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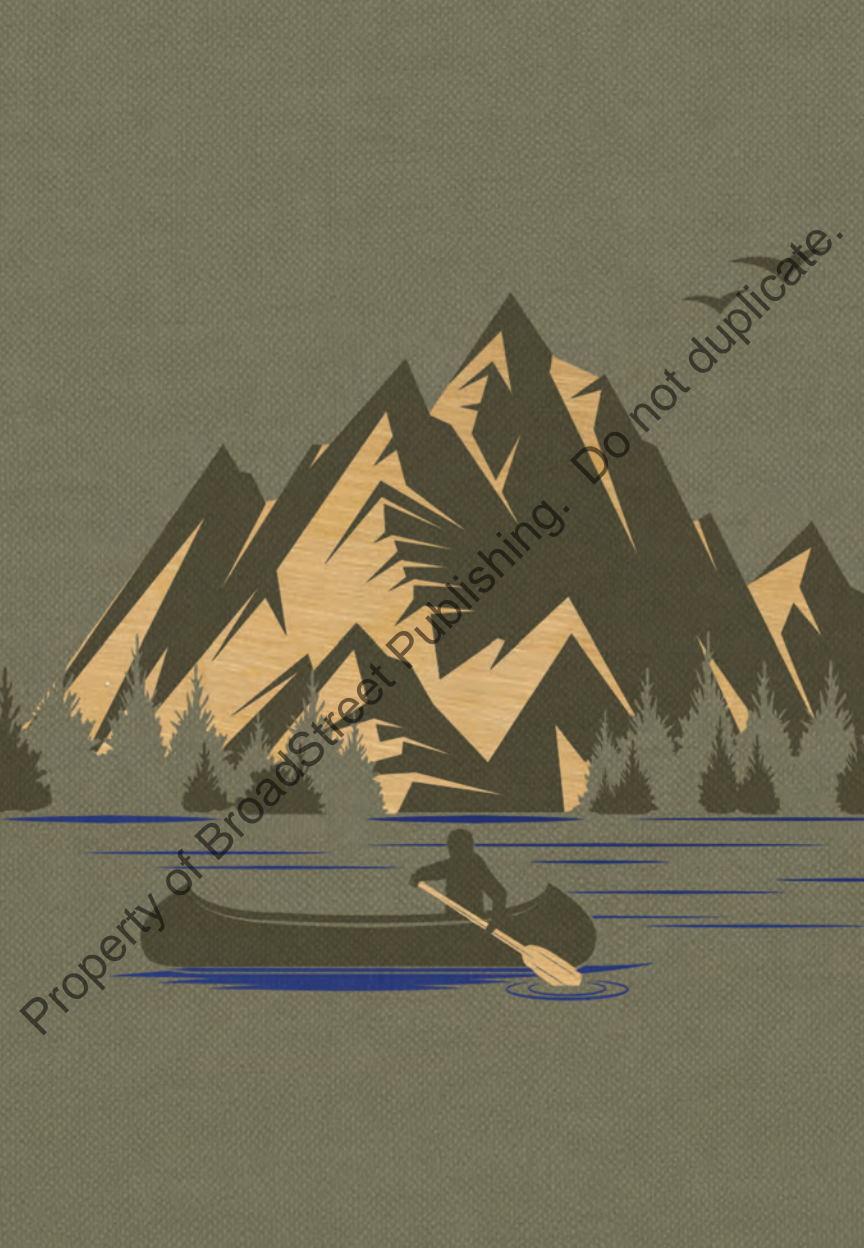
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“I will do whatever  
you ask in my name,  
so that the Father  
may be glorified  
in the Son.”

JOHN 14:13 NIV



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## Introduction

Jesus said we can do all that he did in his ministry on earth and even more if we believe in him. This is no small statement! Jesus performed large displays of God's power through miracles, signs, and wonders. We were never meant to stay small in prayer or in faith. When Jesus said *whatever you ask*, it included the big, bold prayers that would be impossible to accomplish on our own.

As you read these Scriptures, short devotions, and prayers, pray in Jesus' name with faith! Take him at his word and ask for greater things. Grow bold in the way you ask him to move in your life and in the world around you. He loves to save, heal, comfort, and amaze.

We catch a glimpse of the glory and goodness of God through answered prayer. He has not stopped moving in power, so let's keep asking him to show up in wonderful ways.

# January

The earnest prayer of a righteous  
person has great power and  
produces wonderful results.

JAMES 5:16 NLT



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JANUARY 1

## Sing Praise

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to the Most High.

It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,  
your faithfulness in the evening.

