



Daily Biblical Prayers

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Overview

We talked about Daily Prayers on Sunday, April 14, and these are some that are highly used.

Prayers

The Serenity Prayer:

While not explicitly from the Bible, it is heavily influenced by biblical themes and is commonly used in Christian circles for guidance and meditation.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Psalm 23:

Known as the Shepherd's Psalm, it is often recited as a prayer for comfort and guidance. Its familiar words, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," offer solace and reassurance.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.



Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Jesus Prayer:

Derived from Luke 18:13, it is a short, repetitive prayer often used in Eastern Christian traditions:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Prayer of St. Francis:

This prayer, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, reflects a commitment to embodying the virtues of peace, love, and selflessness.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offense, let me bring pardon. Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. O Master, let me not seek as much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in pardoning that one is pardoned, it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

Philippians 4:6-7:

While not a prayer in itself, this passage encourages believers to bring their anxieties and concerns to God in prayer, promising peace that surpasses understanding.

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

The Prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10):

Jabez was a man mentioned in the Bible whose prayer for blessing and protection has been widely noted. Despite the brevity of his prayer, its earnestness and trust in God's provision resonate with many believers.

Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.

The Prayer of Solomon (1 Kings 3:9-13):

King Solomon, renowned for his wisdom, sought divine guidance as he embarked on his reign. His prayer for discernment in governing God's people reflects humility and a desire for righteousness.

So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?



The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13):

Jesus, teaching his disciples how to pray, offered the timeless words of the Lord's Prayer as a model for believers to communicate with God. This prayer encompasses adoration, submission to God's will, requests for provision and forgiveness, and seeking protection from temptation.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

The High Priestly Prayer (John 17):

The High Priestly Prayer is found in the Gospel of John, Chapter 17. It is a lengthy prayer by Jesus, where he prays for himself, his disciples, and all believers. Here is the entire prayer:

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,



that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—

I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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

Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

Closing

In the tapestry of human spirituality, these prayers form threads of connection between the believer and the Divine. From the heartfelt plea of Jabez for divine blessing and protection, to Solomon's humble request for wisdom in governance, and culminating in the timeless words of the Lord's Prayer, these prayers reflect the diverse expressions of faith, trust, and yearning for spiritual guidance.

They embody the aspirations of the human soul, seeking solace, wisdom, provision, forgiveness, and unity in communion with the Divine. Whether uttered in moments of joy or in the depths of despair, these prayers serve as anchors of hope, reminding believers of their dependence on a loving and merciful God who hears and responds to the cries of their hearts.