

November



*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let
us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

PSALM 95:2 AMPC



November 1

Blessed Savior,

Thank You for the glorious gift of grace! Your Word teaches that *by grace I have been saved through faith. And this is not my own doing; it's not a result of my works.* Even the faith I needed to believe in You—to receive salvation—is a gift from You. Through Your finished work on the cross, I've been given the astonishing blessing of *eternal Life*. Help me respond to Your amazing generosity with a grateful heart. I can never thank You too fervently or too frequently for grace.

During this Thanksgiving season, I want to take time to ponder what it means to have all my sins forgiven. I am no longer on a pathway to hell; my ultimate destination is *a new heaven and a new earth*. This guaranteed heavenly inheritance gives me a great reason to rejoice every day of my life.

As I walk with You today, I'll try to thank You often for the matchless gift of grace. I pray that my gratitude for grace may increase my awareness of the many *other* blessings You provide—making me even *more* thankful.

In Your gracious Name, Jesus,
Amen

EPHESIANS 2:8–9 ESV; JOHN 3:16;
MATTHEW 10:28; REVELATION 21:1 NKJV

JESUS LISTENS

November 2

Precious Savior,

I rejoice and exult in hope! I have good reason to be joyful, because I'm on my way to heaven. Thank You, Lord, for paying the penalty for all my sins and for clothing me in Your own righteousness. *This* is the basis of my hope—a hope that is secure, regardless of my circumstances. *No one can snatch me out of Your hand.* In You I have absolute, eternal security!

Your Word instructs me to *be constant in prayer*. I need this communication with You at all times, but especially when I'm struggling. Yet during trials, my ability to focus on You can be hampered by stress and fatigue. So I'm grateful for the amazing source of strength I have within me: Your Holy Spirit. As I ask Your Spirit to *control my mind*, He strengthens me and enables me to pray. I'm glad that my prayers don't have to be eloquent or organized; I can just let them flow freely out of my circumstances.

Lord, please help me stay in communication with You, especially during times of adversity—so that I can *be steadfast and patient in suffering*.

In Your hopeful Name, Jesus,
Amen

ROMANS 12:12 AMPC;
JOHN 10:28 HCSB; ROMANS 8:6

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November 3

My great God,

Please train me in steadiness. I confess that too many things interrupt my awareness of You. I live in a world of sight and sound, but I don't want to be a slave to the stimuli that surround me. I know it's possible to be aware of Your Presence in all circumstances, no matter what is happening. This is the steadiness that I deeply desire to practice in my life.

Help me not to let unexpected events throw me off course. Instead of getting upset or anxious, I want to respond calmly and confidently—remembering that *You are with me*. As soon as something grabs my attention, I can talk with You about it. Thus I share both my joys and my sorrows with You—and You enable me to cope with whatever is before me.

Lord, I invite You to live in me more fully and to work Your ways both in me and through me. I want to be a channel for Your Peace to flow into this troubled world.

In Your soothing Name, Jesus,
Amen

PSALM 112:7; ISAIAH 41:10 NKJV;
PSALM 46:1–2; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–17

JESUS LISTENS

November 4

My strong Deliverer,

As I face the circumstances of this day, I need to *lean on You*. Everyone leans on *something*: physical strength, intelligence, beauty, wealth, achievements, family, friends. All of these are gifts from You, and I want to enjoy Your blessings gratefully. But I've learned that depending on any of these things is risky—every single one of them can let me down.

When I'm facing challenging circumstances and I'm feeling weak, I tend to obsess about how I'm going to make it through the day. This wastes a lot of time and energy; even worse, it distracts me from my relationship with You. Whenever this happens, please open my eyes so I can find You in the midst of my circumstances. Enable me to “see” You standing nearby, with Your strong arms extended to me—offering me Your help. Instead of pretending that I have it all together or that I'm stronger than I really am, I can lean hard on You. As I do, You *bear my burdens* and show me how to deal with my difficulties.

I rejoice in You, *my Strength*. And *I sing praises to You, my loving God*.

In Your splendid Name, Jesus,
Amen

PROVERBS 3:5 AMPC; PSALM 68:19; PSALM 59:17



November 5

Almighty God,

Help me *not to be overcome by evil but to overcome evil with good*. Sometimes I feel bombarded by all the bad things happening in the world. News reports are alarming, and people are *calling evil good and good evil*. All of this can be overwhelming unless I stay in communication with You. It's so comforting to know that You are not stunned by the horrors of this world that appall me. You have perfect understanding of the *deceitful, desperately wicked* condition of human hearts. Nothing takes You by surprise!