PSALM 92:1-2 NLT

Without an agenda, give thanks to the Lord today. How has he been good to you? How have you witnessed his strong mercy in your life? Pour out your praises to him. Let your heart swell with wonder as you remember how faithful he has been. His unfailing love has not left you yet, and it never will. Proclaim it over your day, your family, your life. His unfailing love covers you all the days of your life.

*Thank you, Jesus, for everything you have blessed me with. Your mercy has been evident in my life from my first breath, and it will continue to remain until my last. You have always been faithful to me, and I am so grateful for your unfailing love. I praise you today because you are worthy of being praised with my every breath.*

## All Generations

This forever-song I sing of the gentle love of God!  
Young and old alike will hear about  
your faithful, steadfast love—never failing!

PSALM 89:1 TPT

God is constant in compassion, and full of second chances. In fact, he doesn't put a limit on his mercy at all. It is never failing, never ending, and powerful to save. Why would we hide our joy when he is the pure delight of our lives? He is too marvelous for words, yet we shouldn't stop declaring his goodness to all who will listen.

*Jesus, I will sing about your goodness. The song of my heart overflows to the melody on my lips. You are full of love that never ends. Your everlasting kindness is my assurance and my strength. You do not leave even one of your loved ones behind. You are the God who leaves the ninety-nine on the path of life to rescue the one who has gone astray.*

JANUARY 3

## Big List

Let all that I am praise the LORD;  
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.  
Let all that I am praise the LORD;  
may I never forget the good things he does for me.

PSALM 103:1-2 NLT

The person who wrote this Bible verse was thankful for everything that God had given him: He was thankful for little things like flowers, surprise gifts, and quiet mornings, as well as big things like healing, relationships, and forgiveness of sin. Remember to praise God for all these wonderful things today.

*Oh Lord in heaven, I will praise you this day. With all my heart, all my mind, and all my soul, I will raise up my praises to you in everlasting thanksgiving. Nothing compares to having you on my side; I will not forget this.*

## A Changed Heart

“I say to you, love your enemies.  
Pray for those who hurt you.”

MATTHEW 5:44 NCV

It is not easy to love your enemies. Jesus did not command that we tolerate our enemies or peacefully avoid them, but that we actually change our hearts to love them. The way we can do this is by actively praying for them. When we genuinely pray to God, our hearts begin to soften and change. We are invested in that for which we are praying. We were Christ's enemies when we were outside of grace. He suffered the cross for our sake because he loves us. Now, in response to that unimaginable love, we are told to love others including our enemies.

*Jesus, in light of the great love you have shown me, I will display love to those around me. I will love those who hurt me and those who are enemies of the cross. Just as you advocated for my soul, I will advocate for those who hurt me.*

JANUARY 5

## Clear Guide

The LORD has told you what is good,  
and this is what he requires of you:  
to do what is right, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8 NLT

Fortunately, as Christians, we don't have to question what God requires of us. He has written it in the Bible. We have a plan book that shows us the way and gives us specific instructions on how to live right, love mercy, and walk with God. Any time we question the right thing for us to do, we can search the Scriptures and find the answer.

*Dear Lord, no matter where I am in life, I pray that I would continue to measure my conduct by the standard you set. Not by man's standards, or by my own, but by yours, Lord. You are righteous, seeking for children of mercy, humility, and righteousness. May I be counted among them.*

JANUARY 6

## A Delicate Balance

Set your minds on the things that are above,  
not on the things that are on earth.

COLOSSIANS 3:2 NASB

Isn't creation incredible? Isn't God's handiwork infinitely glorious? Our world is dazzling in its beauty, bursting with opportunity, and dizzying in its variety. It's also a tremendous distraction. We can get so caught up in our own possessions and problems, and in the vast wonders God supplied to the earth, we fail to remember the Supplier. Instead of being grateful for our homes, we become proud and possessive. The purpose we get from our worldly tasks can morph into obsession. Treating our bodies with respect can veer us into vanity. Remember, none of these earthly things define us. Only the Lord does that. Let him, and his love, be all that consumes us.

*Heaven is my home, oh Lord. Only heaven can give me the peace I require. I will fix my eyes on your place of eternity, casting aside the distractions and idols that claw for my heart. There is nothing, Jesus, that can take the place you have in my mind and give me what you give.*

## Description of Glory

All around him was a glowing halo, like a rainbow shining in the clouds on a rainy day. This is what the glory of the Lord looked like to me. When I saw it, I fell face down on the ground, and I heard someone's voice speaking to me.

EZEKIEL 1:28 NLT

When we finally meet Jesus face to face, we might have a different way to describe what he looks like, but Ezekiel's description is pretty magnificent. The human language is limited, yet we need to appreciate the beauty of descriptions. It is true that Jesus is our hope for the future; he is like that promise represented by a rainbow on a rainy day. Yes, he is our friend, but he is also the King of kings, and he is worthy to be worshipped.

