

Prayers of Adoration & Praise

Prayer before Reading Epistle Lesson, Martin Luther

Dearest Lord, I am sorry that I cannot rightly grasp your image in my heart. Therefore help me so that I can rightly know you and become your image. Amen.

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God of light and truth,
We don't really get you.
You are so bright we can't really look at you,
You are so awesome we just don't understand.
But you sent Jesus to help us.
So, we praise you and thank you,
With words and music and action
For you have shown us truth and love
In Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

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Eternal God,
You have called us together,
To be the hands and feet of Jesus,
Along with people in Armenia and Afghanistan,
South Sudan and North Korea.
All around the world people are waking up,
And praising you.
Help us to join in the great wave of praise,
So together we might show
That we are one through the work of the Holy Spirit,
And so bring glory and honor to our Lord
And Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Praying with the Philippino Church

Our God and Heavenly Father, we come before you to praise you and adore you.

How awesome is your power, that You can allow the waters to rise and the mountains to crumble, yet keep the most helpless among us safe and alive because it is not part of your design for them to perish and die.

How great is your wisdom, that you can lead us and guide us, close a door and open another, give us trials as well as blessings, and shepherd us all our lives until we are safe and finally home.

How deep is your love and how boundless your mercy, that no matter how grave our problems, how terrible our mistakes, how shameful our secrets, and how often we stumble and fall, we can pray to You for forgiveness, we can find in You our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Adoration Prayer, Anonymous

O Lord, how we adore you.

How we marvel at the depth of your love.

How we wonder at the waves of your grace.

How we are astounded by the glorious balance of the earth.

We are in awe of the vastness of the universe.

We are supremely privileged to be called your children.

We are accepted and forgiven and embraced.

You are almighty, above and beyond everything.

You are victorious. Darkness, sin and death are under your feet.

You are holy, beautiful and full of love.

How we adore you! Amen.

A Prayer of Morning Praise by John Wesley (1703-1791)

O God, the great Creator and Sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, Father of angels and men, Giver of life and Protector of all your creatures, mercifully accept this my morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which I desire to offer, with all humility, to your divine Majesty. You are praised, O Lord, by all your works, and magnified by everything which you have created. The sun rejoices to run his course, that he may set forth your praise who made him. Nor do the moon and stars refrain to manifest your glory, even amidst the silent night.

The earth breathes forth each day perfumes, as incense to you, her sacred King, who have crowned her with herbs and trees, and beautified her with hills and dales. The deep utters his voice, and lifts up his hands on high to you, the great Creator, the universal King, the everlasting God. The floods clap their hands, and the hills are joyful together before you; the fruitful vales rejoice and sing your praise.

You feed the innumerable multitude of animals which you have created: "These all wait upon you, and you give them their meat in due season." You made light for our comfort, and brought forth darkness out of your treasures to overshadow the earth, that the living creatures of it might take their rest. "The fire and hail, snow and vapour, wind and storm, fulfill your Word," and manifest your glory. Inanimate things declare you, O Lord of life; and irrational animals demonstrate their wise Creator.

Amidst this universal jubilee of nature, do not allow, I ask you, the sons of men to be silent; but let the noblest work of your creation pay you the noblest sacrifice of praise. Pour your grace into my heart, so that I may worthily magnify your great and glorious name. You have made me and sent me into the world to do your work. Assist me to fulfill the end of my creation, and to show forth your praise with all diligence, by giving myself up to your service. "Prosper the work of my hands upon me," O Lord; prosper whatever I shall undertake this day, that it may tend to your glory, the good of my neighbor, and the salvation of my own soul. Amen

“Holy, Holy, Holy,” by Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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“Immortal, Invisible,” William Chambers Smith (1824-1908)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Praise Lists for Spontaneous Prayer

<u>Natural Attributes</u>	<u>Moral Attributes</u>	
All-powerful	Holy	Patience
All-knowing	Righteous	Kindness
All-present	Just	Goodness
Eternal	Love	Faithfulness
	Joy	Gentleness
	Peace	Self-control

Titles

Creator	Redeemer	Sanctifier
Provider	Savior	Comforter
Sustainer	Good Shepherd	Teacher
Protector	Friend	Guide

Praying with the Psalmist, Psalm 136:1-9

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

⁷ who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

⁸ the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

Prayer Of Adoration, Brian L. Powell

Father, we humble ourselves before you today in the name of Jesus. We praise you because you're worthy of all glory and honor. You're a good Father. You're a God who makes all things possible. You make miraculous promises that always flow from your goodness and grace. We praise you, Father, because you provide love, joy, and peace that surpasses our ability to comprehend.

