

IN YOUR CLOSET

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18, ESV

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GODLY MODELS FOR PRAYER

In His Word and through His people God gives us marvelous models for prayer. Let these prayers guide you into prayer. Let them inspire you as you pray them or prayers inspired by them from your own heart.

Ephesians 3: 14-19

For this reason, I bow my knees
before the Father, from whom every family in
heaven and on earth is named,
that according to the riches of his glory
he may grant you to be strengthened
with power through his Spirit
in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and
grounded in love, may have strength to
comprehend
with all the saints what is the breadth
and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses
knowledge, that you may be filled with all the
fullness of God.

KEEPING CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF OUR PRAYERS

*From St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer
(St. Patrick is known for being the missionary who
took Christianity to Ireland. As a youth, he was taken
to Ireland as a prisoner of Irish raiders. He escaped
after serving as a slave/shepherd. As a convert to
Christianity he trained as a priest and returned to
Ireland as a missionary.)*

. . . Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye
that sees me,
Christ in every ear



COVENANT PRAYER

John Wesley

(John Wesley served on St. Simons Island in Georgia as an Anglican missionary priest before coming to a personal encounter with Christ, influenced by Moravians and their confidence in salvation by faith in Christ, during a storm on a ship returning to England. He went on to start a renewal movement that became the Methodist Church.)

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or
set aside for you.
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender
all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth.
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6: 9-13

Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 evil.”

HELP ME LIVE IT

Keith Green

(Keith Green was one of the most popular early Contemporary Christian Singers in the 1970's. His music tended to emphasize God's Love and Christianity's need to honor God through faithful and sacrificial service to others.)

Oh, Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I see
For when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me
Oh Lord, please light the fire
That once burned bright and clean
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear
I want to take Your Word and shine it all around
But first, help me just to live it, Lord
And when I'm doing well,
help me to never seek a crown
for my reward is giving glory to You.

YOU OVER ME

St. Augustine

(St. Augustine, converted at the age of 31, is considered one of the greatest thinkers in the Christian Church, having written widely to establish Biblical Christianity in answer to heresies that abounded in the early centuries of the Church.)

Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know You,
and desire nothing save only You.
Let me hate myself and love You.
Let me do everything for the sake of You.
Let me humble myself and exalt You.
Let me think of nothing except You.
Let me die to myself and live in You.
Let me accept whatever happens as from You.
Let me banish self and follow You,
and ever desire to follow You.
Let me fly from myself
and take refuge in You.
Let me fear for myself.
Let me fear You, and let me be among those
who are chosen by You.
Let me distrust myself and put my trust in You.
Let me be willing to obey for the sake of You.
Let me cling to nothing save only to You,
And let me be poor because of You.
Look upon me, that I may love You.

Call me that I may see You,
and forever enjoy You.
Amen.

A Prayer By George Washington

(Taken From “The Daily Prayers
Of George Washington”)

O Lord our God, most mighty and merciful Father, I thine unworthy creature and servant, do once more approach thy presence. Though not worthy to appear before thee, because of my natural corruptions, and the many sins and transgressions



which I have committed against thy divine majesty; yet I beseech thee, for the sake of him in whom thou art well pleased, the Lord Jesus Christ, to admit me to render thee deserved thanks and praises for thy manifold mercies extended toward me, for the quiet rest & repose of the past night, for food, raiment, health, peace, liberty, and the hopes of a better life through the merits of thy dear son's bitter passion.

And O kind Father, continue thy mercy and favor to me this day, and ever hereafter; prosper all my lawful undertakings; let me have all my directions from thy Holy Spirit; and success from thy bountiful hand. Let the bright beams of thy light so shine into my heart, and enlighten my mind in understanding thy blessed word, that I may be enabled to perform thy will in all things, and effectually resist all temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Preserve and defend our rulers in church & state. Bless the people of this land, be a father to the fatherless, a comforter to the comfortless, a deliverer to the captives, and a physician to the sick. Let thy blessings guide this day and forever through Jesus Christ in whose blessed form of prayer I conclude my weak petitions--'Our Father, which art in Heaven ...'