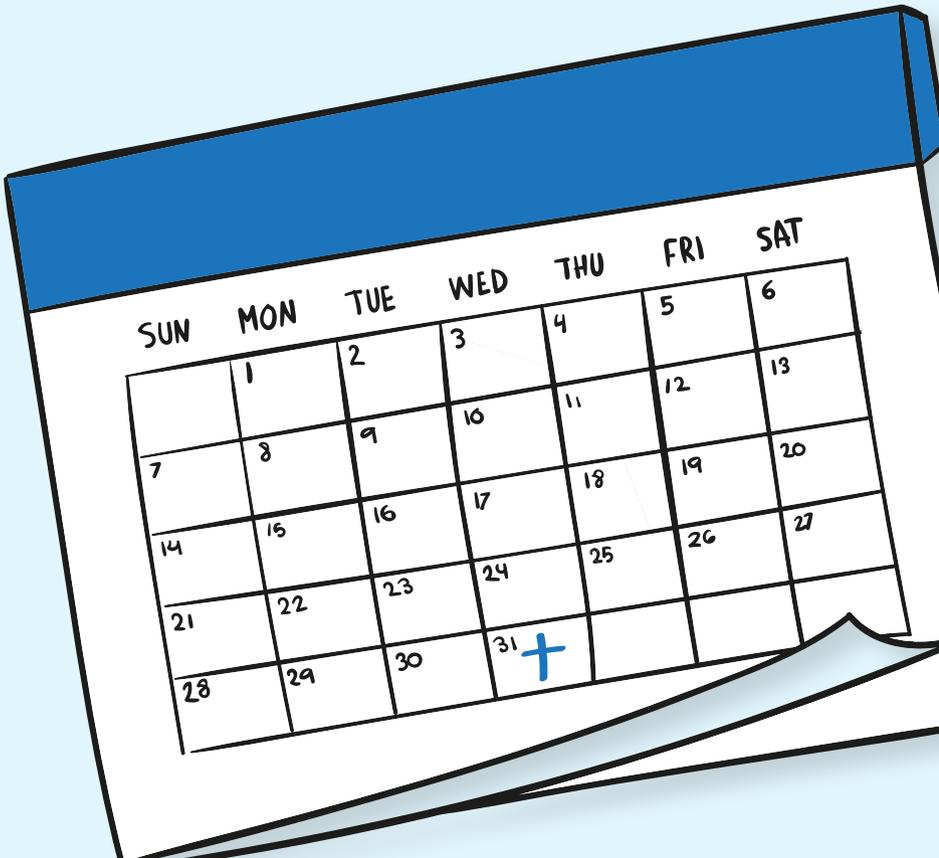


# CLOSER TO GOD

## 31 Days of Prayer



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**P** rayer is one of the most important things for a Christian to do. It is a way to communicate with God and to build a relationship with Him.

Prayer allows us to share our thoughts and feelings with Him, and it also allows us to ask for His guidance and help. **Prayer is a way to draw closer to God, and it is something that we should do on a daily basis.** Without prayer, our relationship with God will suffer. We will not be able to communicate with Him as we should, and we will not be able to ask for His help when we need it.

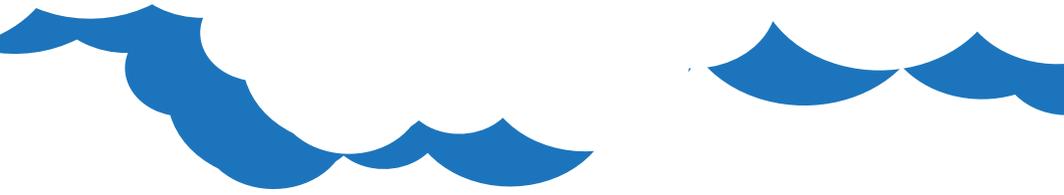
**Prayer is essential to a healthy relationship with God, and it is something that we should make a priority in our lives.**

But prayer isn't always easy, is it? Some days we don't know what to pray. Sometimes it feels like our prayers aren't very effective. The Bible can be tremendously helpful in this regard. It can give us direction for our prayers, and it can provide us with powerful words to say to God.

