



This book is given to

a beloved child of God,

on

by

I have loved you with an everlasting love.

JEREMIAH 31:3



✠ BLESSING ✠

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine
upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24–26



MY TREASURY OF FAITH

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TO THE READER

Dear Child of God,

Our heavenly Father is gracious and merciful. That means He loves you no matter what you say or do, and that is why He sent His Son, Jesus, to the cross to save you from your sins. He also cares about your feelings and everything you are going through. He is always ready to help and encourage you. It's pretty incredible to think the God who created the whole big universe cares about little people such as you and me.

That is also why He invites us to come and spend time with Him by reading His Word and joining with other believers in worship. God promises to hear our prayers, protect us from all harm, and love us forever. Jesus Himself took time out to pray to His Father, using His own words in the psalms.

But what is prayer? And how do we do it confidently?



Praying is simply talking with God. We can talk to Him about anything and at any time. How can we be sure He will hear us and answer our prayer? Because we pray in Jesus' name, which means we are praying because Jesus told us to pray. He promised us His Father will answer our prayers. The Bible says, "This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us" (1 John 5:14). God did not set any rules for how a prayer should sound or how long it should be; just open your heart to God and ask Him to hear you in Jesus' name. But this book can be your prayer companion by giving you prayers, hymns, psalms, and Scripture readings that can help guide your prayers when you run out of ideas.

In the next section, "Daily Prayer," you will find a guide for how you can organize your morning and evening prayer time. This is called an "order of daily prayer," and it is as old as the Church itself. Daily prayer opens with an invocation, in which you remember your Baptism, when God put His name on you and made you His own child. Then comes the Kyrie, which is something people say when they need Jesus' help. It means, "Lord, have mercy on me." Next comes the Apostles' Creed,

which states the truths we believe about the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. That is followed by the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus taught His disciples and which He teaches us to pray. It is the perfect model for how we can talk with God when we pray. Then you may read a passage or a psalm from the Bible, read or sing a hymn, and pray generally or specifically.

You may use all of this format or parts of it. You may pray by yourself or with others. The important thing is to remember to pray to God every day and to know that He hears your prayers in Jesus' name and for Jesus' sake. Your heavenly Father will only give you what is best for you, so He will answer your prayers in the way that will be best for you and for the people you pray for, according to His plan.

May the Scripture passages, prayers, and hymns included here encourage you and fill you with joy, and may you know that God loves you, gave His Son for you, and for Jesus' sake will always provide everything you need.

To Him be the glory!



DAILY PRAYER



Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



PSALMS



The 150 prayers and praises that make up the Book of Psalms were written for God's people to use in devotion and worship. They express deep emotions and honest thoughts we can confidently take to the Lord in prayer.

PSALM 1:1–3

Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the
 wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on His law he meditates day and
 night.

He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.