*You alone, Lord God, are perfect in both humility and majesty. Fully man and fully divine, you are the perfection of every good thing. I rely on you, and I glorify you for the greatness of your character.*

JANUARY 8

## A Gift

LORD, every morning you hear my voice.  
Every morning, I tell you what I need,  
and I wait for your answer.

PSALM 5:3 NCV

Every time our sun has moved its way over the horizon line into our skies, it can be defined as one thing: a gift. It doesn't matter what season it is, or if those skies are cloudy, full of storms, crystal clear, or speckled with fluffy white marshmallows. When our eyes flutter upon that first light, God himself is there holding the gift. Anticipation is full. Let the beauty of this sink into your heart for a moment. The God of the universe is presenting you with extraordinary gifts. What do you need?

*Apart from you, what is there for me to desire, Lord? You are the fullness of every blessing, the essence of every good thing. I have only to confide in you, and you fill my every need and listen to my desires.*

## Good Father

“Don’t worry. For your Father cares deeply about even the smallest detail of your life.”

MATTHEW 10:30-31 TPT

Worry is a thief, and this generation is being robbed blind. Do you realize what is being stolen from you? The smallest moments as a whole make up your life. When you succumb to worry, you lose your life. But you do not have to live in the poverty of worry. You serve an all-powerful, all-knowing God who cares so deeply for those small moments. He wants to tend to the moments that are being stolen by anxiety and redeem them. He can change all those circumstances that are haunting you.

*Amid this sea of life’s cares, you are my vessel, Lord. You alone keep me from drowning in my anxiety, and you sustain me through all the trials and difficult details. Please, Jesus, help me to trust in you more fully this day.*

## King's Dream

Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future.

Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed."

DANIEL 2:27-28 NLT

Daniel could have presented himself as some kind of skillful mind reader, but he gave all the glory to God. He could have used his gift of interpretation to make himself great in the king's palace, but with sincerity of heart he directed the king toward the one true God who knows all things. There are times when you might be tempted to take the glory for yourself. Remember who gave you your gifts and allow your accomplishments to point toward the magnificence of your God.

*Lord, you alone deserve all the glory. There is no other God in heaven but you, and nothing else deserves my worship. No one else can read the hearts of men and the future. Help me to give you the glory on this day.*

## Written Words

As soon as I pray, you answer me;  
you encourage me by giving me strength.  
Every king in all the earth will thank you, LORD,  
for all of them will hear your words.

PSALM 138:3-4 NLT

The written word is mostly digital these days which makes it very efficient to get your thoughts down. But there is something almost sacred about using your hands to write—the way scribes would have done for the kings. Consider this Psalm and how you might have written a prayer of gratitude. What, or who, do you have to be thankful for in your life?

*Lord, thank you for being close. Your strength sustains me in times of need, and you have shown yourself to be enough in all times. Truly all kings and rulers will bow one day before your throne and give you the glory you deserve.*

JANUARY 12

## Unique Song

He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

PSALM 40:3 ESV

Since the beginning of time, songs have been written. One could assume that every topic has been covered: sorrow, heartache, hope, joy, healing—the list goes on. With the millions of songs written, could there truly be a new song? God's knowledge and wisdom are unmeasurable, and no created being will ever fully grasp the depth of his persona even if they have walked with him for their entire life. There is always something new to sing about him!

*When I am bored and feel a lull in my spiritual life, please remind me of your brilliance, God. Reveal to me again a glimpse of your glory, so that I would not forget just how incomparable you are in goodness and grace.*

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## A New Thing

“Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.”

ISAIAH 43:19 ESV

The prophet Isaiah recorded many of God's reminders to the people of Israel. They readily forgot his miracles and abandoned his ways, so he constantly reminded them of who he was and what he had done for them, proving that he was worthy of their praise and worship. When we were all lost to sin with no hope of redemption, God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to make a way for us: a way in the wilderness. This is the “new thing” he was doing.

*Dear Lord, please use this day to remind me of your faithfulness. When I have lost my way, and when I feel broken, remind me that you are still sovereign. No authority compares to yours, so please help me to have faith.*

JANUARY 14

## Risk Taker

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet  
and a light for my path.

PSALM 119:105 NLT

There will be opportunities that arise that might be surprising to us. We might suddenly be presented with something that feels kind of terrifying. We view it as an opportunity because we see the benefit in it somewhere along the way. Stepping through the unknown takes courage, and courage isn't always readily available. Through the power of prayer, we come to the point where our hearts feel the peace we've been looking for. That makes the task of accepting the opportunity much easier.

*This world is full of darkness, Jesus, so please be the light of my world. Illuminate the way when I have doubts and bring me peace when there is chaos around me. Nothing compares to the radiance of your truth. Please illuminate my path.*

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