

PRAYER FROM THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT EXCLUDING PSALMS

Pray for protection:

Genesis 32:9-12 - Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, You who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,'" 10 I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness You have shown Your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. 11 Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. 12 But You have said, "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted."

Prayer for guidance:

Exodus 15:11,13 - "Who among the gods is like You, Lord? Who is like You - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?....13 In Your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed. In Your strength You will guide them to Your holy dwelling.

Prayer to know God more:

Exodus 33:12-13 - Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If You are pleased with me, teach me Your ways so I may know You and continue to find favor with You..."

Prayer for God's Presence:

Exodus 33:14-17 - The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from there. 16 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?" 17 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."

Intercessory prayer:

Exodus 34:5-9 - Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him (Moses) and proclaimed His name, the Lord. 6 And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." 8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. 9 "Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in Your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

Prayer of blessing:

Numbers 6:24-26 - "The Lord bless you, and keep you; 25 The Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you; 26 The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace."

Prayer for parenting:

Judges 13:8 - The Manoah prayed to the Lord: "Pardon Your servant, Lord. I beg You to let the man of God You sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born."

Prayer of praise for God's sovereignty:

1 Samuel 2:1-10 - Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord, My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation. 2 There is no one holy like the Lord, indeed, there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God. 3 Do not go on boasting so very proudly, do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For the Lord is a God of knowledge, and with Him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty are broken to pieces, but those who have stumbled strap on strength. 5 Those who were full hire themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry cease to be hungry. Even the infertile woman gives birth to seven, but she who has many children languishes. 6 The Lord puts to death and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and brings up. 7 The Lord makes poor and rich; He humbles, He also exalts. He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the garbage heap to seat them with nobles, and He gives them a seat of honor as an inheritance; For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He set the world on them. 9 He watches over the feet of His godly ones, but the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; For not by might shall a person prevail. 10 Those who contend with the Lord will be terrified; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, the Lord will judge the ends of the earth; And He will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed."

Prayer of submissiveness:

1 Samuel 3:10 - Then the Lord came and stood, and called as at the other times: "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

Prayer for forgiveness:

2 Samuel 24:10 - David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, Lord, I beg You, take away the guilt of Your servant. I have done a very foolish thing."

Prayer for wisdom and discernment:

1 Kings 3:5-10 - In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what you wish Me to give you." 6 Then Solomon said, "You have shown great faithfulness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great faithfulness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 And now, Lord my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am like a little boy; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. 9 So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, to discern between good and evil. For who is capable of judging this great people of Yours?" 10 Now it was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

Prayer for God to make Himself known:

1 Kings 18:36-39 - Then at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet approached and said, "Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. 37 Answer me, Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that You, Lord, are God, and that You have turned their heart back." 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood, and the stones and the dust; and it licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 When all the people saw this, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God!"

Prayer for spiritual eyes to be opened to see what God is doing:

2 Kings 6:15-17 - Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "This is hopeless, my master! What are we to do?" 16 And he said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, please, open his eyes so that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Prayer for deliverance so that others may know God:

2 Kings 19:8-19 - Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had left Lachish. 9 When he heard them say about Tirhakah king of Cush, "Behold, he has come out to fight you," he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, 10 "This is what you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you by saying, "Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria." 11 Behold, you yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be saved? 12 Did the gods of the nations which my fathers destroyed save them: Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the sons of Eden who were in Telassar? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Hena and Ivvah?" 14 Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord. 15 Hezekiah prayed before the Lord and said, "Lord, God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 Incline Your ear, Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, Lord, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to taunt the living God. 17 It is true, Lord; the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, 18 and have hurled their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but only the work of human hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. 19 But now, Lord our God, please, save us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, Lord, are God."

