the gospel

In all my prayers for all of you, **I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart ...

665) Colossians 1:24,27 Can we too enjoy hardship for the sake of the church?

Now **I rejoice in what was suffered for you**, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church ... To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

667) Romans 5:3-4 Rejoice! Your pain is not hopeless, but is part of God's work

... **let us also rejoice in our sufferings**, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

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668) 1 Peter 4:12-17 *The Spirit of glory on suffering Christians*

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. **But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.** If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, **you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you ...** if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but **praise God that you bear that name.** For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God ...

669) Luke 6:22-26 *Jesus suggests dancing if distressed by others' opinions of you*

Blessed are you when men hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets ...
(But woe to you when all men speak well of you,
for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.)

670) James 1:2-5 *Requesting wisdom when you find it hard to count trials as joy!*

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God,** who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

671) Romans 8:15-19 *Enjoying God as Father ... and scorning pain with Jesus*

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. **And by him we cry, "Daddy, Father."** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

672) Romans 7:22 *Enjoy God, struggle with evil – the normal Christian life*

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For **in my inner being I delight in God's law;** but I see another law at work in the members of my body ...

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673) *Philippians 1:18-21 Joy in the unstoppable advance of the good news*

The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, **Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,** for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

674) *Luke 15 Join the party! The lost are found, and the dead are alive again!*

Jesus told them this parable:

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. **Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, **she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’** In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons ... when the younger one came to his senses, he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. **Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.**’ So they began to celebrate ... But the older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But **we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.**’”

675) *Acts 16:34 Joy in a family’s salvation*

The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; **he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God**—he and his whole family.

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676) Acts 14:15-17 *God's testimony of himself is joy in the hearts of humans*

He has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and **fills your hearts with joy.**

677) Luke 1:13-17 *Joy & delight caused by the spirit of Elijah upon a prophet*

Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. **He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,** for he will be great in the sight of the Lord ... Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

678) Hebrews 1:9 *Jesus set apart by his joy*

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.

679) Acts 2: 26-28 *Jesus' prayer of joyful hope – we can pray it now, too!*

Therefore **my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;**
my body also will live in hope,
because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

680) Revelation 18:20 *The saints of history rejoice in their ultimate vindication*

Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged the powers-that-be for the way they treated you ...



PRAYERS OF ACQUIESCING

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding
And my entire will,
All I have and all my own.

You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
That is enough for me.

St. Ignatius Loyola

into your hands, LORD,
I commend my spirit

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701) Jonah 2: 7–10 *Jonah prays from the fish's belly*

When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, LORD,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

Those who cling to worthless idols
forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

But I, with a song of thanksgiving,
will sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed I will make good.
Salvation comes from the LORD.

702) Genesis 22:1 *Abraham responds to God's test*

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him,
"Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

703) Psalm 131 *Prayer of childlike rest*

My heart is not proud, O LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.

But I have stilled and quieted my soul;
like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD
both now and forevermore.

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704) Psalm 62 : 1-2 *Resting in God*

My soul finds rest in God alone;
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

705) Psalm 138: 6-8 *The Lord will save the lowly*

Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly,
but the proud he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes,
with your right hand you save me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your love, O LORD, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

706) Habakkuk 3: 17- 19 *Faith in the midst of catastrophe*

Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,

yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to go on the heights.

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707) Psalm 139: 1-10 *Prayer of transparency*

O LORD, you have searched me
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you know it completely, O LORD.

You hem me in—behind and before;
you have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

ACQUIESCING ✱ OLD TESTAMENT

708) Jeremiah 20: 7-9 *Jeremiah cannot deny his calling*

O LORD,..... you deceived me, and I was deceived ;
you overpowered me and prevailed.
I am ridiculed all day long;
everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I cry out
proclaiming violence and destruction.
So the word of the LORD has brought me
insult and reproach all day long.

But if I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.
I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.

709) Psalm 39: 2-3 *David's burning heart*

But when I was silent and still,
not even saying anything good,
my anguish increased.

My heart grew hot within me,
and as I meditated, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:

“Show me, O LORD, my life's end
and the number of my days;
let me know how fleeting is my life.

You have made my days a mere handbreadth;
the span of my years is as nothing before you.;
Each man's life is but a breath.”

Selah

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710) Psalm 23: 1-4 *Trusting in the Lord*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

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751) John 12:27-29 Jesus trades temporary rescue for the Father's eternal glory!

