PRAYING THE PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE FOR YOUR EVERYDAY NEEDS

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When You Want to Draw Closer to God

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast.

I will praise you with songs of joy.
I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.

PSALM 63:1–6
Prayers for Praising

My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “LORD, I am coming.”

Psalm 27:8

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:3*

Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day you carry us in your arms.

Psalm 68:19*
When You Want to Praise God More

Let all that I am praise the L ORD; with my whole heart, I will praise your holy name. Let all that I am praise the L ORD; may I never forget the good things you do for me. You forgive all my sins and heal all my diseases. You redeem me from death and crown me with love and tender mercies. You fill my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle’s!

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Prayers for Praising
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Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

PSALM 51:15

May all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, “The Lord is great!”

PSALM 40:16

All praise to you, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:3*
When You Want to Tell God You Love Him

I love you, LORD; you are my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. You are my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.

Psalm 18:1–2*

As for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress. O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love.

Psalm 59:16–17
I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**Psalm 9:1–2**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.

**1 Chronicles 29:11**

Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.

**John 21:17 ESV**