

# Prayers, Benedictions and Doxologies of the Bible

There are literally hundreds of Prayers, Benedictions and Doxologies in the Bible. Most of this Paper is devoted to giving an example from every book of the Bible where they exist (57 altogether from the 66 books). Some books are very rich in examples of prayer, others are quite sparse or even non-existent! You can use the examples to study, to meditate on, to bless others, to be thankful for, to fill up your spiritual fuel tanks, to ponder on, to praise God, to think “Wow” and to spur you on to search for further examples. Use them to regularly pray for yourself, your friends and family, as well as those you meet day by day.

Many Translations have been used in this study. Perhaps you could search out further Translations over the next few weeks? These sites will help:

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Before you go any further, you may wish to consider these questions:

- a. How important is prayer to me?
- b. What types of prayer do I often use?
- c. How often do I pray using my Bible?
- d. Could I memorise some Scripture verses to help me pray?
- e. Who could I share this content with?

## Genesis 22:1-3

After a period of time, God decided to put Abraham to the test.

Eternal One: Abraham!

Abraham: I am right here.

Eternal One: Take your son, your only son Isaac whom *I know* you love *deeply*, and go to the land of Moriah. *When you get there*, I want you to offer Isaac to Me as a burnt offering on one of the mountains. I will show you which one. Abraham did *as he was told*. Early in the morning he got up, saddled his donkey, and taking two of his *trusted* servants with him and his son Isaac, he cut the wood for the burnt offering and travelled to the place God had told him about. [*The Voice*]

### Exodus 3:4, 5

When the LORD saw that he turned away [from the flock] to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet [out of respect], because the place on which you are standing is holy ground." [*Amplified Bible*]

### Leviticus 10:3

Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord meant when He said, I [and My will, not their own] will be acknowledged as hallowed by those who come near Me, and before all the people I will be honoured." And Aaron said nothing. [*Amplified Bible*]

### Numbers 6:22-27

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with this special blessing:

'May the LORD bless you and protect you.

May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.'

Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them." [*New Living Translation*]

### Deuteronomy 9:25-29

The LORD had said he would destroy you, so I threw myself down in front of him for those forty days and forty nights. I prayed to the LORD and said, "Lord GOD, do not destroy your people, your own people, whom you freed and brought out of Egypt by your great power and strength. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Don't look at how stubborn these people are, and don't look at their sin and evil. Otherwise, Egypt will say, 'It was because the LORD was not able to take his people into the land he promised them, and it was because he hated them that he took them into the desert to kill them.' But they are your people, LORD, your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt with your great power and strength." [*New Century Version*]

### Joshua 24:14,15

Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

[*English Standard Version*]

### Judges 20:23-26

And the people of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until the evening. And they enquired of the LORD, "Shall we again draw near to fight against our brothers, the people of Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against them."

So the people of Israel came near against the people of Benjamin the second day. And Benjamin went against them out of Gibeah on the second day, and destroyed 18,000 men of the people of Israel. All these were men who drew the sword. Then all the people of Israel, the whole army, went up and came to Bethel and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. [*English Standard Version*]

#### Ruth 4:14, 15

The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." [*New International Version*]

#### 1 Samuel 2:1

Hannah also prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in thy salvation. [*Revised Standard Version*]

#### 2 Samuel 7:18-22

Then King David went into the Tent of the LORD's presence, sat down and prayed, "Sovereign LORD, I am not worthy of what you have already done for me, nor is my family. Yet now you are doing even more, Sovereign LORD; you have made promises about my descendants in the years to come. And you let a man see this, Sovereign LORD! What more can I say to you! You know me, your servant. It was your will and purpose to do this; you have done all these great things in order to instruct me. How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is none like you; we have always known that you alone are God. [*Good News Translation*]