In this book, you will find 31 short prayers to God. Each prayer is followed by a scripture verse, and they are organized into days of the month. **You can use these prayers as a way to start your own personal conversation with God, or you can use them as a guide for your prayer time.** Either way, these prayers will help you to draw closer to God and to experience His power and presence in your life.

You can be confident that God will hear and respond to your prayers. In Psalm 34:15 it says: **"The Lord hears the prayers of the righteous."** Even if it doesn't seem like your prayers are having any impact, keep at it. God is listening, and He will answer in His own time and in His own way.

Prayer is a privilege that we have as Christians. It is an opportunity to commune with the God of the universe. So let's take advantage of it! Let's make prayer a priority in our lives, and let's see what God will do.



# DAY 1:

## PRAYER TO GOD

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### Psalm 5:3

*"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."*

Dear Lord,

I come to You this morning with a heart full of praise. Thank You for the gift of life, and thank You for the many blessings that You have given me. I am so grateful to be Your child, and I am so thankful for Your love and care.

**This morning, I bring my requests before You.** I pray for Your guidance and wisdom in all areas of my life. I pray that You would give me the strength to do Your will, and I pray that You would lead me in the path of righteousness.

I also pray for Your protection and care. I ask that You would keep me safe from all harm, and I ask that You would watch over those I love. **I pray that You would bless us all according to Your will.**

Thank You for hearing and answering my prayers. I trust in Your power and goodness, and I know that You will do what is best.

Amen.

# DAY 2:

## PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

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**Psalm 51:10**

*"Create in me a clean heart, O  
God; and renew a right spirit  
within me."*

Dear God,

I come to You today aware of my wrongdoings. I have sinned against You and others in many ways, and I am truly sorry. I know that my sin is an offense against You, and I know that it hurts our relationship.

**I am asking for Your forgiveness.** I repent of my sin, and I ask that You would wash me clean. I want to turn from my sin and follow You with all my heart.

**I also ask that You would forgive those who have sinned against me.** I know that forgiveness is not easy, but I am asking You to help me let go of the hurt and bitterness. I pray that You would give me Your peace and strength as I forgive those who have wronged me.

Thank you that Jesus died for my sins. I am so grateful for His sacrifice, and I know that His blood can cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I praise You for Your amazing grace and forgiveness.

Amen.

# DAY 3:

## PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

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### Proverbs 3:5-6

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

Dear Lord,

I need Your strength today. I am feeling weak and weary, and I need Your help. I am struggling with \_\_\_\_\_, and I need Your wisdom and guidance.

I am asking You to give me the strength to overcome this difficulty. **I know that I can't do it on my own, but I am trusting in Your power.** I know that You are able to help me, and I am asking You to do so.

**I also pray for the strength to serve You faithfully.** I want to live my life for Your glory, and I need Your help to do so. I am asking You to give me the strength and courage to follow You no matter what.

Thank You for being my strong Tower. I am so grateful that I can always rely on You, and I praise You for Your power and might.

Amen.

# DAY 4:

## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

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### Psalm 91:1-2

*"He that dwelleth in the secret  
place of the most High shall abide  
under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*I will say of the Lord, He is my  
refuge and my fortress; my God,  
in him will I trust."*

Father in heaven,

I am asking for Your protection today. I live in a dangerous world, and I need Your help to stay safe. I am especially worried about \_\_\_\_\_, and I ask that You would watch over me.

I know that You are my strong fortress, and I am trusting in Your care. **I am asking You to keep me safe from all harm, and I ask that You would watch over those I love.** I pray that You would bless us all according to Your will.

**Thank You for being my Protector.** I am so grateful that I can always rely on You, and I praise You for Your power and might.

Amen.

# DAY 5:

## PRAYER FOR PROVISION

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### Psalm 23:1

*"The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want."*

Dear Lord,

**I am in need of Your provision today.** I am struggling with \_\_\_\_\_, and I need Your help. I am asking You to provide for me in this area of my life.

I know that You are my Provider, and I am trusting in Your care. I am asking You to meet my needs, and I ask that You would bless me according to Your riches. I know that You are able to do abundantly more than I could ever ask or imagine, and I am asking You to do so.

