

“Morning Prayer”

Begin by praying the Lord’s prayer, then pray...

God, I thank you that I may call you Father because of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates his love for us in this: that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Thank you that you didn’t wait for me to “clean up my act,” but you sent your Son to die in my place when I was still a sinner. This shows me how much you love me. Thank you that Jesus’ death and resurrection has taken care of my sin problem.

Thank you that you are my Heavenly Father – that you love me and do not condemn me. “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 8:1; see also Jn. 3:16,17)

Thank you that even though “my righteousness is as filthy rags” (Isaiah 64:6), you have provided me with your righteousness through Christ. 2 Cor. 5:21 says, “He (Jesus) who knew no sin became sin for me that in him I might become the righteousness of God.” Thank you that I now have your righteousness.

Thank you for the reality of Lamentations 3:22-24, “It is because of the Lord’s mercies that I am not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.” I thank you for how compassionate & merciful you are toward me. I have hope because of you. You are my inheritance. I love you.

I praise you that you are my peace in every circumstance that comes my way today. You say in John 16:33, “I have spoken these words to you so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.” Thank you that you will help me with whatever troubles come my way. I choose to be of good cheer today and to receive your supernatural peace.

Lord, I thank you that you are my provider. “If God is for us who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also along with him graciously give us all things?” (Rom. 8:31) Thanks that you will provide me with whatever I need for today. I put my trust in you.

I pray that your kingdom will come and that your will will be done in my life. Make me holy; keep working in my life. Help me do what your Spirit prompts me to do. Cause me to say “no” to temptations and to turn away from sin. “No temptation has seized you except that which is common to man, and God is faithful, He will not let you to be tempted beyond what you can bear, but when you are tempted He will also provide a way of escape, so that you can stand up under it.” (1 Cor. 10:13)

Jesus said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels” (Mk. 8:34-38). *I choose to die to my self-will and live for you and the gospel.*

Fill me more with your Holy Spirit and produce in me the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control – Gal. 5:22). Grant me more power to do your kingdom work, to walk in the Spirit, to operate in the gifts, and to speak of your salvation. Thank you that you grant me this power today by your Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 says, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses...” Please direct me to those I may minister to today. Thanks.

Help me to show your reality in my life by doing well at school and at work. Help me to be loving and kind to all I meet and especially to my family/roommate.

Forgive my sins and help me to forgive others who sin against me. Right now I choose to release all others from my judgment and I determine to forgive everybody who sins against me today. Please put a “wall of protection” around me and defend me from the Evil One.

I want to serve you today. You are my King. To you belong all the glory and honor and power forever. Amen.