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Introduction

These prayers lead us into an immediate and dynamic encounter with the living God.

For centuries Christians of all traditions have adopted the practice of praying the Bible. In doing this their prayers have sprung to life.

The Church has long recognised that all scripture is 'God-breathed' and has therefore encouraged believers to study the Bible and to embrace its teaching in their lives.

These prayers are all taken from the scriptures. The basic narrative has not been changed, but references to God have been transposed from 'He' to 'You'. Also in most cases, 'we' has been personalised to 'I'. Thus the prayers take on a special importance for our private devotions and our personal walk with the Lord.

These are just a few of the many parts of the Bible which can be used powerfully in our prayer life and it is hoped that in the future this selection will be extended.

In praying in this manner we are led to experience the real presence of God as our loving Father, as our Saviour in Jesus and as the powerful Holy Spirit who is truth and love.

God's Power

You Lord, my God, are God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome. *(Deut. 10.17) NIV*

You are the one who forms the mountains, creates the wind, reveals Your thoughts to mortals, makes the morning darkness and treads on the heights of the earth - the Lord, the God of hosts is Your Name!
(Amos 4.13 NRSV)

Lord , by wisdom You laid the earth's foundations, by understanding You set the heavens place, by Your knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew. *(Prov. 3.19 & 20) NIV*

I will proclaim the name of the Lord and praise the greatness of my God. You are the rock, Your works are perfect and all Your ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.
(Deut. 32. 3& 4) NIV

O Lord You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your Name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done marvellous things, things planned long ago. *(Is. 25.1-5) NIV*

Praise be to Your name O God for ever and ever; You change times and seasons; You set up kings and depose them. You give wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. You reveal deep and hidden things; You know what lies in darkness and light dwells with You. I thank and praise You O God of my fathers. *(Dan. 2.20-23) NIV*

Lord, I know that You can do all things: no plan of Yours can be thwarted. *(Job 42.2) NIV*

May I acknowledge and take heart this day that You, Lord, are God in heaven and on the earth below. There is no other. *(Deut. 4.39) NIV*

Great are You O Lord and most worthy of praise; You are to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendour and majesty are before him: strength and joy is His dwelling place. May I ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
(1 Chron. 16.26) NIV

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise Your Holy name...As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your love for those who fear You, as far as the East is from the west so far as He removed my transgression from me. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on me and those who fear him.
(Ps. 103, 1,11-13) NIV

God's Strength

Your name, O Lord, is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe. *(Prov. 18.10) NIV*

You, Lord reign, You are robed in majesty: You are armed with strength. The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved. Your throne was established long ago; You are from all eternity. *(Ps. 93 1 & 2) NIV*

O Lord You are my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to You the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say 'Our fathers possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good'. Do men make their own gods? Yes but they are not gods. Therefore, Lord teach them, teach them of Your power and might that they will know that Your name is the Lord. *(Jer. 16.19-21) NIV*

You Lord are my strength and my defence, You have become my salvation. You are my God, and I will praise You, and I will exalt You. You are a warrior; the Lord is Your name. *(Ex. 15.2-3) NIV*

Lord, what You open no-one can shut and what You shut no-one can open. *(Is. 22.22) NIV*

I know that You, my Redeemer, are alive and that in the end You will stand upon the earth. *(Job 19.25) NIV*

God's Love

Father, this is how You showed Your love: You sent Your one and only Son into the world that I might live through Him. This is love not that I loved You but that You loved me and sent Your Son as an atoning sacrifice for my sins. Since You so loved me I also ought to love others. *(1 Jn. 4.9-13) NIV*

Lord, You are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. *(Ps. 103.8) NIV*

Good Lord Your compassion never fails. It is new every morning. *(Lam. 3.22-23) NIV*

You, the Lord love justice; You hate robbery and iniquity. *(Is. 61.8) NIV*

Lord You defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; You maintain the regrets of the poor and oppressed. You rescue the weak and needy. You deliver them from the hand of the wicked. *(Ps. 82.3&4) NIV*

God's Wisdom

May I receive from You full insight into Your will, all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that my manner of life may be worthy of You and entirely pleasing to You. May I bear fruit in active goodness of every kind and grow in knowledge of You. In Your glorious might may I receive ample strength to meet with fortitude and patience whatever comes and give joyful thanks to You, Father, who has made me fit to share the heritage of Your people in the realm of light.