**Thank You for being my Provider.** I am thankful that I can always rely on You, and I praise You for Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 6:

## PRAYER FOR JOY

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**Philippians 4:4**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always: and  
again I say, Rejoice."*

Lord, I praise You for the joy that is found in You. I am happy in You, and I want to rejoice always. **I know that when I am filled with Your joy, \_\_\_\_\_ will not be able to steal my happiness.**

I confess that too often my joy is dependent on my circumstances. I don't want that to be the case. I want my joy to come from you, not what is happening in my life. Give me your joy, which is unshakable.

I am asking You to fill me with Your joy today. **I need Your help to overcome \_\_\_\_\_, and I know that Your joy is the perfect medicine.** Thank You for being my source of joy, and I praise You for the happiness that is found in You.

Amen.

# DAY 7:

## PRAYER FOR HEALTH

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**3 John 1:2**

*"Beloved, I wish above all things  
that thou mayest prosper and be  
in health, even as thy soul  
prospereth."*

Dear God,

I am praying for good health today. I am asking You to bless me with physical, mental, and emotional health. **I know that when I am healthy, I am able to serve You more effectively.**

I am asking You to heal me of any sickness or disease, and **I am asking You to give me the strength to overcome any health challenges I am facing.** I know that nothing is too difficult for You, and I am trusting in Your power.

Thank You for being my Healer. I am grateful that I can always rely on You, and I praise You for Your power and might. Amen.

# DAY 8:

## PRAYER FOR DIRECTION

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***Jeremiah 29:11***

***"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."***

Dear Lord,

I am asking for Your direction today.

**I need Your help to know what to do in \_\_\_\_\_.  
I am feeling lost and confused, and I need  
Your guidance.**

**I am asking You to lead me on the path You  
have for me.** I know that Your ways are perfect,  
and I am trusting in Your care. I pray that You  
would give me wisdom and understanding, and  
I ask that You would direct my steps according  
to Your will.

Thank You for being my Shepherd. I know  
that I can and am grateful that I can always  
rely on You, and I praise You for Your  
goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 9:

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

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### Psalm 29:11

*"The Lord will give strength unto  
his people; the Lord will bless his  
people with peace."*

Dear Lord,

I am in need of Your peace today. I am struggling with \_\_\_\_\_, and I need Your help. I am asking You to give me peace in this area of my life. My heart is very anxious and I need you to still it. I need you to set my mind at rest.

I know that You are the Prince of Peace, and I am trusting in Your care. I am asking You to bless me with Your peace that surpasses all understanding, and **I ask that You would keep my heart and mind focused on You.**

**Thank You for being my Peace.** I am grateful that I can always rely on You, and I praise You for Your goodness and mercy. Amen.

# DAY 10:

## PRAYER FOR FAMILY

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### **Ephesians 6:2**

*"Honour thy father and mother;  
which is the first commandment  
with promise;"*

Dear Father,

I am praying for my family today. I am asking You to bless them and keep them safe. **I know that You have a plan for each one of them, and I am trusting in Your care.**

I am asking You to help me to be the best \_\_\_\_ I can be. I know that I need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom. **I pray that I would honor and respect my family members in all that I do, and that I would obey Your commands.**

Thank You for giving me my family. I am grateful for each one of them, and I praise You for Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 11:

## PRAYER FOR FRIENDS

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**Proverbs 17:17**

*"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."*

Dear Lord,

I am praying for my friends today. I am asking You to bless them and keep them safe. I know that they are a gift from You, and I am grateful for each one of them.

**Help me to be the best friend I can be.** I know that I need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom.

**I pray that I would be a loyal friend,** and that I would always be there for my friends when they need me. Thank You for giving me my friends. I am grateful for each one of them, and I praise You for Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 12:

## PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

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**Mark 10:14**

*"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."*

Dear God,

**I am praying for my children today. I am asking You to bless them and keep them safe. I know that they are a gift from You, and I am grateful for each one of them.**

**Please help me to be a godly parent and point my children to you. I know that I need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom.**

I pray that my children would grow up to love and serve You, and that they would live their lives for Your glory. Thank You for giving me my children. I am grateful for each one of them, and I praise You for Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 13:

## PRAYER FOR YOUR PASTOR/PRIEST

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### Ephesians 4:11

*"And he gave some, apostles; and  
some, prophets; and some,  
evangelists; and some, pastors  
and teachers;"*