"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. **Father, glorify your name!**"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

752) Luke 22:41-44 Not my will but Yours be done ...

He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "**Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.**" An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

753) Luke 1:38 Mary says "Yes" to God

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "**May it be to me as you have said.**" Then the angel left her.

754) Acts 26:13-19 A persecutor of the church becomes a great missionary

"About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' "Then I asked, '**Who are you, Lord?**' " "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' So then, King Agrippa, I **was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.**"

755) Acts 21:12-14 Releasing a friend to face danger and hardship for God

When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." When he would not be dissuaded, **we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."**

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756) Matthew 14:25-29 Peter boldly asks Jesus to challenge his faith!

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” **“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”** “Come,” he said.

757) John 20:24-29 Thomas finally surrenders to the resurrected Christ

Thomas ... said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” **Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”** Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

758) John 11:17-27 Martha wrestles with trusting Jesus while mourning her brother’s death

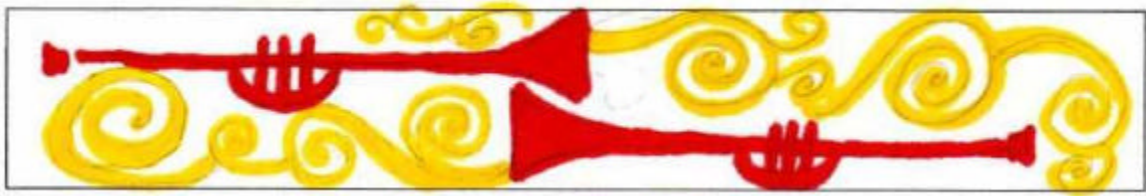
On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days ... When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.**” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” **“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”**

759) Acts 7:59-60 Stephen entrusts his very life to His Lord

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, **“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”** Then he fell on his knees and cried out, **“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”**

760) Luke 23:46 Jesus gives God his spirit on the cross

Jesus called out with a loud voice, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”** When he had said this, he breathed his last.



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The Israelites who were present in Jerusalem celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great rejoicing, while the Levites and priests sang to the LORD every day, accompanied by the LORD's instruments of praise ...

The whole assembly then agreed to celebrate the festival seven more days; so for another seven days they celebrated joyfully. ... There was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, his holy dwelling place.

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TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

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801) *I Chronicles 16: 4-14* *Thanksgiving sung in David's tabernacle*

He appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to make petition, to give thanks, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel: Asaph was the chief, Zechariah second, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom and Jeiel. They were to play the lyres and harps, Asaph was to sound the cymbals, and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow the trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.

That day David first committed to Asaph and his associates this psalm of thanks to the LORD :

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.

802) *Psalms 30: 11-12* *Gratitude for deliverance*

You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my
heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

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803) Psalm 138 *Wholehearted thanksgiving & praise*

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

When I called, you answered me;
you made me bold and stouthearted.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.

May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

804) Daniel 2:23 *Daniel thanks God for answering his prayer*

I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers: for you have given me
wisdom and strength, and have now made known to me what we
asked of you: for you have made known to us the king's matter.

805) Psalm 117 *The nations praise God's love & faithfulness*

Praise the LORD, all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD.

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806) Psalm 136: 1- 6 *Praise to the loving Creator*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
His love endures forever.

to him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.

who by his understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.

who spread out the earth upon the waters,
His love endures forever.

807) I Samuel 2 : 1, 8 *Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving*

Then Hannah prayed and said:
"My heart rejoices in the LORD;
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance....

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes
and has them inherit a throne of honor.
For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's;
upon them he has set the world.

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808) Psalm 57 : 8 – 11 *Morning prayer of praise*

Awake, my soul!

Awake, harp and lyre!

I will awaken the dawn.

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;

I will sing of you among the peoples.

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

809) Psalm 92 : 1 – 4 *Giving thanks in song*

It is good to praise the LORD

and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,

to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

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810) Psalm 124 *Gratitude for God's deliverance*

If the LORD had not been on our side—
let Israel say-

if the LORD had not been on our side
when men attacked us,

when their anger flared against us,
they would have swallowed us alive;

the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,

the raging waters
would have swept us away.

Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird
out of the fowler's snare;
the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

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851) Luke 10:21 *Jesus thanks the Father for His eternal plan to reveal the kingdom of God through simple, broken people*

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, **“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children.** Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.”