#### 1 Kings 8:22-24

Then Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh in the presence of all of the assembly of Israel, and he spread out his hands to the heavens, and he said, "O Yahweh, God of Israel, there is no god like you in the heavens above or on the earth beneath, keeping the covenant and the loyal love for your servants who are walking before you with all their heart. You have kept for your servant David my father what you promised to him, and you have spoken with your mouth, and with your hand you have fulfilled it this very day. [*Lexham English Bible*]

#### 2 Kings 6:15-17

Early in the morning a servant of the Holy Man got up and went out. Surprise! Horses and chariots surrounding the city! The young man exclaimed, "Oh, master! What shall we do?" He said, "Don't worry about it—there are more on our side than on their side." Then Elisha prayed, "O God, open his eyes and let him see." The eyes of the young man were opened and he saw. A wonder! The whole mountainside full of horses and chariots of fire surrounding Elisha! [*The Message*]

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

So David praised the Lord in front of all the people. He said, "Honour and thanks be to You, O Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever. O Lord, You have great power, shining-greatness and strength. Yes, everything in heaven and on earth belongs to You. You are the King, O Lord. And You are honoured as head over all. Both riches and honour come from You. You rule over all. Power and strength are in Your hand. The power is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all. So now, our God, we thank You. We praise Your great and honoured name." [*New Life Version*]

2 Chronicles 20:12

O our God, wilt thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; we do not know what to do; but our eyes are fixed upon thee.  
[*Jubilee Bible*]

Ezra 7:27, 28

Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king, to beautify the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem, and who extended to me his steadfast love before the king and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty officers. I took courage, for the hand of the LORD my God was on me, and I gathered leading men from Israel to go up with me. [*English Standard Version*]

Nehemiah 1:5-7

Yahweh, the God of heaven, the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps His gracious covenant with those who love Him and keep His commands, let Your eyes be open and Your ears be attentive to hear Your servant's prayer that I now pray to You day and night for Your servants, the Israelites. I confess the sins we have committed against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned. We have acted corruptly toward You and have not kept the commands, statutes, and ordinances You gave Your servant Moses.  
[*Holman Christian Standard Bible*]

Esther (no Prayers)

Job 29:4

Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house.  
[*New International Version*]

Psalms 51:10-12

A purified heart create for me, O God,  
And within me make a new and steadfast spirit.  
Do not cast me away from your face,  
And the Spirit of your holiness do not take from me.  
Oh, bring back to me the gladness of your salvation,  
And with a willing Spirit sustain me. [*Motyer*]

Proverbs (no Prayers)

Ecclesiastes (no Prayers)

Song of Songs (no Prayers)

Isaiah 6:8

And then I heard the voice of the Master: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" I spoke up, "I'll go. Send me!" [*The Message*]

Jeremiah 20:11, 12

But the LORD is with me like a violent warrior.

Therefore, my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

Since they have not succeeded, they will be utterly shamed,  
an everlasting humiliation that will never be forgotten.

LORD of Hosts, testing the righteous

and seeing the heart and mind,

let me see Your vengeance on them,

for I have presented my case to You. [*Holman Christian Standard Bible*]

Lamentations 3:55-58

I called on your name, Yahweh, out of the lowest dungeon.

You heard my voice; don't hide your ear at my breathing, at my cry.

You came near in the day that I called on you; you said, Don't be afraid.

Lord, you have pleaded the causes of my soul; you have redeemed my life.

[*World English Bible*]

Ezekiel 9:8-10

While they were out killing, I was all alone. I fell face down on the ground and cried out, "O Sovereign LORD! Will your fury against Jerusalem wipe out everyone left in Israel?"

Then he said to me, "The sins of the people of Israel and Judah are very, very great. The

entire land is full of murder; the city is filled with injustice. They are saying, 'The LORD doesn't see it! The LORD has abandoned the land!' So I will not spare them or have any pity on them. I will fully repay them for all they have done." [*New Living Translation*]

Daniel 2:19-23

The mystery was then revealed to Daniel in a vision at night, and Daniel praised the God of heaven and declared:

May the name of God be praised forever and ever,

for wisdom and power belong to Him.

