

Matthew 6:9-15

9 Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Luke 11:1-13

1Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread, 4and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

5And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, 6for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? 8I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

9And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

John 17:6-19

6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Revelation 4:6-11

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. 8And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

9And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Numbers 11:10-15

10Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. 11 Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' 14 I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. 15If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

1 Chronicles 4:10

10Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" And God granted what he asked.

2 Samuel 7:18-29

18Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 19And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! 20And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! 21Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. 22 Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? 24 And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. 25And now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. 26And your name will be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you. 27For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. 28And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. 29Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever."

Psalms 8

1 O LORD, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,
 to still the enemy and the avenger.
 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
 4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
 and the son of man that you care for him?
 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
 and crowned him with glory and honor.
 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under his feet,
 7 all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
 9 O LORD, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalms 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
 He leads me beside still waters.
 3 He restores my soul.
 He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
 forever.

Jeremiah 14:7-14

7"Though our iniquities testify against us,
 act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
 for our backslidings are many;
 we have sinned against you.
 8 O you hope of Israel,
 its savior in time of trouble,
 why should you be like a stranger in the land,
 like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night?
 9 Why should you be like a man confused,
 like a mighty warrior who cannot save?
 Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
 and we are called by your name;
 do not leave us."

10 Thus says the LORD concerning this people: "They have loved to wander thus;
 they have not restrained their feet;
 therefore the LORD does not accept them;
 now he will remember their iniquity
 and punish their sins."

11 The LORD said to me: "Do not pray for the welfare of this people.
 12 Though they fast, I will not hear their cry, and though they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence."

Lying Prophets

13 Then I said: "Ah, Lord GOD, behold, the prophets say to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.'" 14 And the LORD said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds."

Daniel 7:9-14

9 "As I looked,
 thrones were placed,
 and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames;
 its wheels were burning fire.
 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him;
 a thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
 the court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

11 "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.
 12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

The Son of Man Is Given Dominion

13 "I saw in the night visions,
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,
 and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.
 14 And to him was given dominion
 and glory and a kingdom,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;
 his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 which shall not pass away,
 and his kingdom one
 that shall not be destroyed.

Jonah 2:1-10

1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, 2 saying,

"I called out to the LORD,
 out of my distress,
 and he answered me;
 out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
 and you heard my voice.
 3 For you cast me into the deep,
 into the heart of the seas,
 and the flood surrounded me;
 all your waves and your billows
 passed over me.

4 Then I said, 'I am driven away
 from your sight;
 yet I shall again look
 upon your holy temple.'

5 The waters closed in over me to take my life;
 the deep surrounded me;
 weeds were wrapped about my head

6 at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land
 whose bars closed upon me forever;

yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O LORD my God.

7 When my life was fainting away,

I remembered the LORD,
 and my prayer came to you,
 into your holy temple.

8 Those who pay regard to vain idols

forsake their hope of steadfast love.

9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving

will sacrifice to you;
 what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

10 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Habakkuk 1:1-7

1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

Habakkuk's Complaint

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
 and you will not hear?
 Or cry to you "Violence!"
 and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see iniquity,
 and why do you idly look at wrong?
 Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.
 4 So the law is paralyzed,
 and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
 so justice goes forth perverted.

The LORD's Answer

5 "Look among the nations, and see;

wonder and be astounded.
 For I am doing a work in your days
 that you would not believe if told.

6 For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,
 that bitter and hasty nation,
 who march through the breadth of the earth,
 to seize dwellings not their own.

7 They are dreaded and fearsome;

their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.

Isaiah 6:1-13

Isaiah's Vision of the Lord

1In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

4And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah's Commission from the LORD

8And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." 9And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

"'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

11Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, 12and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.