(Col. 1.9-12) REB

The wisdom that comes from You Lord is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. *(James 3.17) NIV*

Faithful God

Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. *(Is. 25.1) NIV*

I believe the angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. May I taste and see that You Lord are good; May I know that the one who takes refuge in You is blessed. *(Ps. 34.7-8) NIV*

You will command Your angels concerning me to guard me in all my ways; they will lift me up in their hands, so that I will not strike my foot against any stone. *(Ps. 91. 11-12) NIV*

Christ's Supremacy

Lord Jesus, You are the image of the unseen God, the first-born of all creation, for in You were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, thrones, ruling forces, sovereignties, powers - all things were created through You and for You. You exist before all things and in You all things hold together and You are the Head of the Body that is, the Church. You are the Beginning, the first born from the dead, so that You should be supreme in every way because God wanted all fullness to be found in You and through You to reconcile all things to Him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, by making peace through Your death on the Cross.

(Col. 1.15-20) NJB

Christ's Name – Above all Names

Lord Jesus, being in very nature God You did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made Yourself nothing, taking the very

nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man You humbled Yourself and became obedient to death - even death on a Cross! Therefore, God has exalted You to the highest place and given You the name that is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that You Jesus Christ are Lord to the glory of God the Father. *(Phil. 2.6-11) NIV*

The Living Word

Your word O God is something alive and active: it cuts more incisively than any two-edged sword: it can seek out the place where soul is divided from spirit, or joints from marrow; it can pass judgement on secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing is hidden from You. Everything is uncovered and stretched fully open to the eyes of You to whom we must give account of ourselves. *(Heb. 4.12-13) NJB*

Your word O God is effectively alive; it is sharper than any double-edged sword; it penetrates right to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow. It scrutinises a man's thoughts and intentions. There is no created thing or being which is out of Your sight. Everything is stripped and exposed to Your eyes - the one to whom we have to render the account of ourselves *(Heb. 4.12 & 13) WB*

Transformation

Help me to know, Lord Jesus, that if anyone is in You, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! *(2. Cor. 5.17) NIV*

O God I will not conform to the pattern of this world, but will be transformed by the renewing of my mind. Then I will be able to test and approve what Your will is—Your good, pleasing and perfect will. *(Rom. 12.2) NIV*

Lord may I be transformed by the renewing of my mind. *(Rom. 12.2) NIV*

May I be made new in the attitude of my mind, and may I put on the new self created to be like You in holiness and righteousness. *(Eph. 4.23-4) NIV*

My Being

Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long. *(Ps. 25.4-5) NIV*

May I speak the truth in love, that I may grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
(*Eph. 4.15*) NIV

Help me to know that You will give me words and wisdom that none of my adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. (*Lk. 21.15*) NIV

May I keep alert, may I stand firm in the faith, may I be courageous, may I be strong. May all that I do be done in love. (*1 Cor. 16.13*) NIV

Lord, let my 'yes' be 'yes' and my 'no' be 'no'. (*James 5.12*) NIV

Lord, may I be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. May I humbly accept the word planted in me which can save me. May I not merely listen to the word but do what it says. (*James 1.19-22*) NIV

May I hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that I can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (*Titus 1.9*) NIV

Lord, may I be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no-one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility towards all people. (*Titus 3.1-2*) NIV

Lord, may I not cause anyone to stumble. (*1 Cor. 10.32*) NIV

In the present age may I live a life that is self controlled, upright and godly. (*Titus 2.12*) NIV

Lord help me to know that it is better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud. (*Prov. 16.19*) NIV

You have come that I may have life and have it to the full. You are the good shepherd; the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. (*Jn. 10.10-11*) NJB