He changes the times and seasons;

He removes kings and establishes kings.

He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

He reveals the deep and hidden things;

He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.  
I offer thanks and praise to You, God of my fathers,  
because You have given me wisdom and power.  
And now You have let me know what we asked of You,  
for You have let us know the king's mystery. [*Holman Christian Standard Bible*]

### Hosea 6:1-3

Come and let us return to the Lord, for He has torn so that He may heal us; He has stricken so that He may bind us up.  
After two days He will revive us (quicken us, give us life); on the third day He will raise us up that we may live before Him.  
Yes, let us know (recognize, be acquainted with, and understand) Him; let us be zealous to know the Lord [to appreciate, give heed to, and cherish Him]. His going forth is prepared *and* certain as the dawn, and He will come to us as the [heavy] rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth. [*Amplified Bible*]

### Joel 2:15-17

Blow the ram's horn trumpet in Zion!  
Declare a day of repentance, a holy fast day.  
Call a public meeting.  
Get everyone there. Consecrate the congregation.  
Make sure the elders come,  
but bring in the children, too, even the nursing babies,  
Even men and women on their honeymoon—  
interrupt them and get them there.  
Between Sanctuary entrance and altar,  
let the priests, GOD's servants, weep tears of repentance.  
Let them intercede: "Have mercy, GOD, on your people!  
Don't abandon your heritage to contempt.  
Don't let the pagans take over and rule them  
and sneer, 'And so where is this God of theirs?'" [*The Message*]

### Amos 7:1-3

This is what the LORD God showed me: The LORD God was forming locusts at the time the late grass began to sprout. (It was the late grass after the king's harvest.) When they had finished eating the green plants of the land, I said,  
"LORD God, please forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!"  
The LORD relented concerning this: "It won't take place," says the LORD. [*Common English Bible*]

### Obadiah (no Prayers)

Jonah 2:6-10

I sank to the foundations of the mountains;  
the earth with its prison bars closed behind me forever!  
But You raised my life from the Pit, LORD my God!  
As my life was fading away, I remembered Yahweh.  
My prayer came to You, to Your holy temple.  
Those who cling to worthless idols forsake faithful love,  
but as for me, I will sacrifice to You with a voice of thanksgiving.  
I will fulfil what I have vowed. Salvation is from the LORD!  
Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.  
[Holman Christian Standard Bible]

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like You, Who forgives iniquity and passes over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retains not His anger forever, because He delights in mercy *and* loving-kindness.  
He will again have compassion on us; He will subdue *and* tread underfoot our iniquities. You will cast all *our* sins into the depths of the sea.  
You will show Your faithfulness *and* perform the sure promise to Jacob and loving-kindness *and* mercy to Abraham, as You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.  
[Amplified Bible]

Nahum (no Prayers)

Habakkuk 3:2

God, I've heard what our ancestors say about you, and I'm stopped in my tracks, down on my knees. Do among us what you did among them. Work among us as you worked among them. And as you bring judgment, as you surely must, remember mercy. [The Message]

Zephaniah (no Prayers)

Haggai 1:12

Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people [who had returned from captivity], listened to *and* obeyed the voice of the Lord their God [not vaguely or partly, but completely, according to] the words of Haggai the prophet, since the Lord their God had sent him, and the people [reverently] feared *and* [worshipfully] turned to the Lord. [Amplified Bible]

Zechariah (no Prayers)

Malachi 3:16

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. [King James Version]

### Matthew 8:1-3

Large crowds followed him when he came down from the hillside. There was a leper who came and knelt in front of him. "Sir," he said, "if you want to, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out his hand and placed it on the leper saying, "Of course I want to. Be clean!" And at once he was clear of the leprosy. [*Phillips New Testament*]

### Mark 7:33-35

Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Be opened!" Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly! [*New Living Translation*]

### Luke 17:11-16

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy<sup>1</sup> met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!' When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. [*New International Version*]