**Lord, I am praying for my pastor/priest today. I know that they are a gift from You, and I am grateful for them.**

**Please help them to be a godly leader and point us to You. I know that they need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom.**

**I pray that our church would be a light for Your Gospel, and that we would be a blessing to our community. Thank You for giving us our pastor/priest. I am grateful for them, and I praise You for Your goodness and mercy. Amen.**

# DAY 14:

## PRAYER FOR NEIGHBORS

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**Mark 12:31**

*"Thou shalt love thy  
neighbour as thyself."*

Dear God,

I am praying for my neighbors today. I am grateful for each one of them. Please bless them abundantly. **Let them experience the joy and blessing that only you can provide.**

I pray that I would be a good neighbor, and that I would show Your love to them in all that I do. **Help me to love them just as you love me.** Help me to be patient, kind, and forgiving.

**I pray that our entire neighborhood would come to know You** and experience Your love. Thank You for my neighbors. I am grateful for each one of them, and I praise You for Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 15:

## PRAYER FOR CO-WORKERS

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### Proverbs 16:7

*"When a man's ways please the  
Lord, he maketh even his enemies  
to be at peace with him."*

Dear Lord,

**I am praying for my co-workers today.**

Please help us to get along with each other. We spend a lot of time together, and I am grateful for all of them, including the ones that I don't naturally connect with.

Help us to treat each other with respect and kindness. Help us to be patient and forgiving. **I know that we all need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom.** Help me to overlook offenses from others and love even those whom I struggle with.

**I pray that our workplace would be a place where people can see Your love in action.**

Thank You for my co-workers.

Amen.

# DAY 16:

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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**2 Peter 3:18**

*"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever.*

*Amen."*

Dear Father,

I am praying for my spiritual growth today. **I want to be more like You in every way. Please help me to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Help me to love you more deeply and grow closer to you.**

Help me to read my Bible every day and to pray without ceasing. Help me to be more patient, kind, and forgiving. **Help me to overcome sin and live a life that is pleasing to You.**

I pray that I would be an example of Your love and grace to others. Thank You for Your amazing grace. I praise You for Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 17:

## PRAYER FOR PATIENCE

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### Proverbs 14:29

*"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly."*

Dear God,

I am praying for patience today. Help me to be slow to anger and quick to forgive. **I know that I need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom.**

Help me to be patient with others, even when they are difficult to deal with. Help me to see them the way that You see them and to love them as You love them. **Help me be an example of patience that inspires others to be patient.**

I praise You for Your patience with me. Thank you for your endless kindness toward me. I am grateful for Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

# DAY 18:

## PRAYER FOR GRATEFULNESS

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### Psalm 100:4

*"Enter into his gates with  
thanksgiving, and into his courts  
with praise: be thankful unto him,  
and bless his name."*

Dear God,

**I am praying for gratefulness today. Help me to see all of the blessings that You have given me. Thank You for Your goodness and mercy. I am so grateful for Your love.**

**Help me to be thankful for the little things and the big things.** Help me to have a grateful heart that is always praising You. I know that I need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom.

Thank You for all of the blessings in my life.  
**Please forgive me for the many times that I have not been grateful.**

Amen.

# DAY 19:

## PRAYER FOR LOVE

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**1 John 4:7**

***"Beloved, let us love one another:  
for love is of God; and every one  
that loveth is born of God, and  
knoweth God."***

Dear Lord,

I am praying for love today. Please help me to love others the way that You love me. **Help me to see them the way that You see them and to treat them with kindness and compassion.**

Help me to love those who are easy to love and those who are difficult to love. **Help me to overcome hatred and prejudice.** I know that I need Your help to do this, and I am asking for Your strength and wisdom.

I pray that I would be an example of Your love to others. Thank you for your amazing love. **Thank you for sending Jesus as the perfect example of love.** Thank you for loving me.

Amen.

# DAY 20:

## PRAYER FOR WISDOM

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### Proverbs 2:6

*"For the LORD giveth wisdom: out  
of his mouth cometh knowledge  
and understanding."*

Dear Father,

**I am praying for wisdom today. Please help me to make wise decisions.** Help me to know what is right and what is wrong. Help me to know Your will for my life.

