BIBLICAL PRAYERS YOU CAN USE IN YOUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

(in random order; all quotes are from the NIV Bible unless otherwise noted)

Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of God.

Ephesians 1:15-19

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Ephesians 6:18-20

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

1Thessalonians 1:2-4

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention {of you} in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, knowing, brethren beloved by God, {His} choice of you; (NAS)

1Thessalonians 5:23-25

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. Brothers, pray for us.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

2 Thessalonians 1:11

"We pray for you all the time -- pray that our God will make you fit for what He's called you to be, pray that He'll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with His own energy, so that it all amounts to something" (The Message Bible).

Colossians 4:3-4

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

1Thessalonians 1:2-3

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Thessalonians 3:10

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith.

Philemon 1:6

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

James 5:13-18

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

3 John 1:2

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

Jude 1:20

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:7

Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong. Not that people will see that we have stood the test but that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed.

1 Corinthians 14:13-16

For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying?

Romans 15:31-33

Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed. The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Romans 8:26-28

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 1:8-10

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1Thes 3:11-13

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Psalm 20:1-4

May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. Selah

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

Romans 15:5

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus; (NAS)

2 Thessalonians 3:5

And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ. (NAS)

Psalm 12:3

May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that speaks great things; (NAS)

Psalm 20:1-4

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you {securely} on high! May He send you help from the sanctuary, and support you from Zion! May He remember all your meal offerings, and find your burnt offering acceptable! Selah. May He grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your counsel! (NAS)

Psalm 20:9

Save, O LORD; may the King answer us in the day we call. (NAS)

Psalm 72:1-20

- Give the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness to the king's son.
- 2 May he judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thine afflicted with justice.
- 3 Let the mountains bring peace to the people, and the hills in righteousness.
- 4 May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 Let them fear Thee while the sun {endures} and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
- 8 May he also rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 Let the nomads of the desert bow before him; and his enemies lick the dust.
- Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
- And let all kings bow down before him, all nations serve him.
- For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, the afflicted also, and him who has no helper.
- He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save.
- He will rescue their life from oppression and violence; and their blood will be precious in his sight;
- So may he live; and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; and let them pray for him continually; let them bless him all day long.
- May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of the mountains; its fruit will wave like {the cedars of} Lebanon; and may those from the city flourish like vegetation of the earth.
- May his name endure forever; may his name increase as long as the sun {shines} and let {men} bless themselves by him; let all nations call him blessed.
- Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone works wonders.
- And blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.
- The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended. (NAS)

Pealm 115-14-15

May the LORD give you increase, you and your children. May you be blessed of the LORD, maker of heaven and earth. (NAS)

Psalm 134:3

May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth. (NAS)

1 Chronicles 4:10

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

Psalm 119

- 5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!
- 8 I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.
- 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.
- 12 Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees.
- 17 Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word.
- 18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
- 19 I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

- 22 Remove from me scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes.
- 25 I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word.
- 26 I recounted my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees.
- 27 Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders.
- 28 My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.
- 29 Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law.
- 30 I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. 31 do not let me be put to shame.
- 33 Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;
- 34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.
- 35 Direct me in the path of your commands,
- 36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.
- 39 Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.
- 40 How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.
- 41 May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise;
- 43 Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws.
- 49 Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.
- 58 I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.
- 64 The earth is filled with your love, O LORD; teach me your decrees.
- 65 Do good to your servant according to your word, O LORD.
- 66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands.
- 68 You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.
- 73 Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.
- 74 May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.
- 76 May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.
- 77 Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.
- 78 May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts. 79 May those who fear you turn to me, those who understand your statutes.
- 80 May my heart be blameless toward your decrees, that I may not be put to shame.
- 86 All your commands are trustworthy; help me, for men persecute me without cause.
- 88 Preserve my life according to your love, and I will obey the statutes of your mouth.
- 94 Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.
- 107 I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.
- 116 Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed.
- 117 Uphold me, and I will be delivered; I will always have regard for your decrees.
- 121 I have done what is righteous and just; do not leave me to my oppressors.
- 122 Ensure your servant's well-being; let not the arrogant oppress me.
- 124 Deal with your servant according to your love and teach me your decrees.
- 125 I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes. 126 It is time for you to act, O LORD; your law is being broken.
- 132 Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.
- 133 Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.
- 134 Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey your precepts.
- 135 Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.
- 144 Your statutes are forever right; give me understanding that I may live.
- 145 I call with all my heart; answer me, O LORD, and I will obey your decrees.
- 146 I call out to you; save me and I will keep your statutes.
- 149 Hear my voice in accordance with your love; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your laws.
- 153 Look upon my suffering and deliver me, for I have not forgotten your law.
- 154 Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise.
- 156 Your compassion is great, O LORD; preserve my life according to your laws.
- 159 See how I love your precepts; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your love.
- 169 May my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word.
- 170 May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

- 171 May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.
- 172 May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous. 173 May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.
- 175 Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.
- 176 I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.

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