Prayer of praise and gratitude:

1 Chronicles 29:10-19 - So David blessed the Lord in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and on the earth; Yours is the dominion, Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. 12 Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name. 14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given to You. 15 For we are strangers before You, and temporary residents, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. 16 Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and everything is Yours. 17 Since I know, my God, that You put the heart to the test and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You. 18 Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intentions of the hearts of Your people, and direct their hearts to You; 19 and give my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do them all, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

Prayer for help when the powerful come against the weak who trust in God:

2 Chronicles 14:9-12 - Now Zerah the Ethiopian went out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah. 10 So Asa went out to meet him, and they drew up in battle formation in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 Then Asa called to the Lord his God and said, "Lord, there is no one besides You to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; help us, Lord our God, for we trust in You, and in Your name have come against this multitude. Lord, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You." 12 So the Lord routed the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

Prayer for mercy:

Nehemiah 1:1-11 - The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, 2 that Hanani, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and I asked them about the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem. 3 And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and disgrace, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates have been burned with fire." 4 Now when I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. 5 I said, "Please, Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps the covenant and faithfulness for those who love Him and keep His commandments: 6 let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have committed against You; I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. 8 Remember, please, the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; 9 but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place where I have chosen to have My name dwell.' 10 They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. 11 Please, Lord, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and please make Your servant successful today and grant him mercy before this man." Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

Prayer for strength during times of discouragement:

Nehemiah 6:9 - For all of them were trying to frighten us, thinking, "They will become discouraged with the work and it will not be done." But now, God, strengthen my hands.

Prayer in times of trouble:

Job 1:20-21 - At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

Prayer of repentance when we think we know it all:

Job 42:1-6 - Then Job answered the Lord and said, 2 “I know that You can do all things, and that no plan is impossible for You. 3 ‘Who is this who conceals advice without knowledge?’ Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I do not know. 4 ‘Please listen, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct me.’ 5 I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; 6 Therefore I retract, And I repent, sitting on dust and ashes.”

Prayer of confession:

Isaiah 6:1-5 - In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim were standing above Him, each having six wings: with two each covered his face, and with two each covered his feet, and with two each flew. 3 And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies. The whole earth is full of His glory.” 4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. 5 Then I said, “Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of armies.” 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7 He touched my mouth with it and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your guilt is taken away and atonement is made for your sin.”

Prayer accepting God’s mission:

Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Prayer for peace:

Isaiah 26:3-4 - “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. 4 Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord Himself, is the Rock eternal.”

Prayer of one yearning for God and for righteousness:

Isaiah 26:7-9 - “The path of the righteous is level; You, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth. 8 Yes, Lord, walking in the way of Your laws, we wait for You; Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. 9 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.

Prayer for God to mold us as He sees fit:

Isaiah 64:8 - Yet You, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand.

Prayer asking God for power to speak:

Jeremiah 1:4-8 - Now the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then I said, “Oh, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth.” 7 But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to save you,” declares the Lord.

Prayer for direction and discipline:

Jeremiah 10:23-24 - Lord, I know that people’s lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps. 24 Discipline me, Lord, but only in due measure - not in Your anger, or You will reduce me to nothing.

Prayer of confession and waiting on God:

Jeremiah 14:20-22 - We know our wickedness, Lord, the wrongdoing of our fathers, for we have sinned against You. 21 Do not despise us, for the sake of Your own name; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory. Remember and do not annul Your covenant with us. 22 Are there any among the idols of the nations who give rain? Or can the heavens grant showers? Is it not You, Lord our God? Therefore we wait for You, for You are the one who has done all these things.

Prayer for restoration to God:

Lamentations 5:19-22 - You, Lord, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation. 20 Why will You forget us forever? Why do You abandon us for so long? 21 Restore us to You, Lord, so that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old, 22 Unless You have utterly rejected us and are exceedingly angry with us.

Prayer of trust when life is overwhelming:

Lamentations 3:19-24 - Remember my misery and my homelessness, the wormwood and bitterness. 20 My soul certainly remembers, and is bent over within me. 21 I recall this to my mind, therefore I wait. 22 The Lord’s acts of mercy indeed do not end, for His compassions do not fail. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I wait for Him.”