I am sure You are with me and will keep me safe wherever I go.
(*Gen. 28.15* NJB)

My Entire Life

Lord You examine me and know me, You know when I sit, when I rise, You understand my thoughts from afar. You watch when I walk or lie down, You know every detail of my conduct. A word is not yet on my tongue before You Lord know all about it. You fence me in behind and in front. You have laid Your hand upon me. Such amazing knowledge is beyond me, a height to which I cannot attain. Where shall I go to

escape Your spirit? Where shall I flee from Your presence? If I scale the heavens You are there, if I lay flat in sheol (the depths), there You are. If I speed away on the wings of the dawn, if I dwell beyond the ocean, even there Your hand will be guiding me, Your right hand holding me fast. I will say 'Let the darkness cover me and the night wrap itself around me', even darkness to You is not dark and night is as clear as the day. You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother's womb. For many marvels I thank You. A wonder am I, and all Your works are wonders. You knew me through and through, my being held no secrets from You, when I was formed in secret, textured in the depths of the earth. Your eyes could see my embryo. In Your book all my days were inscribed. Every one that was fixed is there. How hard it is for me to grasp Your thoughts, how many, God, there are! If I count them, they are more than the grains of sand; if I come to an end I am still with You....God, examine me and know my heart, test me and know my concerns. Make sure that I am not on my way to ruin, and guide me on the road of eternity. (Ps. 139.1-18 & 23-24) NJB

My Humanity

I am not my own. I am bought at a price. Therefore I will honour You O God with my body. (1 Cor. 6.19-20) NIV

Lord, I came naked from my mothers womb, and naked I shall depart. You, Lord, give and You, Lord, take away. May Your name be praised. (Job 1.21) NIV

I did not choose myself, but You chose me and appointed me so that I might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever I ask in the Father's name will be given to me. (Jn. 15.16) NIV

Lord Jesus, You shared in my humanity so that by Your death You might break the power of the one who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who are held in slavery by their fear of death. (Heb. 2.14-15) NIV

My Obedience

May I return to You O Lord my God, with all my heart with fasting and weeping and mourning. May I rend my heart and not my garments. May I return to the Lord my God for You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love and You relent from sending calamity. (Joel 2.12-13) NIV

Lord, may I welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way I do. May I not jump all over them every time they do or say something I don't agree with - even when it seems they are strong

on opinions, but weak in the faith department. May I remember they have their own history to deal with. May I treat them gently.
(Rom. 14.1-3) Message Version

God's Care for me

I will cast all my anxiety on You because You care for me.
(1 Peter 5.7) NIV

O Lord, I believe You will turn my mourning into gladness; I believe You will give me comfort and joy instead of sorrow. *(Jer. 31.13) NIV*

You summon me by name and bestow on me a title of honour, though I do not acknowledge You, You are the Lord and there is no other; apart from You there is no God. *(Is. 45.4 & 5) NIV*

I believe You will swallow up death for ever for You, the Sovereign Lord, will wipe away the tears from all faces. *(Is. 25.8) NIV*

You will keep in perfect peace the one whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in You. I will trust in You Lord forever for You are the Rock eternal. *(Is. 26.3-4) NIV*

Lord Your grace is sufficient for me, for Your strength is made perfect in weakness...therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Your sake, for when I am weak then I am strong. *(2 Cor. 12.9 & 10) NKJV*

I will not fear for You are with me. I will not be dismayed for You are my God. You will strengthen me and help me; You will uphold me with Your righteous right hand. *(Is. 41.10) NIV*

My Trust

Surely, You O God are my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. You, Lord, are my strength and my song. You have become my salvation. With joy I will draw water from the wells of salvation. I give thanks to You, Lord, I call on Your name. I will make known among the nations what You have done. I will proclaim that Your name is exalted. I will sing to You for You have done glorious things. May this be known to all the world. *(From Isaiah 12) NIV*

O God of hope fill me with all joy and peace as I trust in You, so that I may overflow with hope by the power of Your Holy Spirit.
(Rom. 15.13) NIV