Father, we praise you that you've made us citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are not of this world. You promise a life ruled by a King who loves and cares for every person, everywhere, all the time. Your love is so expansive, beyond our ability to grasp. We adore you, Father.

We praise you that you're faithful in fulfilling all of your promises. We praise you, God, that you have the power to ensure that not one word of your promises ever fails to accomplish your purposes. We praise you that even when we frustrate your intentions toward us with our sin, distractions, and waywardness, that you love us anyway. You love us so much that you cause all things to work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purposes (Rom. 8:28).

We praise you for Jesus; He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. He is Emmanuel, God with Us. We praise you that we can have complete confidence in your promises through Christ, including the promise that one day we will see our Lord face-to-face in all His glory.

We praise you, Father, that Jesus is our everything and our all. He is the Rose of Sharon, the Lilly of the Valley, the Bright Morning Star, and the Fairest of Ten Thousand to My Soul. Jesus is the Righteous Son, the Only Begotten of the Father, and the Second Person of the Trinity enthroned in eternity.

We adore Jesus. He is the Great "I AM." Jesus is the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Door to the Sheepfold, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and the only True Vine. We praise you, Father, that Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the One who was, and who is, and who is to come.

We praise you, Father, that Jesus came down from Heaven on the first Advent, lived His life fully human, yet fully divine. He was tempted in

every way just as we are; yet lived a sinless life and paid a debt on the cross that we were unable to pay. He took the sin of the entire world upon Himself.

We praise your holy name, Father, that the veil was torn from top to bottom. Direct access has been granted. We can come boldly before the throne of grace and obtain mercy, and discover grace to help in our times of need, which is continually (Heb. 4:16). We glorify you, Father, that on the third day Jesus rose from the grave, He ascended to heaven, and continues to make intercession for us even now. We eagerly anticipate the second Advent of Jesus and we honor you in advance for the eternal reign of His Kingdom.

We praise you, Father, that though we like sheep have gone astray, rejected your plan for our lives, and refused to give thanks for your provision, you've promised us an eternity under your perfect rule where justice and mercy will reign forever. We praise you that we are promised the hope of an eternal destiny where we will abide in the manifest glory and presence of Jesus forever.

We praise you, God, that you've done everything necessary for the promises of your Word to come to fulfillment in tangible ways in our lives. We praise you that you've sent Jesus to seal the covenant of your promises in His own blood, so that we may have confidence that, though our sins are scarlet, you will wash them white as snow.

Father, we praise you for the presence of the Holy Spirit. We praise you for the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit as they manifest themselves in and through our lives. We thank you that the Holy Spirit still sanctifies and instructs us toward a life of holiness. We praise you, Father, that every blessing we receive from your hand stems from the overflow of your grace and goodness as displayed in the life of Jesus and made known to us through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

We pray all these things in the most holy and precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and for His eternal glory. Amen.

Praying with the Psalmist, Psalm 89:1-18

- ¹ I will sing of **the Lord's great love** forever;
with my mouth I will make **your faithfulness** known
through all generations.
- ² I will declare that **your love** stands firm forever,
that you have established **your faithfulness** in heaven itself.
- ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
- ⁴ 'I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.'" ^[c]
- ⁵ The heavens praise **your wonders**, Lord,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.
- ⁶ For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?
Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?
- ⁷ In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;
he is more **awesome** than all who surround him.
- ⁸ Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?
You, Lord, are mighty, and **your faithfulness** surrounds you.
- ⁹ **You rule** over the surging sea;
when its waves mount up, you still them.
- ¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like one of the slain;
with your strong arm you scattered your enemies.
- ¹¹ **The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth;**
you founded the world and all that is in it.
- ¹² **You created** the north and the south;
Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name.
- ¹³ Your arm is endowed with power;
your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.
- ¹⁴ **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;**
love and faithfulness go before you.
- ¹⁵ Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.
- ¹⁶ They rejoice in your name all day long;
they celebrate **your righteousness.**
- ¹⁷ For you are their glory and strength,
and by your favor you exalt our horn.
- ¹⁸ Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to **the Holy One** of Israel.