Prayer for a nation gone astray:

Daniel 9:3 - So I gave my attention to the Lord God, to seek Him by prayer and pleading, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed, and said, "Oh, Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and faithfulness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned, we have done wrong, and acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. 6 Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our leaders, our fathers, and all the people of the land. 7 "Righteousness belongs to You, Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You. 8 Open shame belongs to us, Lord, to our kings, our leaders, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. 9 To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against Him; 10 and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets. 11 Indeed, all Israel has violated Your Law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has gushed forth on us, along with the oath which is written in the Law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him. 12 So He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great disaster; for under the entire heaven there has not been done anything like what was done in Jerusalem. 13 Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our wrongdoing and giving attention to Your truth. 14 So the Lord has kept the disaster in store and brought it on us; for the Lord our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice. 15 "And now, Lord, our God, You who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked. 16 Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the wrongdoings of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become an object of taunting to all those around us. 17 So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his pleas, and for Your sake, Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary. 18 My God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our pleas before You based on any merits of our own, but based on Your great compassion. 19 Lord, hear! Lord, forgive! Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

Prayer over injustice in the land:

Habakkuk 1:2-4 - How long, Lord, must I call for help, but You do not listen? Or cry out to You, "Violence!" but You do not save? 3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do You tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. 4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Prayer for God to revive His work and to be merciful:

Habakkuk 3:1-2 - A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. 2 “Lord, I have heard the report about You, and I was afraid. Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, In the midst of the years make it known. In anger remember mercy.”

Prayer of trust when God works in ways we don't understand:

Habakkuk 3:17-19 - Even if the fig tree does not blossom, And there is no fruit on the vines, If the yield of the olive fails, And the fields produce no food, Even if the flock disappears from the fold, And there are no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will triumph in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like deer's feet, and has me walk on my high places.

NEW TESTAMENT

A Model Prayer:

Matthew 6:7-13 - “And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. 9 “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’

Prayer for cleansing:

Matthew 8:1-3 - When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. 2 And a man with leprosy came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” 3 Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.”

Prayer of faith:

Matthew 8:5-13 - 5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, begging Him, 6 and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, terribly tormented.” 7 Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8 But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.” 10 Now when Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel. 11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; 12 but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Prayer in desperate circumstances:

Matthew 8:23-27 - When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. 24 And behold, a violent storm developed on the sea, so that the boat was being covered by the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. 25 And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" 26 He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. 27 The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Prayer for workers in God's harvest field:

Matthew 9:36-38 - When He [Jesus] saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Prayer when the storms of life threaten to overcome us:

Matthew 14:28-31 - Peter responded and said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and when he began to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out with His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Persistent prayer for eyes to be opened:

Matthew 20:29-34 - As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. 30 And two people who were blind, sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" 31 But the crowd sternly warned them to be quiet; yet they cried out all the more, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 32 And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 33 They said to Him, "Lord, we want our eyes to be opened." 34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

Prayer of submission and obedience:

Matthew 26:39 - Going a little farther, He [Jesus] fell with His face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as You will."

Prayer glorifying God:

Luke 1:46-55 - And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is His name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. 51 He has performed mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and His descendants forever, just as He promised our ancestors."

Prayer of pride and Prayer of humility:

Luke 18:9-14 - Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and began praying this in regard to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Prayer for God to forgive those who hurt you:

Luke 23:34 - But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Prayer for the believer:

Luke 23:42 - And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"

Prayer for the new believer:

John 9:35-38 - Jesus heard that they had put him out, and upon finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered by saying, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you." 38 And he said, "I believe, Lord." And he worshiped Him.

Prayer for confidence to tell others about Jesus:

Acts 4:23-31 - When they had been released, they went to their own companions and reported everything that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard this, they raised their voices to God with one mind and said, "Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything that is in them, 25 who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'Why were the nations insolent, And the peoples plotting in vain? 26 The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.' 27 For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and purpose predestined to occur. 29 And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant it to Your bond-servants to speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Prayer of praise acknowledging God's greatness:

Romans 11:33-36 - Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? 35 Or who has first given to Him, that it would be paid back to him? 36 For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer for unity:

Romans 15:5-6 - May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for joy, peace, and hope:

Romans 15:13 - 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.

Prayer for God to be glorified:

Romans 16:25-27 - Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, 26 but now has been disclosed, and through the Scriptures of the prophets, in accordance with the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer recognizing God's mercy and comfort:

2 Corinthians 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Prayer for wisdom, revelation, enlightening:

Ephesians 1:15-21 - For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Prayer for spiritual power, understanding, and filling:

Ephesians 3:14-21 - 14 For this reason I bend my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the words and courage to declare the gospel to others:

Ephesians 6:19-20 - Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Prayer for increasing love, knowledge, and discernment:

Philippians 1:9-11 - And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may discover the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ; 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God.

