

Prayer for a Heart on Fire

Lord,

Set my heart on fire for You.

Not with obligation.

Not with performance.

Not because I think I *should* feel something.

But with **joy**.

Awaken in me a hunger for Your presence and a delight in Your Word. Let Scripture become more than something I read - let it become something that **moves through me, changes me, teaches me, and draws me closer to Your heart.**

Lord, put a song back in my mouth.

Let worship rise from me freely - not because the music is perfect or because I have the right words, but because **You are worthy of my praise.**

Let my voice be **overjoyed with worship.**

When I sing, let me sing because I know You.

When I read, let me read because I want to know You more.

When I pray, let me come honestly, bringing my whole heart into the light.

Where my faith has become quiet, **wake it up.**

Where I have become distracted, draw my attention back to You.

Where routine has replaced wonder, **restore my awe.**

Where I have forgotten the joy of simply being with You, remind me.

I don't want to manufacture passion for You.

I want to receive it.

Holy Spirit, breathe on every ember that is still alive in me. Feed it until it becomes a flame. Let that fire illuminate what needs to be seen, burn away what no longer belongs, and warm the places in me that have grown cold.

And Lord, as I learn what pleases You, help me recognize the ways You created me to worship You - not only through songs and Scripture, but through the gifts, delight, creativity, love, and life You have given me.

May my life become worship.

May my words become worship.

May my work become worship.

May my joy become worship.

Give me a heart that cannot help but praise You and a voice that is **overjoyed to sing Your name.**

Set me ablaze with love for You, Lord.

And let me carry that light wherever I go.

Lord, I'm making room for Your heart.

Bring everything into the light.

Teach me what pleases You.

And make me delighted to be with You.

Not just discipline.

Not just completing the study.

Reunion.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.