Give me the wisdom to know how to live a godly life. **Help me to discern Your truth from the lies of this world. Help me to think your thoughts and walk in your wise ways.** I don't have wisdom on my own. I need your wisdom.

I praise You for Your wisdom. Thank you for giving me the gift of knowledge and understanding.

Amen.

# DAY 21:

## PRAYER FOR FAITH

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### Mark 11:22-24

**"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."**

Dear God,

I am praying for faith today. Help me to believe in You even when I can't see You. Help me to trust in Your goodness even when things are tough. **Give me faith for even the most impossible situations.**

Please help me to have faith that You are who You say You are and that You will do what You say You will do. **I need Your help to grow my faith.** Help me when I struggle with unbelief.

**I praise You for being a faithful God.** Thank you for Your faithfulness to me. I am so grateful that I can trust in You.

Amen.

# DAY 22:

## PRAYER FOR NEEDS

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### Matthew 6:8

*"Be not therefore like unto them:  
for your Father knoweth what  
things ye have need of, before ye  
ask him."*

Dear God,

I am praying for my needs today. **I know that You know what I need even before I ask, but I also know that You want me to come to You with my needs.** I know that you are my Father and that you love to meet all my needs.

Please provide for me and my family. We trust in You to meet our needs. Thank You for Your faithfulness in the past. We know that we can trust You to take care of us in the future. **Please meet both our big needs and small ones.**

**Help us to be content with what we have.** Help us to not worry about tomorrow, but to focus on today. We know that You will take care of us. Thank you, Lord.

Amen.

# DAY 23:

## PRAYER FOR CONTENTMENT

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### Hebrews 13:5

*"Let your conversation be without  
covetousness; and be content with  
such things as ye have: for he hath  
said, I will never leave thee, nor  
forsake thee."*

Dear Lord,

**I am praying for contentment today. Help me to be content with what I have.** Give me the grace to not always want more and more. Please empower me to be thankful for what I have been given.

You have promised to never leave me or forsake me, and I know that is true. Even when I don't have everything I want, **I know that I can be content because You are with me. Thank you for Your presence in my life. Thank you for always being with me.**

I praise You for Your faithfulness. I am so grateful that I can trust You to meet my needs. Thank You for Your love.

Amen.

# DAY 23:

## PRAYER FOR HOLINESS

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**1 Peter 1:16**

*"Because it is written, Be ye holy;  
for I am holy."*

Dear Father,

I am praying for holiness today. Help me to be set apart for You. Help me to live a life that is pleasing to You. **Help me to not conform to the world, but to be transformed by the renewing of my mind.**

Help me to put to death the sin in my life. Help me to live a holy life that is honoring to You. I know that I can't do this on my own. I need Your help. **Please give me the strength to resist temptation and to live a godly life.**

I praise You for Your holiness. **Thank you for setting me apart for Yourself.** I am so grateful that I can be holy because of Your love.

Amen.

# DAY 24:

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S NEARNESS

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**Psalm 145:18**

*"The LORD is nigh unto all them  
that call upon him, to all that call  
upon him in truth."*

Dear God,

**I am praying for Your nearness today. Please draw near to me.** I long for Your presence. I need You in my life. Please come close to me and let me feel Your nearness.

**I know that You are always with me, but sometimes I need to feel Your presence more deeply. Thank You for being a God who is near to His people.** I am so grateful that I can call on You and know that You will hear me.

I praise You for being a God who is near to me. Thank You for being a God who hears and answers prayer. I am so grateful that I can call on You in times of need.

Amen.

# DAY 25:

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

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### Isaiah 40:31

*"But they that wait upon the  
LORD shall renew their  
strength; they shall mount up  
with wings as eagles; they shall  
run, and not be weary; and they  
shall walk, and not faint."*

Dear Lord,

I am praying for spiritual renewal today. I need You to renew my strength. I am weary from fighting spiritual battles. **I need You to revive my spirit. I need you to restore my joy, love, and peace.**

**I know that only You can give me the strength I need to keep going.** I am so grateful that I can wait on You and know that You will renew my strength. I praise You for being a God who is always faithful to His people.

**Thank You for restoring my joy and giving me Your peace.** I am so grateful that I can walk with You and know that You will never leave me or forsake me.

Amen.