Prayer for wisdom, understanding, a worthy life, and power:

Colossians 1:9-12 - For this reason we also, since the day we heard about it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Prayer for open doors to proclaim the gospel with clear words:

Colossians 4:2-4 - Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Prayer for spiritual maturity:

Colossians 4:12 - 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.

Prayer talking to God about the faithful work, love, and endurance of other believers:

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 - We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for increasing love and holiness:

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 - Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; 12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; 13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Prayer for sanctification:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 - May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Prayer for Christ to be glorified in the believers:

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 - With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by His power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for encouragement and strength:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 - May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Prayer for deliverance and protection:

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 - Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

Prayer for peace:

2 Thessalonians 3:16 - Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

Prayer of praise:

1 Timothy 1:17 - Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of praise:

1 Timothy 6:15-16 - which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Prayer to be active in sharing the faith:

Philemon 1:6 - I pray 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.

Prayer for God to equip us with what we need to do His will:

Heb 13:20–21 - Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

Prayer of praise:

Jude 24-25 - Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of praise:

Rev 1:5-6 - To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of praise:

Revelation 4:8-11 - And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." 9 And when the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Prayer of praise:

Revelation 5:11-14 - Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing." 13 And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever." 14 And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Prayer of praise:

Revelation 7:9-12 - After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Prayer of praise:

Revelation 15:3-4 - ..."Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, King of the nations. 4 Who will not fear You, Lord, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed."

Prayer for Christ's coming:

Revelation 22:20-21 - He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

PSALMS

Prayer for relief from distress:

Psalms 4:1 - Answer me when I call to You, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

Prayer for joy and protection:

Psalms 5:11 - But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.

Prayer of worship for the Creator:

Psalms 8:1-9 - Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, 4 what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of Your hands; You put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. 9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Prayer of trust in God, our Refuge:

Psalms 9:7-10 - The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment. 8 He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. 9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. 10 Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

Prayer for safety:

Psalms 16:1 - Keep me safe, my God, for in You I take refuge.

Prayer of devotion and hope:

Proverbs 16:7-11 - I will praise the Lord, who counsel me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him 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 realm of the dead, nor will You let Your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

Prayer for God's love and protection:

Psalm 17:6-9 - I call on You, my God, for You will answer me; turn Your ear to me and hear my prayer. 7 Show me the wonders of Your great love, You who save by Your right hand those who take refuge in You from their foes. 8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings 9 from the wicked who are out to destroy me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.

Prayer of dependence on God:

Psalm 18:30-36 - As for God, His way is perfect; the Lord's word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him. 31 For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? 32 It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. 33 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He causes me to stand on the heights. 34 He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 35 You make Your saving help my shield, and Your right hand sustains me; Your help has made me great. 36 You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way.

Prayer of trust and comfort:

Psalm 23:1-6 - The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet water, 3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer for forgiveness and instruction in truth:

Psalm 25:1-12 - In You, Lord my God, I put my trust. 2 I trust in You; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. 3 No one who hopes in You will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. 4 Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. 5 Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long. 6 Remember, Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You, Lord, are good. 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. 9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. 10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of His covenant. 11 For the sake of Your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. 12 Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

Prayer of faith

Psalm 27:1-5 - The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. 3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. 4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. 5 For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Prayer seeking God:

Psalm 27:7-11 - Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. 8 My heart says of you, "Seek His face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. 9 Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; You have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. 11 Teach me Your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Prayer of praise for God's mercy:

Psalm 28:6-9 - Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. 7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him. 8 The Lord is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one. 9 Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Prayer for deliverance:

Psalm 31:1-5 - In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness. 2 Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. 3 Since You are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of Your name lead and guide me. 4 Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge. 5 Into Your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

Prayer acknowledging personal sin and God's forgiveness:

Psalm 32:1-7 - Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. 3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And You forgave the guilt of my sin. 6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to You while You may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. 7 You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Prayer of praise for God's faithfulness and love:

Psalm 36:5-10 - Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. 6 Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, Your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. 7 How priceless is Your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. 8 They feast on the abundance of Your house; You give them drink from Your river of delights. 9 For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. 10 Continue Your love to those who know You, Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Prayer of praise to the Lord in whom we can place our trust:

Psalm 40:1-5 - I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him. 4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. 5 Many, Lord my God, are the wonders You have done, the things You planned for us. None can compare with You; were I to speak and tell of Your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Prayer for mercy:

Psalm 40:9-13 - I proclaim Your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as You know. 10 I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart; I speak of Your faithfulness and Your saving help. I do not conceal Your love and Your faithfulness from the great assembly. 11 Do not withhold Your mercy from me, Lord; may Your love and faithfulness always protect me. 12 For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. 13 Be pleased to save me, Lord; come quickly, Lord, to help me.

