

Prayers to Choose From

The Lord's Prayer (and Ours)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name.
May your kingdom come, and your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. *Amen.*

Serenity Prayer: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. (Reinhold Niebuhr)

Concluding Prayer of the Church: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought me in safety to this new day: Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.* ([The Divine Hours](#))

Prayer of Confession: Almighty God, my heavenly Father: I have sinned against you, through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed, and in what I have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive me all my offenses; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord ([The Book of Common Prayer](#))

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside by you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the Covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. (Methodist Church)

The cross is the way of the lost. The cross is the staff of the lame. The cross is the guide of the blind. The cross is the strength of the weak. The cross is the hope of the hopeless. The cross is the freedom of slaves. The cross is the water of the seeds. The cross is the consolation of the bonded laborers. The cross is the source of those who seek water. The cross is the cloth of the naked. (Tenth-century African hymn)

O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely that I may be established in You as still and as peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. (Elizabeth of the Holy Trinity)

Dear Lord, So far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm thankful for that. But Lord, in a few minutes I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm definitely going to need a lot more help.

Late have I loved thee, O beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved thee: for behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside and in my unloveliness fell upon those lovely things that you had made. You were with me, and I was not with you. I was kept from you by those things, yet had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and tried to break open my deafness: and you sent forth your beams and shone upon me and chased away my blindness: you breathed fragrance upon me, and I drew in my breath and I do now pant for you: I taste you, and now hunger and thirst for you: you touched me, and I have burned for your peace. (St. Augustine)

May God support us all the day long, Till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, And the busy world is hushed, And the fever of life is over, And our work is done, Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, And a holy rest, and peace at last. (John Henry Cardinal Newman)

I am sure that I cannot hope too much in You, and that I cannot receive less than I have hoped for from You. So I hope that You will hold me safe on the steepest slopes, that You will sustain me against the most ferocious assaults, and that You will make my weakness triumph over my most fearful enemies. I hope that You will love me always, and that I too shall love You without ceasing. To carry my hope once for all as far as it can go, I hope from You to possess You, O my Creator, in time and eternity. *Amen.* (Claude de la Colombiere, S.J.)

Jesus, are you not my mother? Are you not even more than my mother? My human mother after all labored in giving birth to me for only a day or a night; You, my tender and beautiful Lord, labored for me for over thirty years... (Margerite of Oingt)

All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well. (Julian of Norwich)

Help, Lord (John Wimber) **Lord,** make me according to your heart.(Bro.Lawrence)

My own heart let me more have pity on; let Me live to my sad self hereafter kind (G.M. Hopkins)

God, I thank you that I am not like other men... (The Pharisee in Jesus' Parable)
God have mercy on me, a sinner! (The tax collector in Jesus' Parable)

Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner (Jesus Prayer)

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