### John 17:1

When Jesus had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify *and* exalt *and* honour *and* magnify Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify *and* extol *and* honour *and* magnify You. [*Amplified Bible*]

### Acts 12:5

During Peter's imprisonment, the church prayed constantly and intensely to God for his safety. [*The Voice*]

### Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. [*English Standard Version*]

### 1 Corinthians 1:4, 5

I can never stop thanking God for all the wonderful gifts he has given you, now that you are Christ's: he has enriched your whole life. He has helped you speak out for him and has given you a full understanding of the truth; [*The Living Bible*]

### 2 Corinthians 13:14

The supreme favour of the Lord Jesus Christ and the multifaceted and extravagant love of God is with us. May the Holy Spirit join all our hearts together in love and purpose. [PGNV]

### Galatians 5:1

It was for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed]. [Amplified Bible]

### Ephesians 1:17-21

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 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 his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. [New International Version]

### Philippians 1:3-6

Whenever you cross my mind, I thank my God for you *and for the gift of knowing you*. My spirit is lightened with joy whenever I pray for you (and I do constantly) because you have partnered with me to spread the gospel since the first day *I preached to you*.

I am confident that the Creator, who has begun such a great work among you, will *not stop in mid-design but will keep perfecting you until the day Jesus the Anointed, our Liberating King, returns to redeem the world*. [The Voice]

### Colossians 1:3-6

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

[New Living Translation]

### 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [that is, separate you from profane and vulgar things, make you pure and whole and undamaged—consecrated to Him—set apart for His purpose]; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete and [be found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful *and* absolutely trustworthy is He who is calling you [to Himself for your salvation], and He will do it [He will fulfil His call by making you holy, guarding you, watching over you, and protecting you as His own]. [*Amplified Bible*]

### 2 Thessalonians 1:11, 12

So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honoured because of the way you live, and you will be honoured along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ [*New Living Translation*]

### 1 Timothy 6:17-21

Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

And oh, my dear Timothy, guard the treasure you were given! Guard it with your life. Avoid the talk-show religion and the practiced confusion of the so-called experts. People caught up in a lot of talk can miss the whole point of faith. Overwhelming grace keep you! [*The Message*]

### 2 Timothy 1:6, 7

Therefore, I remind you to keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. [*Holman Christian Standard Bible*]

### Titus (no Prayers)

### Philemon 4-7

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have towards the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and

comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. [*English Standard Version*]

#### Hebrews 13:20, 21

Now may the God of peace [the source of serenity and spiritual well-being] who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood *that sealed and ratified* the eternal covenant, equip you with every good thing to carry out His will *and* strengthen you [making you complete and perfect as you ought to be], accomplishing in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. [*Amplified Bible*]

#### James 5:13-18

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they 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 person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. 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. [*New International Version*]

#### 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [*English Standard Version*]

#### 2 Peter 1:2

Grace and peace [that special sense of spiritual well-being] be multiplied to you in the [true, intimate] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. [*Amplified Bible*]

#### 1 John 2:28

And now, children, stay with Christ. Live deeply in Christ. Then we'll be ready for him when he appears, ready to receive him with open arms, with no cause for red-faced guilt or lame excuses when he arrives. [*The Message*]

### 2 John 3

Grace, mercy, and peace (inner calm, a sense of spiritual well-being) will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

[*Amplified Bible*]

### 3 John 2, 3

Dear friend, I am praying that all is well with you and that your body is as healthy as I know your soul is. [*The Living Bible*]

### Jude 24, 25

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

[*New Living Translation*]

### Revelation 22:20, 21

He Who gives this warning *and* affirms *and* testifies to these things says, Yes (it is true). [Surely] I am coming quickly (swiftly, speedily). Amen (so let it be)! Yes, come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace (blessing and favour) of the Lord Jesus *Christ (the Messiah)* be with all the saints (God's holy people, those set apart for God, to be, as it were, exclusively His). Amen (so let it be)! [*Amplified Bible*]

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