



Praying the Great Prayers of the Bible
Langford Church Prayer Night
June 21, 2022

Ephesians 3:14-19 (Living Bible)

When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit.

Pray for the mighty inner strengthening of the Holy Spirit.

And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love;

Pray that Christ would be more and more at home in your heart.

and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it.

Pray that you would understand and experience the boundless love of God.

And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

And grow in maturity in light of His love.

Acts 4:24-30

24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

Praise God for all that He has made.

25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. '

Praise God for His Word.

27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

Praise God for His sovereignty.

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and

Ask that God would deal with the threats of evil people who hurt or hinder the spread of the Gospel.

enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Ask God for courage in sharing the Gospel, for yourself and for missionaries.

30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Ask God to back up His Gospel with changed hearts.

Colossians 1:9-12

9 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.

Pray for overwhelming spiritual insight into God's will for you and your family.

10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way:

Pray that gratitude for what Christ has done would fill your heart and motivate you to live for Him, by...

bearing fruit in every good work,
growing in the knowledge of God,

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and

joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Ask for help in recognizing opportunities to accomplish these things.

Penitential psalms

Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

<https://www.gotquestions.org/penitential-psalms.html>

The penitential psalms are a subset of the larger group of lament psalms. That means that they all share and follow a similar loose structure:

The address ('Have mercy on me o God')
the complaint ('Against you have I sinned')
the request for help ('Cleanse me with hyssop');
the affirmation of trust ('Save me... the God who saves me');
the vow to praise God when the crisis is past ('open my lips and I will declare your praise')
(*"Psalms, book of," Anchor Bible Dictionary, F.1.*)

NIV Psalm 51:1 For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

14 Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise (Psalm 51:1-17 NIV).

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

Praise God for His grace, His deliverance and salvation.

12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

13 while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Praise God for His grace that empowers us to resist temptation and pray that He would stoke our heart's desire to do what is good.