Prayer for the downhearted:

Psalm 42:1-11 - As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. 5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. 6 My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon - from Mount Mizar. 7 Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and breakers have swept over me. 8 By day the Lord directs His love, at night His song is with me - a prayer to the God of my life. 9 I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" 10 My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.

Prayer for God's light and care:

Psalm 43:3-4 - Send me Your light and Your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell. 4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

Prayer for cleansing from sin:

Psalm 51:1-19 - Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from Your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You. 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. 15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise. 18 May it please You to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then You will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Prayer of trust when afraid:

Psalm 56:3-4 - When I am afraid, I put my trust in You, 4 In God, whose word I praise - in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Prayer for mercy in times of trouble:

Psalm 57:1 - Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in You I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the disaster has passed.

Prayer of praise for God's love and faithfulness:

Psalm 57:7-11 - My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. 8 Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. 9 I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples. 10 For great is Your love, reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. 11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.

Prayer for refuge in the Lord:

Psalm 61:1-8 - Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. 2 From the ends of the earth I call to You, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. 4 I long to dwell in Your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.

Prayer of dependence on God:

Psalm 62:5-8 - Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. 6 Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. 7 My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my might rock, my refuge. 8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

Praise of praise for the God who answers prayer:

Psalm 65:1-13 - Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled. 2 You who answer prayer, to You all people will come. 3 When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions. 4 Blessed are those You choose and bring near to live in Your courts! We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple. 5 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, 6 who formed the mountains by Your power, having armed Yourself with strength, 7 who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. 8 The whole earth is filled with awe at Your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, You call forth songs of joy. 9 You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so You have ordained it. 10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges; You soften it with showers and bless its crops. 11 You crown the year with Your bounty and Your carts overflow with abundance. 12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. 13 The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Prayer for deliverance:

Psalm 71:1-8 - In You, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. 2 In Your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn Your ear to me and save me. 3 Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress. 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel. 5 For You have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth. 6 From birth I have relied on You; You brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise You. 7 I have become a sign to many; You are my strong refuge. 8 My mouth is filled with Your praise, declaring Your splendor all day long.

Prayer of commitment to tell others about God:

Psalm 71:14-19 - As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise You more and more. 15 My mouth will tell of Your righteous deeds, of Your saving acts all day long - though I know not how to relate them all. 16 I will come and proclaim Your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord; I will proclaim Your righteous deeds, Yours alone. 17 Since my youth, God, You have taught me, and to this day I declare Your marvelous deeds. 18 Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare Your power to the next generation, Your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Prayer of trust in God's restoration and comfort:

Psalm 71:19-21 - Your righteousness, God reaches to the heavens, You who have done great things. Who is like You, God? 20 Though You have made me see troubles, many and bitter, You will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth You will again bring me up. 21 You will increase my honor and comfort me once more.

Prayer of praise

Psalm 72:18-19 - Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. 19 Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

Prayer of trust when grieved:

Psalm 73:21-28 - When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, 22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before You. 23 Yet I am always with You; You hold me by my right hand. 24 You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. 27 Those who are far from You will perish; You destroy all who are unfaithful to You. 28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all Your deeds.

Prayer for help when distressed:

Psalm 77:1-15 - I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. 2 When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted. 3 I remembered You, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. 4 You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. 5 I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; 6 I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: 7 "Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show His favor again? 8 Has His unfailing love vanished forever? Has His promise failed for all time? 9 Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has He in anger withheld His compassion?" 10 Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out His right hand. 11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago. 12 I will consider all Your works and meditate on all Your mighty deeds." 13 Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? 14 You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the peoples. 15 With Your mighty arm You redeemed Your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

Prayer for the nation and for persecuted people:

Psalm 79:8-11 - Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may Your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. 9 Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of Your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake. 10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Before our eyes, make known among the nations that You avenge the outpoured blood of Your servants. 11 May the groans of the prisoners come before You; with Your strong arm preserve those condemned to die.