Instead of being disheartened by the condition of this world, I long to be a light shining in the darkness. When evil appears to be winning, I need to be more determined than ever to accomplish *something* good! Sometimes this involves working directly against the bad things that are troubling me. At other times, I just try to do whatever I can to promote true goodness—according to my abilities and opportunities. Either way, I want to focus less on bemoaning evil circumstances and more on *doing the good works that You prepared in advance for me to do*.

In Your sovereign Name, Jesus,
Amen

ROMANS 12:21; ISAIAH 5:20;
JEREMIAH 17:9 NKJV; EPHESIANS 2:10

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November 6

Dear Jesus,

Help me to lead a victorious life by living in deep dependence on You. I used to associate victory with success—not falling or stumbling, not making mistakes. But being successful in my own strength made me vulnerable to going my own way, forgetting about You. It is through problems and failure, weakness and need, that I'm learning to rely on You.

I realize that true dependence is not simply asking You to bless what I have decided to do. It involves coming to You with an open mind and heart—inviting You to plant Your desires within me.

Sometimes You instill a dream in me that seems far beyond my reach. I know that my own resources are inadequate for attaining such a goal. Thus begins my journey of profound dependence on You. It's a faith-walk, taken one step at a time, leaning on You for strength and guidance. This is not a path of continual success but a way of multiple failures. However, each failure is followed by a growth spurt—nourished by increasing reliance on You. I want to enjoy the blessedness of a victorious life by deepening my dependence on You.

In Your victorious Name,
Amen

PSALM 34:17–18; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 NKJV;
PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NKJV

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November 7

Ever-present Jesus,

As I sit quietly with You, my fears and worries bubble up to the surface of my mind. Here, in the Light of Your Presence, the bubbles pop and disappear. However, some of my fears surface again and again, especially fear of the future. My thoughts tend to leap into the next day, week, month, year, or decade—and I imagine myself coping badly during the tough times I'm anticipating. But I realize that my worry-thoughts are meaningless because they don't include *You*. Those dreaded times of walking alone through adversity will *not* come to pass since Your Presence will be with me at *all* times. You have promised that *You will never leave me or forsake me!*

When a future-oriented worry attacks me, help me to capture it and bring it into Your Presence. As I remember that You will be with me then and always, I gain confidence that I *can* cope—even during my toughest times.

Lord, please keep calling me back to the present moment, where there is Peace in Your Presence.

In Your calming Name,
Amen

LUKE 12:22–23; DEUTERONOMY 31:6;
2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

November 8

Trustworthy Lord,

My times are in Your hands. Your holy hands are absolutely capable of caring for me and meeting my needs. Please help me relax in Your sovereign watchcare—trusting You to do what is best. I know it's safe to commit both the “whats” and the “whens” of my life into Your hands because You are utterly trustworthy.

I realize I'll have to submit to the reality of time as long as I remain on this side of heaven. When I'm excitedly looking forward to a future event, I yearn to fast-forward to that delightful day. But my longing doesn't change the passage of time; I must wait. When I am suffering, I long for relief—and want it as soon as possible—but I must wait for that too.

Lord, You live above the tyranny of time. In fact, You are its Master. Whenever I'm struggling with having to wait for something, I need to turn to You in trusting acceptance—rather than fight against what I cannot change. I rejoice in knowing that You, the Master of time, understand my struggles perfectly and *love me with an everlasting Love.*

In Your merciful Name, Jesus,
Amen

PSALM 31:14–15; PSALM 62:8 NKJV;
JEREMIAH 31:3



November 9

Sovereign Lord,

Please help me trust You *here* and *now*. I feel as if I'm in rigorous training—following an adventurous trail that is arduous and challenging for me. The path I'm on is not of my choosing, but I accept it as Your way for me. I realize You are doing things that are far beyond my understanding. As I turn my attention more fully to You, I can hear You whisper in my mind, “Trust Me, beloved.”

I feel as if I'm in a thick jungle, where I can't clearly see what is before me, behind me, or beside me. I cling to Your hand as I follow this trail through shadowy darkness. Even though it's hard for me to see where I'm going, I know that Your Presence with me is rock-solid reality. So I look hopefully to You, Jesus, trusting that You are in full control of this situation.