852) Luke 2:36-38 *Day & night prayer turns to thanksgiving for the Messiah*

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel ... She was very old ... she never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, **she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.**

853) Romans 7:24-25 *Paul’s thanksgiving for the Father’s rescue plan*

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? **Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

854) I Corinthians 15:54-57 *Thanks to God the Father for defeating the ultimate enemies of humanity!*

“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

855) Colossians 3:15-17 *Give thanks in song, prayer, and work*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful.** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you **sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

856) 2 Cor. 2:14-16 *Thanksgiving for God’s labor in the world through the church*

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ, and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing -- to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

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857) 2 Timothy 1:3-7 Night & day prayer for a generation of fiery lovers of God

I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience (as did my fathers) when I remember you night and day in my prayers. As I remember your tears, I long night & day to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your parents and grandparents and now, I am sure, dwells in you. Hence I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

858) 1 Thess 3:9-11 Night & day thanksgiving & yearning for the body of Christ

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

859) 1 Thess 2:13-14 Oh, the humility of those who accept God's truth from other believers!

And we also thank God constantly for this, **that when you received the word of God which you heard from others, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.** For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's other churches around you ...

860) 2 Thess 2:13 & 1:3: Our obligation to give thanks for other bodies of believers

We are bound **to give thanks to God always for you, brothers and sisters, the beloved of the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth ...**

We are bound **to give thanks to God always for you, brothers and sisters, as is fitting, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing more and more ...**

Because of this, among the churches of God we ourselves boast of you ...

861) Philippians 1:3-6 Heart-rich thanksgiving for partners in the gospel

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, each memory a trigger to joyful prayer, **full of thanks for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.** And I am absolutely confident that he who began a good work in you will be carrying it through to completion up to the day of Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart ...

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862) Acts 26:14-15 Paul's thankfulness for the sacrificial hospitality of others

And so we came to Rome. The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. **At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged.**

863) Philemon 4-7 Thanks for those who love and refresh other saints

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, **because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and I hear about your love for all the saints ...** For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

864) Colossians 1:3-5: Thanksgiving for the character of the church

We always thank Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you, **because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints – the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven ...**

865) Romans 1:8 Paul gives thanks for the good reputation of the church

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, **because your faith is being reported all over the world.**

866) Romans 6:17-18 Gratitude for whole-hearted obedience from former sinners

But thanks be to God that, **though you who were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient with your whole heart to the teaching entrusted to you, and having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.**

867) 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Give thanks for the God of second chances!

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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868) John 6:8-11 Jesus gives thanks for food provided by man & multiplied by God

Andrew spoke up, “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, **gave thanks**, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

869) Acts 28:33-36 Paul thanks God for food in time of peril

Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. “For the last fourteen days,” he said, “you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything. Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.” After he said this, he took some bread and **gave thanks to God in front of them all**. Then he broke it and began to eat. They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves.

870) 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jesus gives thanks for the bread and wine of the last supper

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and **when he had given thanks**, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

871) 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Thanksgiving for unity through the act of communion

Is not the cup of thanksgiving **for which we give thanks** a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

872) 2 Corinthians 9:12-15 Overflowing thanks for the givers of money

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity **will result in thanksgiving to God**. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also **overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God**. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. **And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

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873) 1 Thess 1:2-3 Continually hold before God the church's faith, hope, and love

We give thanks to God always for you all, **constantly mentioning you in our prayers, continually remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in the Lord Jesus.**

874) 1 Corinthians 1:4-9: Paul gives thanks for the extraordinary grace given to followers of Jesus

I give thanks to God always for you **because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in every way in him with all speech and all knowledge ...** so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you eagerly wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong and on track to the end, without guilt or shame on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

875) 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 The body of Christ thanks the Father for answering prayers on behalf of missionaries who are under duress

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. **Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.**

876) John 11:38-44 Jesus thanks the Father for always hearing Him

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, **"Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."** When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

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877) 1 Thess 5:16-18 *God wants you to give thanks in night & day prayer*

Be joyful always; pray continually; **give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

878) Philippians 4:6-7 *Give to God prayer with thanksgiving, receive His peace*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

879) 2 Cor 4:15 *Thanksgiving overflowing in God's glory*

... that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

880) Revelation 11:17: *Heavenly beings give thanks to God for His judgments, which remove the things that hinder love on the earth*

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and you have begun to reign. The nations raged, but the time came for your wrath; and the time came for the dead to be judged; and the time came for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints; and the time came for rewarding those who fear your name, both small and great; and the time came destroying the destroyers of the earth!