Prayer of love for God and His house:

Psalm 84:1-12 - How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! 2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young - a place near Your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising You. 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. 8 Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob. 9 Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on Your anointed one. 10 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. 11 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. 12 Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in You.

Prayer for restoration and revival:

Psalm 85:4-7 - Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away Your displeasure toward us. 5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger through all generations? 6 Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? 7 Show us Your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

Prayer for an undivided heart:

Psalm 86:1-13 - Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. 2 Guard my life, for I am faithful to You; save Your servant who trusts in You. You are my God; 3 have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to You all day long. 4 Bring joy to Your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in You. 5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to You. 6 Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. 7 When I am in distress, I call to You, because You answer me. 8 Among the gods there is none like You, Lord; no deeds can compare with Yours. 9 All the nations You have made will come and worship before You, Lord; they will bring glory to Your name. 10 For You are great and do marvelous deeds; You alone are God. 11 Teach me Your way, Lord, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. 12 I will praise You, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever. 13 For great is Your love toward me; You have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

Prayer of praise to an awesome God:

Psalm 89:1-16 - I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations. 2 I will declare that Your love stands firm forever, that You have established Your faithfulness in heaven itself. 3 You said, "I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, 4 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'" 5 The heavens praise Your wonders, Lord, Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. 6 For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings? 7 In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; He is more awesome than all who surround Him. 8 Who is like You, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and Your faithfulness surrounds You. 9 You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, You still them. 10 You crushed Rahab like one of the slain; with Your strong arm You scattered Your enemies. 11 The heavens are Yours, and Yours also the earth; You founded the world and all that is in it. 12 You created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at Your name. 13 Your arm is endowed with power; Your hand is strong, Your right hand exalted. 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; love and faithfulness go before You. 15 Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, Lord. 16 They rejoice in Your name all day long; they celebrate Your righteousness.

Prayer of praise for our eternal God:

Psalm 90:1-4 - Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. 2 Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. 3 You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." 4 A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

Prayer of praise for God's great works:

Psalm 92:1-8 - It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your name, O Most High, 2 proclaiming Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night, 3 to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. 4 For You make me glad by Your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what Your hands have done. 5 How great are Your works, Lord, how profound Your thoughts! 6 Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand, 7 that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever. 8 But You, Lord, are forever exalted.

Prayer of praise for the Lord's majesty:

Psalm 93:1-5 - The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. 2 Your throne was established long ago; You are from all eternity. 3 The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. 4 Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea - the Lord on high is mighty. 5 Your statutes, Lord, stand firm; holiness adorns Your house for endless days.

Praise for God's help and consolation:

Psalm 94:17-19 - Unless the Lord had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. 18 When I said, "My foot is slipping," Your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. 19 When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought me joy.

Prayer of commitment to lead a blameless life:

Psalm 101:1-7 - I will sing of Your love and justice; to You, Lord, I will sing praise. 2 I will be careful to lead a blameless life - when will You come to me? I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart. 3 I will not look with approval on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it. 4 The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil. 5 Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate. 6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me. 7 No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.

Prayer when in distress:

Psalm 102:1-2 - Hear my prayer, Lord; let my cry for help come to You. 2 Do not hide Your face from me when I am in distress. Turn Your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.

Praise for our eternal, unchanging God:

Psalm 102:25-28 - In the beginning You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 They will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing You will change them and they will be discarded. 27 But You remain the same, and Your years will never end. 28 The children of Your servants will live in Your presence; their descendants will be established before You.

Praise for God's wisdom in creation:

Psalm 104:24-28 - How many are Your works, Lord! In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. 25 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small. 26 There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which You formed to frolic there. 27 All creatures look to You to give them their food at the proper time. 28 When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

Prayer for deliverance when needy:

Psalm 108:21-22 - But You, Sovereign Lord, help me for Your name's sake; out of the goodness of Your love, deliver me. 22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

Prayer for God to be glorified:

Psalm 115:1 - Not to us, Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.

Prayer of praise:

Psalm 118:28 - You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, and I will exalt You.

Prayer of commitment to seek God:

Psalm 119:9-16 - How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Your word. 10 I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands. 11 I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You. 12 Praise be to You, Lord; teach me Your decrees. 13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth. 14 I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. 15 I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways. 16 I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your word.