I need to focus on enjoying You and all that You are to me—even though my circumstances are clamoring for resolution. I refuse to obsess about my problems and how I'm going to fix them. Instead, I choose to affirm my trust in You and wait expectantly in Your Presence—*watching in hope* to see what You will do.

In Your all-sufficient Name, Jesus,
Amen

ISAIAH 50:10; PSALM 33:20–21; MICAH 7:7 NASB

JESUS LISTENS

November 10

My Savior-God,

You've been showing me that a thankful attitude opens windows of heaven—openings through which spiritual blessings fall freely. As I look up with a grateful heart, I gain glimpses of Your Glory. Even though I cannot yet live in heaven, I can experience foretastes of my ultimate home. These samples of heavenly fare revive my hope and fill me with Joy. Thankfulness opens me up to these experiences, giving me further reasons to be grateful. Thus my path becomes an upward spiral—ever increasing in gladness.

I realize that thankfulness is not some sort of magic formula; it's the language of Love, enabling me to communicate intimately with You. You've been training me to maintain a thankful mind-set—without denying reality with all its problems. Please help me to *be joyful in You, my Savior*, even in the midst of trials and troubles. I'm grateful that *You are my Refuge and Strength, a very present and well-proved help in trouble.*

In Your strong Name, Jesus,
Amen

EPHESIANS 1:3; HABAKKUK 3:17–18;

PSALM 46:1 AMPC



November 11

Beloved Jesus,

Your Word tells me that *You call me by name and You lead me. You know me*—You know every detail about me! I am never a number or statistic to You. Your involvement in my life is wonderfully personal and intimate. I love to hear You whisper in my heart: “Beloved, *follow Me.*”

After Your resurrection, when Mary Magdalene mistook You for the gardener, You spoke just one word to her: “*Mary.*” Hearing You say her name, she recognized You at once and *cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (Teacher).*

Because I am Your follower, You also speak *my name*—in the depths of my spirit. When I take time to hear You speaking to me personally in Scripture, reassuring me of Your Love, I am blessed. I delight in these beautiful words of blessing: *I called you out of darkness into My marvelous Light, and I have loved you with an everlasting Love.* The unshakable knowledge that You love me forever provides a firm foundation for my life. Help me to follow You faithfully and joyfully—*proclaiming Your praises* as I journey through my life.

In Your magnificent Name,
Amen

JOHN 10:3, 27; JOHN 20:16;
1 PETER 2:9 NKJV; JEREMIAH 31:3 NKJV

November 12

Delightful God,

You've been showing me that I can find *Joy in Your Presence* no matter what my circumstances may be. On some days, Joy is generously strewn along my life-path, glistening in the sunshine. During these bright, cheerful days, being content is as easy for me as breathing the next breath. But other days are overcast and gloomy, and I feel the strain of the journey—which seems endless. Dull, gray rocks greet my gaze and cause my feet to ache. On gray days, I must search for Joy *as for hidden treasure*.

Help me remember that You have created this day; it is *not* a chance occurrence. Please remind me throughout my day that You are present with me—whether I sense Your Presence or not.

I'm thankful I can talk with You about whatever is on my mind. I rejoice in the truth that You understand me perfectly and You know exactly what I'm experiencing. I've found that if I stay in communication with You, my mood gradually lightens. Awareness of Your marvelous Companionship can infuse Joy into the grayest day!

In Your glad Name, Jesus,
Amen

PSALM 21:6; PROVERBS 2:4;
COLOSSIANS 1:16 NKJV



November 13

Jesus, my Redeemer,

I long to experience more fully the riches of my salvation—the Joy of being loved constantly and perfectly. Yet I confess that I tend to judge myself in superficial ways: based on how I look or behave or feel. If I look in the mirror and like what I see, I feel a bit more worthy of Your Love. When things in my life are going smoothly and I think my performance is adequate, I find it easier to believe that I'm Your beloved child. When I feel discouraged, I tend to look inward so I can figure out what is wrong and correct it.

Instead of trying to fix myself, help me *fix my thoughts on You*, the Lover of my soul. Rather than using my energy to judge myself, I need to redirect it to communicating with You—trusting and praising You. I'm so thankful that You view me wrapped in *Your righteousness*, radiant in Your perfect Love.

In Your holy Name,
Amen

EPHESIANS 2:8–9; HEBREWS 3:1;
PSALM 89:16 HCSB; PSALM 34:5 ESV