I will trust in You, O Lord, with all my heart and I will not lean on my own understanding. In all my ways I will acknowledge You and You will make my path straight. *(Prov. 3.5-6) NIV*

You, Lord, are my strength and my song. You have become my salvation. You are my God and I will praise You. *(Ex. 15.2) NIV*

Lord, You are faithful and You will strengthen and protect me from the evil one. Direct my heart into Your love and into the perseverance of Christ. *(2 Thess. 3&5) NIV*

I will trust in You at all times; I will pour out my heart to You, for You O God are my refuge. *(Ps. 62.8) NIV*

My Faith

Surely You have taken up my infirmities and carried my sorrows....You were pierced for my transgressions, You were crushed for my iniquities; the punishment that brought me peace was upon You and by Your wounds I am healed. Like a sheep I have gone astray and turned to my own ways. My iniquity was laid upon You. You were oppressed and afflicted and did not open Your mouth; You were led like a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, You did not open Your mouth. You poured out Your life unto death....You bore the sin of many and made intercession for transgressors. *(Is. 53.4-12) NIV*

May I submit myself to You, Lord God. May I resist the devil and he will flee from me. May I come near to You and You will come near to me. May I humble myself before You, Lord and You will lift me up. *(James 4.7-10) NIV*

Joy

Lord may I regard it as nothing but joy when I am involved in all kinds of trials for I must realise that when faith has passed through the ordeal of testing the result is the ability to pass the breaking point and not to break. *(James 1.2) WB*

Compassion

You, Lord, are the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. *(Ex. 34.6-7) NIV*

You, O Lord are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. *(Ps. 86.15) NIV*

Thanksgiving

Thanks be to You O God! You give victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore I will stand firm. I will let nothing rule me. I will always give myself fully to Your work, O Lord, because I know that my labour for You is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15.57-58) NIV

Forgiveness

May I know that if I forgive other people when they sin against me, You, Father, will also forgive me. May I know that if I do not forgive others their sins, You, Father, will not forgive my sins. (Matt. 6.14-15) NIV

To You who loves me and has freed me from my sins by Your blood and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God and Father - to You be glory and power for ever and ever, amen... You are the alpha and the omega who is, and who was and who is to come, the almighty. (Rev. 1.6 & 8) NIV

Enlightenment

I pray that my inward eyes may be enlightened so that I may know what is the hope to which You call me, how rich and glorious the share You offer me among Your people in their inheritance, and how vast are the resources of Your power open to me when I have faith. Your mighty strength was seen at work when You raised Christ from the dead and enthroned Him at Your right hand in the heavenly realm, far above all government and authority, all power and dominion and any title of sovereignty that commands allegiance not only in this age but also in the age to come. (Eph. 1.18-22) REB

Freedom

You O Christ have set me free, so that I would remain free. I will stand firm, then, and will not let myself be fastened again to the yoke of slavery. (Gal. 5.1) NJB

From now on I will let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. (Gal. 6.17) NKJV

Peace and Harmony

May my love be sincere. May I hate what is evil; may I cling to what is good. May I be devoted to others. May I honour others above myself. May I never be lacking in zeal, but keep my spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. May I be joyful in hope. May I be patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. May I share with Your people who are in need. May I practice

hospitality. May I bless those who persecute me, bless and not curse. May I rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn. May I live in harmony with others. May I not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. May I not be conceited. May I not repay anyone evil for evil. May I be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on me, may I live at peace with everyone. *(Rom. 12.9-18) NIV*

Maturity

With Your help I will take my everyday ordinary life - my sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking-around life - and place it before You as an offering. Embracing what You do for me is the best thing I can do for You. I will not become so well-adjusted to today's culture that I fit into it without even thinking. Instead I will fix my attention on You. I will be changed from the inside out. I will readily recognise what You want from me, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around me, always dragging me down to its level of immaturity, You will bring the best out of me and develop well-formed maturity in me.

(Rom. 12.1-2) The Message Version

Grace, Hope and Endurance

May I fortify my life with the dynamic influence of that grace which enters life when You Lord Jesus Christ become the atmosphere in which I live. *(2 Tim. 2.1) WB*

O God of hope fill me with all joy and peace as I trust in You, so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Rom. 15.13) NIV

When I am cursed, may I bless; when I am persecuted, may I endure it; when I am slandered, may I answer kindly. *(1 Cor. 4.12 & 13) NIV*

My Priorities

I am prepared to write off everything as a dead loss for the sake of getting to know You Jesus Christ, My Lord, for that knowledge is something which surpasses everything in the world.

(Philippines 3.8) WB

Submission

O Lord, You are my Father, help me to know I am the clay and You are the potter. Help me to know that I am the work of Your hand.

(Is. 64.8) NIV

May I submit myself with no thought of self-assertion to Your strong control O God and then in Your good time You will honour me. May I bring all my worries to You to carry, for You are always concerned about me. (1 Peter 5.6) WB

Lord Jesus Christ if I make Your message the fixed centre of my life I really am Your disciple and I will know the truth and the truth will liberate me. (Jn. 8.31 & 32) WB

Eyes Fixed on Jesus

With so many witnesses in a great cloud all around me, I too then should throw off everything that weighs me down and the sin that clings so closely, and with perseverance keep running in the race which lies ahead of me. Let me keep my eyes fixed on You Jesus, You lead me in my faith and bring it to perfection. You endured the Cross, disregarding the shame of it and have taken Your seat at the right hand of God's throne. When I think of the way You persevered against such opposition from sinners then I will not lose heart and come to grief.

(Heb. 12.1-3) NJB

Spiritual Warfare

Lord, I will be strong in You and in Your mighty power. I will put on Your full armour so that I can take my stand against the devil's schemes. For my struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, I will put on Your full armour so that when the day of evil comes I may be able to stand my ground and after I have done everything to stand. I will stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled round my waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with my feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this I will take up the shield of faith with which I can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. I will take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is Your word. And I will pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind I will be alert and I will always keep on praying for all the saints.

(Eph. 6.10-19) NIV

Overcoming Fear

I will not fear, for You are with me; I will not be dismayed for You are my God. You will strengthen me. Yes, You will help me. You will uphold me with Your victorious right hand. (Is. 41.10) NKJV

I will not be afraid for You have redeemed me; You have summoned me by name; I am Yours. When I pass through the waters You will be with me; and when I pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over me. When I walk through the fire I will not be burned; the flames will not set me ablaze. For You are the Lord my God, the Holy One of Israel, My Saviour...I am precious and honoured in Your sight. (Is. 43. 1-4) NIV

A Right Relationship

It is through faith that I have been put into a right relationship with You O God. I therefore am at peace with You because of what You, my Lord Jesus Christ have done for me. Through You I possess the entrance into that grace in which I stand and my pride is in the glorious hope that You, Lord God have given me. More than that I take pride in my troubles, for I know that trouble produces fortitude, and fortitude produces a character which has stood the test, and character produces hope, and this hope never lets me down, for Your love has been poured into my heart through the Holy Spirit who has been given to me.

(Rom. 5. 1-5) WB

Assurance

If You, God are for me, who is against me? ..Who will separate me from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril or sword? ...no in all these things I am more than a conqueror through You who loved me. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate me from Your love, in Christ Jesus my Lord. (Rom. 8.31,35,37-39) NRSV

A new Attitude

Lord God may I offer my body to You as a living, consecrated sacrifice, which will delight Your heart for that is the only worship which a rational being can offer to God. May I stop always trying to adjust my life to the world's ways. May I get a new attitude to life; may my whole mental outlook be radically altered so that I may be able to decide what Your will is and to know what is good and pleasing to You, and perfect.

(Rom. 12. 1-2) WB

Little Brothers & Sisters of Jesus

Lord God You have chosen the things the world counts foolish to shame the wise; You have chosen the things that the world counts weak to shame the strong. You have chosen the things which the world counts quite undistinguished in birth and which it despises, things which the

world regards as mere nothings, to destroy things as they are and You did this to ensure that no human being should have any cause for pride in Your presence. (1 Cor. 1.27-29) WB

Growing in Faith and Love

Father, I bow my knees before You, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of Your glory You may grant me to be strengthened with power through Your Spirit in my inner being, so that You may dwell in my heart through faith - that I, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know Your love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that I may be filled with all Your fullness, oh God. Now to You who is able to do far more abundantly than all that I ask or think, according to the power at work within me, to You be glory in the church and in You Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3.14-21) ESV

I pray that I may be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to You, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing the knowledge of You, oh God. May I be strengthened with all power, according to Your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to You, Father, who has qualified me to share in the inheritance of the saints in light and has delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me to Your kingdom, oh Christ. Amen (Col. 1.9-13) ESV

I pray that You may make me worthy of Your calling and that I may fulfil every resolve for good and every work of faith by Your power, so that Your name, Lord Jesus, may be glorified in me, and me in You. (2 Thess. 1.11-12) ESV

I pray that You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give me a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, having the eyes of my heart enlightened, that I may know what is the hope to which You have called me, what are the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward me who believes, according to the working of Your great might that You worked in Christ when You raised him from the dead and seated him at Your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Amen. (Eph. 1.17-21) ESV

I pray that I may be known for my faith in You, Lord Jesus, and my love for all the saints and I pray that I may be active in sharing my faith, so

that I will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in You, oh Christ. Amen. *(Philemon 1.5-6) ESV*

Lord, may my love be sincere. May I hate what is evil. May I cling to what is good. *(Rom. 12.9) NIV*

Lord, may I know that there is no fear in love. May I know that perfect love drives out fear. *(1 John 4.18) NIV*

Lord may I rid myself of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind. Like a newborn baby may I crave pure spiritual milk so that by it I may grow up in Your salvation now that I have tasted that the Lord is good. *(1 Peter 2.1) NIV*

Lord Jesus, may my faith not rest on human wisdom, but upon God's power. *(1 Cor. 2.5) NIV*

I pray that my love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that I may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through You, to the glory and praise of You, Lord God. Amen. *(Phil. 1.9-11) ESV*

Light

O God You are light; in You there is no darkness at all. If I claim to have fellowship with You, yet walk in the darkness I lie and do not live by the truth, but if I walk in the light as You are in the light, I have fellowship with others and the blood of Jesus Your Son purifies me from all sin. *(1 Jn. 1.5-7) NIV*

Jesus Christ I believe You are the radiance of the Father's glory. *(Heb. 1.3) NIV*

Though I have fallen I will rise, though I sit in darkness You, Lord, will be my light. *(Micah 7.8) NIV*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. *(Ps. 119.105) NIV*

You are the light of the world. Whoever follows You will never walk in darkness and will have the light of life. *(Jn. 8.12) NIV*

You, Lord, are my everlasting light. *(Is. 60.19) NIV*

Unity in The Living Body

Lord, may I know that I am part of the Body of Christ.
(1 Cor. 12.27) NIV

Christ Jesus, may I know that we are all God's children through faith. May I know that as many as are baptised into You have clothed themselves with You. May I know that there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of us are one in you, Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3.26-28) NRSV

May I live a life of complete humility and gentleness, a life of patience, a life in which I always lovingly bear with others. May I be eager to preserve that unity which the Spirit can give, a unity in which we are bound together in a perfect relationship to one another.
(Eph. 4.2 & 3) WB

Blessings

To You who are able to keep me from falling and to present me before Your glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to You who are the only God my Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ my Lord, before all ages, now and ever more.
(Jude 24 & 25) NIV

May You, Lord, the God of Peace, sanctify me through and through. May my whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at Your coming, Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5.23) NIV

May You, the God of hope, fill me with all joy and peace as I trust in You, so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Rom. 15.13) NIV

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection I commit myself. The Lord bless me and keep me. The Lord make his face to shine upon me, and be gracious to me. The Lord lift up His countenance upon me and grant me peace. (Num. 6.24-26) NKJV



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