Prayer to learn from God's word:

Psalm 119:18 - Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law.

Prayer for understanding:

Psalm 119:27 - Cause me to understand the way of Your precepts, that I may meditate on Your wonderful deeds.

Prayer for strength:

Psalm 119:28 - My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word.

Prayer for understanding and direction:

Psalm 119:33-37 - Teach me, Lord, the way of Your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. 34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep Your law and obey it with all my heart. 35 Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight. 36 Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. 37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your word.

Prayer of trust in God's word:

Psalm 119:41-48 - May Your unfailing love come to me, Lord, Your salvation, according to Your promise; 42 then I can answer anyone who taunts me, for I trust in Your word. 43 Never take Your word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in Your laws. 44 I will always obey Your law, for ever and ever. 45 I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out Your precepts. 46 I will speak of Your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame, 47 for I delight in Your commands because I love them. 48 I reach out for Your commands, which I love, that I may meditate on Your decrees.

Prayer for comfort in suffering:

Psalm 119:49-52 - Remember Your word to Your servant, for You have given me hope. 50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. 51 The arrogant mock me unmercifully, but I do not turn from Your law. 52 I remember, Lord, Your ancient laws, and I find comfort in them.

Praise for God's eternal word:

Psalm 119:89-94 - Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. 90 Your faithfulness continues through all generations; You established the earth, and it endures. 91 Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve You. 92 If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. 93 I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have preserved my life. 94 Save me, for I am Yours; I have sought out Your precepts.

Prayer to be obedient:

Psalm 119:129-136 - Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. 130 The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. 131 I open my mouth and pant, longing for Your commands. 132 Turn to me and have mercy on me, as You always do to those who love Your name. 133 Direct my footsteps according to Your word; let no sin rule over me. 134 Redeem me from human oppression, that I may obey Your precepts. 135 Make Your face shine on Your servant and teach me your decrees. 136 Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for Your law is not obeyed.

Prayer for help:

Psalm 119:147-149 - I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in Your word. 148 My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promises. 149 Hear my voice in accordance with Your love; preserve my life, Lord, according to Your laws.

Prayer for understanding and deliverance:

Psalm 119:169-176 - May my cry come before You, Lord; give me understanding according to Your word. 170 May my supplication come before You; deliver me according to Your promise. 171 May my lips overflow with praise, for You teach me Your decrees. 172 May my tongue sing of Your word, for all Your commands are righteous. 173 May Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chose Your precepts. 174 I long for Your salvation, Lord, and Your law gives me delight. 175 Let me live that I may praise You, and may Your laws sustain me. 176 I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek Your servant, for I have not forgotten Your commands.

Prayer for mercy:

Psalm 123:1-2 - I lift up my eyes to You, to You who sit enthroned in heaven. 2 As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He shows us His mercy.

Prayer for mercy:

Psalm 130:1-6 - Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord; 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. 3 If You, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord who could stand? 4 But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You. 5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope. 6 I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Prayer praising God's knowledge and His presence:

Psalm 139:1-18 - You have searched me, Lord, and You know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue You, Lord, know it completely. 5 You hem me in behind and before, and You lay Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," 12 even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You. 13 For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand - when I awake, I am still with You.

Prayer for God to examine me and lead me:

Psalm 139:23 - Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer to be kept from sin:

Psalm 141:1-4 - I call to You, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to You. 2 May my prayer be set before You like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. 3 Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. 4 Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds along with those who are evildoers; do not let me eat their delicacies.

Prayer for direction:

Psalm 143:8 - Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life.

Prayer for God's instruction:

Psalm 143:10 - Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Prayer of praise to God who is great and trustworthy:

Psalm 145:1-21 - I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever. 2 Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever. 3 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. 4 One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts. 5 They speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty - and I will meditate on Your wonderful works. 6 They tell of the power of Your awesome works - and I will proclaim Your great deeds. 7 They celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness. 8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. 9 The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made. 10 All Your works praise You, Lord; Your faithful people extol You. 11 They tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might, 12 so that all people may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does. 14 The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. 16 You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. 17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways and faithful in all He does. 18 The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. 20 The Lord watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever.