

All Kinds of Prayers: Wow!

One of Jesus's closest friends was a man called John. A long time after Jesus went back to heaven, John had a vision of heaven. He saw all the Christians who ever lived on earth. They were singing this prayer to God.

The prayer of all the Christians:

'Great and wonderful are the things you do, Lord God All-Powerful. Right and true are your ways, Ruler of the nations. All people will fear you, O Lord. All people will praise your name. Only you are holy. All people will come and worship before you, because it is clear that you do what is right.'

(Revelation chapter 15 verses 3-4, ERV)



There are lots of things that might make us say 'Wow!' to God. When we think about how good he is or how strong he is, we say 'Wow!' When we think about how he made the world and us too, we say 'Wow!'. It is good for us to think about these things. It reminds us how big God is. It reminds us that he is in charge of everything. Nothing is too hard for him.

Set an alarm for 1 minute. Close your eyes and think about what God is like and what he has done. After the minute is up, use the next page to write your own 'Wow!' prayer to God. Then you can say it to God in your head or out loud.



My 'Wow!' Prayer

God, you are...

I love you because...

You have done great things, like...

I say 'Wow!' when I think about...

Nothing is too hard for you, not even...



All Kinds of Prayers: Help!

Hezekiah was the King of Judah (part of Israel). The King of Assyria was getting ready to attack him. Hezekiah was scared because the King of Assyria was very powerful. But he knew God was even more powerful. So he prayed this prayer to ask God for help.

King Hezekiah's prayer:

'You alone are the God who rules all the kingdoms on earth. You made heaven and earth. Lord, please listen to me. Lord, open your eyes and look at this message... You are the Lord our God, so please save us from the king of Assyria. Then all the other nations will know that you, Lord, are the only God.'

(2 Kings chapter 19 verses 15-19, ERV)



We can ask God for help with anything. When we or someone we love are in trouble, we can say 'Help!' When we hear about bad things happening in the world, we can say 'Help!'. And when we don't know what to do, we can ask God to help us make good choices. God doesn't always make our problems go away. But he does promise that he will be with us to help us.

Set an alarm for 1 minute. Close your eyes and think about what help you or other people need from God. After the minute is up, use the next page to write and say your own 'Help!' prayer to God.



My 'Help!' Prayer

God, please help...

This is really hard because...

I feel like...

I don't know what to do about...

I believe you are with me, even when...



All Kinds of Prayers: Sorry!

David was the King of Israel. Most of the time he did good things. But once he did a terrible thing. He had sex with another man's wife. Then he made sure that man got killed so he could marry her. Soon everyone found out. David knew he was wrong. So he said this prayer to God.

King David's prayer:

God, be merciful to me because of your faithful love. Because of your great compassion, erase all the wrongs I have done. Scrub away my guilt. Wash me clean from my sin. I know I have done wrong. I remember that sin all the time. I did what you said is wrong... You want me to be completely loyal, so put true wisdom deep inside of me. Remove my sin and make me pure. Wash me until I am whiter than snow!

(Psalms chapter 51 verses 1-7, ERV)



We all do things that are wrong. Sometimes we feel bad about these things. When we know we have done something wrong, it is good to say 'Sorry!' to God and to anyone we have hurt. We might still have to live with the result of what we did. But God forgives us when we are sorry for what we have done. And he helps us do the right thing next time.

Set an alarm for 1 minute. Close your eyes and ask God if there is anything you need to say sorry for. After the minute is up, use the next page to write and say your own 'Sorry!' prayer to God. If you need to say sorry to anyone else, you can do that too.



My 'Sorry!' Prayer

God, I am sorry that I...

I know it was wrong because...

What I did hurt...

Please forgive me because you are...

Next time, please help me to...



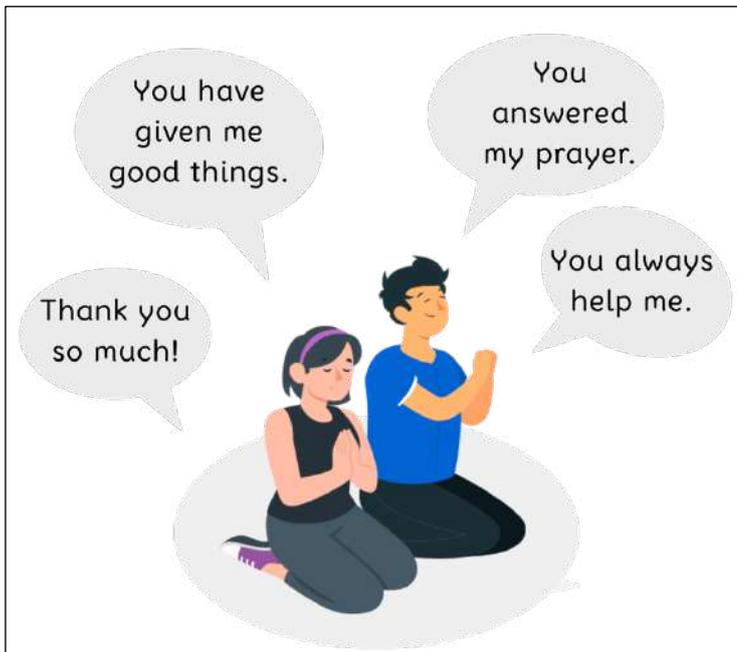
All Kinds of Prayers: Thank You!