# DAY 26:

## PRAYER FOR HOPE

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### Romans 15:13

*"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."*

Dear Father,

I am praying for hope today. **I need You to give me hope for the future. I am struggling to see any light at the end of the tunnel.** I need You to give me hope that things will get better. I need hope to keep moving forward.

**I know that only You can give me true hope.** The world can offer me false hope, but only You can give me lasting hope. Thank You for being a God of hope. I am so grateful that I can put my hope in You.

**I praise You for being a God who is always faithful.** Thank You for never leaving me or forsaking me. I am so grateful that I can trust You to always be with me.

Amen.

# DAY 27:

## PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

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### 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

*"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*

Dear God,

I am praying for generosity today. **I want to be a generous person. I want to give freely of my time, money, and resources.** I don't want to be stingy with what You have entrusted to me.

**Help me to purpose in my heart to be a generous giver.** Help me to cheerfully give of my time, money, and resources. I know that I can't do this on my own. I need Your help. Please give me the wisdom and resources to be a generous giver.

**I praise You for being a generous God.** Thank You for giving us Your Son, Jesus. I am so grateful that I can give because You have first given to me.

Amen.

# DAY 28:

## PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

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### Psalm 23:3

*"He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake."*

Dear Lord,

I am praying for guidance today. **I need You to lead me in the path of righteousness. I don't want to go down the wrong path.** I want to follow You. I want to do what is right and good in your eyes.

I know that only You can lead me in the right path. I need Your wisdom and guidance. Please help me to make wise decisions. Help me to follow You no matter what. **Even when things are difficult, help me to lean into your guidance.**

I praise You for being a God who leads His people. Thank You for being a Good Shepherd. **I am so grateful that I can follow You and know that You will never leave me or forsake me.**

Amen.

# DAY 29:

## PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

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### Matthew 5:23-24

*"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."*

Dear Lord,

I am praying for reconciliation today. I am struggling with someone in my life. We are not on good terms and I really want to repair our relationship. **I want things to be made right with them.**

**I know that the first step is for me to go to them and try to reconcile. I don't want to hold onto anger and bitterness.** I want to let go of my pride and reach out to them. Help me to take that first step today. Please give me the wisdom and the words to say.

I praise You for being a God of reconciliation. Thank You for making things right between us and You through Jesus. I am so grateful that I can have a relationship with You. I know that you long to reconcile with us as well.

Amen.

# DAY 30:

## PRAYER FOR FREEDOM

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### Galatians 5:1

*"Stand fast therefore in the liberty  
wherewith Christ hath made us  
free, and be not entangled again  
with the yoke of bondage."*

Dear God,

**I am praying for freedom today. I am struggling with \_\_\_\_\_ and I really want to be free from it.** It has a hold on me and I feel like I can't break free. But I know that with Your help, anything is possible.

**I am asking You to set me free from this struggle.** I want to be free to live the life You have called me to live. I don't want \_\_\_\_\_ to have any power over me anymore. Help me to overcome it and to live in the freedom that You have promised me.

I praise You for being a God of freedom. **Thank You for setting us free from our sin through Jesus.** I am so grateful that I can be free from the bondage of sin and live in Your liberty.

Amen.

# DAY 31:

## PRAYER FOR ANXIETY

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### Philippians 4:6-7

*"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

Dear Father,

I am praying for anxiety today. **I am feeling really anxious and stressed about \_\_\_\_\_. I know that I can't handle it on my own. I need Your help. I need the peace that passes understanding.**

Please calm my anxiety and give me peace. Help me to focus on You and to remember that You are in control. **I don't need to worry because I know that You will take care of me. Thank You for being my peace and my strength.**

I praise You for being a God who calms our anxious hearts. Thank You for giving us Your peace. I am so grateful that I can rest in You and know that You will take care of me.

Amen.

# FINAL THOUGHTS

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As you work your way through these prayers, know that God is working. Even if you can't see it with your eyes, God is doing more than you can ever imagine.

**In James 5:16 it says, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”**

You can be sure that your prayers make a real difference. God hears your prayers and responds to them. Don't give up in your

prayers. It's easy to give up when we don't see results right away.

**In Matthew 7:7 it says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you..."**

God promises that if you keep praying you will see the answer. It may not be the exact answer you were asking for, but God will certainly answer you.

So start praying and keep praying!