



*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most
High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and
my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

PSALM 91:1-2

When it comes to prayer, there are at least two parties: God and you. God is the One who is almighty. He's the Most High, the One whose "power no foe can withstand." You're the one who is to make God your safe place. It's in Him you live, move, and have your being. While you're abiding in God 24-7, allowing Him to shield you, protect you, and watch over you, no evil can touch you.

Today, imagine yourself living in that "secret place," the one reserved for God and you alone. Trust that the God in whom you abide is bigger than any problem or challenge you may face today or tomorrow.

*Lord Most High, I come to You in the most secret
of places, the one You and I share alone. Shield me,
Lord, from all danger. Keep me close and safe as
I lean on You and trust in You. Amen.*



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PRAYERS OF THE PSALMS

I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

PSALM 3:4-5

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

PSALM 5:1-3

Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

PSALM 28:1-2





And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

MATTHEW 14:22-23

There were times when even the Son of God had to be proactive in making sure He got some alone time with Father God.

After hearing that John the Baptist had been beheaded by Herod, Jesus “departed thence by ship into a desert place apart” (Matthew 14:13). But the crowds still followed Him. When He reached the shore and saw all the people looking for help, He felt sorry for them and began to heal the sick.

Before anyone realized, it was dinnertime and the people needed to be fed in this remote place. There Jesus worked a miracle so that He could feed the five thousand—plus crowd. After everyone had eaten and the leftovers had been gathered, Jesus insisted the disciples head out on the water while He went up on the mountain *alone* to pray.

Just like Jesus, you too need to make spending time alone with Father God a priority. How can you do that today?

*Help me, Lord, to make time alone
with You a must today. Amen.*



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JESUS' TEACHING ON PRAYER

When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

MATTHEW 6:6-8

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

LUKE 11:5-10





*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

PSALM 23:1-2

God is your Shepherd. And as your Shepherd, He promises to provide for you. It is God who will and does feed your body and your soul. But He doesn't stop there. God is the Shepherd who will guide and direct you, showing you where He would have you go and what He would have you do. And like any good shepherd, God also protects you from anyone and anything that may attempt to harm you.

Because your Shepherd is also the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, you'll want for nothing. If there's something you need or desire that He wants you to have, have it you will.

Today, heartfully acknowledge God as your Shepherd. Allow Him to lead you to green pastures and beside still waters so that you will have all the tranquility you need.

*You, Lord God, are my Shepherd. Because You are with me
and in me, I know I will never lack for anything. Amen.*



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Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

PSALM 61:1-3

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

PSALM 102:1-3

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM 145:18-21





Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

1 SAMUEL 3:9-10

Three times God called Samuel. And three times the boy ran to the priest Eli, saying, “Here am I; for thou calledst me.” When Eli finally realized God was the One who was really calling Samuel, he told the boy, “Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth” (3:9).

Samuel obeyed. When the Lord came and stood before him and said, “Samuel, Samuel,” Samuel responded, “Speak; for thy servant heareth.” And God spoke!

God waits for His servants to quiet themselves down, to be alert for His presence, awaiting His words. When you’re in a place of silence, within and without, expect God to meet you there, to call your name, to share His plans. Your job is to respond to His call simply and prayerfully with these short yet power-filled words: “Speak; for thy servant heareth.”

*As I come before You today, Lord, in the silence of this time and place, in Your presence I pray and say,
“Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.”*



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HANNAH'S PRAYER OF PRAISE

My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

1 SAMUEL 2:1-10





*And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me!
And God granted him that which he requested.*

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

Not much is known about Jabez, a descendant of David from the tribe of Judah. The only other information about him is from 1 Chronicles 4:9: “And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.”

A painful labor is not a great beginning for mother or child. But naming the child “Pain” (*Jabez* in Hebrew) was bound to make things even more difficult for him. Yet Jabez was known as being “more honourable than his brethren.” Perhaps the moniker “Pain” influenced Jabez’s behavior and choices, making him a more honest and upright individual than his brothers.

Regardless of the effects of Jabez’s naming, at some point he sent a heartfelt arrow prayer to God, asking for His blessing, more land, His hand to be with him, and protection. Thirty-three words. And God answered his prayer.

What specific, heartfelt, twenty-eight-word prayer would you like to shoot up to God?

*If only You would bless me, expand my prospects,
walk with me, and protect me so that evil will
not harm me! In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.*



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Other things that I
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AMEN.
Thank You, Father,
for hearing my prayers. →

*We give thanks to God and the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.*

COLOSSIANS 1:3





THE APOSTLE PAUL'S TEACHING ON PRAYER

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-3

Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-2

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