God told Mary she was going to have a baby. He would be called Jesus. He would make a way for everyone to be friends with God. Mary knew that God was giving her a very special gift. So she sang this prayer to God.

Mary's prayer:

'I praise the Lord with all my heart. I am very happy because God is my Saviour. I am not important, but he has shown his care for me, his lowly servant. From now until the end of time, people will remember how much God blessed me. Yes, the Powerful One has done great things for me. His name is very holy. He always gives mercy to those who worship him.

(Luke chapter 1 verses 46-50, ERV)



We all have lots of things to say thank you for. When we think of the good things God has given us, we say 'Thank you!' When we think about how he has helped us and other people, we say 'Thank you!' Sometimes life is hard and we forget about the good things we have. But when we say 'Thank you!' to God it reminds us of all those good things. It makes God happy and it makes us happy too!

Set an alarm for 1 minute. Close your eyes and think about all the good things God has done for you and for other people. After the minute is up, use the next page to write and say your own 'Thank you!' prayer to God. Maybe there are other people you could say 'Thank you!' to as well?



My 'Thank You!' Prayer

Thank you God for...

You are so...

You have given me so many good things, like...

You helped me when...

I say 'Thank you!' when I think about...



All Kinds of Prayers: I Am Yours!

King David wanted to build a special Temple to worship God. He asked all the people to give some of their money to help. The people gave lots of money! They gave even more than David needed. So David prayed this prayer to God.

King David's prayer:

'Greatness, power, glory, victory, and honour belong to you, because everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you! All these things didn't come from me and my people. All these things come from you. We are only giving back to you things that came from you. My God, I know that you test people, and that you are happy when people do what is right. I gladly give you all these things with a pure, honest heart.

(1 Chronicles chapter 29 verses 11, 14, 17, ERV)



Following God means doing things his way. It means doing what he asks us to do. When we say 'I am yours!', he gives us good work to do to make the world better. He might ask us to give some of our money or time. He might ask us to help someone. God loves to hear us say 'I am yours!' He loves us and he knows what will do us good. He shows us the best way to live.

Set an alarm for 1 minute. Close your eyes and ask God if there is someone he wants you to help today. After the minute is up, use the next page to write and say your own 'I am yours!' prayer to God.



My 'I Am Yours!' Prayer

God, I want to follow you because...

You give me good work to do, like...

I want to make you happy by...

Please show me how I can help...

If you ask me to, I will give...



All Kinds of Prayers: Make Me Bold!

After Jesus went back to heaven, his followers were in trouble. Lots of people wanted them to stop telling everyone the good news about what Jesus had done. But they knew God had given them a job to do. They didn't want to give up. So they prayed this prayer.

The prayer of all the Christians:

'Lord, listen to what they are saying. They are trying to make us afraid. We are your servants. Help us to say what you want us to say without fear. Help us to be brave by showing us your power. Make sick people well. Cause miraculous signs and wonders to happen by the authority of Jesus, your holy servant.'

(Acts chapter 4 verses 28-30, ERV)



One of the things God asks us to do is to tell people the good news about Jesus. Sometimes that can be scary. In some countries it is dangerous. When we are scared to talk about Jesus we can say 'Make me bold!' And when we pray for Christians in those other countries, we can say 'Make them bold!' God promises to give us power to say what he wants us to say, even when it is hard.

Set an alarm for 1 minute. Close your eyes and think about someone you love who doesn't know Jesus yet, and about the Christians who are in prison for talking about Jesus. After the minute is up, use the next page to write and say your own 'Make me bold! prayer to God.



My 'Make Me Bold!' Prayer

God, what Jesus did is good news because...

I want other people to know Jesus because...

Please help me talk about Jesus with...

I believe that you will give me power to...

Please help Christians all over the world by...

