

31 Days of Prayer | Trinity Church

From Dr. Ken Boa's "Simple Prayers: A Daybook of Conversations with God"

Day 1

LORD, I DRAW NEAR TO YOU

Lord, I give thanks for Your greatness, Your goodness, and Your love, and I now draw near to enjoy Your presence.

I will exalt You, my God and King; I will bless Your name for ever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145:1-3)

Out of the north He comes in golden splendor; With God is awesome majesty. The Almighty is beyond our reach; He is exalted in power And in His justice and great righteousness, He does not oppress. (Job 37:22-23)

Take a moment to consider God's awesome majesty and thank Him that He loves you and wants an intimate relationship with you.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The Lord Jesus Christ received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory who said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (2 Peter 1:17)

In Your unfailing love You have led the people You have redeemed. In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy dwelling. You brought them in and planted them in the mountain of Your inheritance—the place, O Lord, You made for Your dwelling; the sanctuary, O Lord, Your hands have established. (Exodus 15:13, 17)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders You have done, and Your thoughts toward us no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare. (Psalm 40:5)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

Direct my footsteps according to Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. (Psalm 119:133)

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol or sworn by what is false. (Psalm 24:3-4)

Lord, I thank You for Your beloved Son and for Your unfailing love. I thank You for Your wonderful thoughts, and I ask that I would follow Your word and walk in purity of heart.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I am grateful to You, O God, for the blessing of Your forgiveness. I thank You that in Christ, You set me free from the guilt of the past and give me hope for the future.

God, You will not always strive with us, Nor will You harbor Your anger forever; You do not treat us as our sins deserve Or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is Your love for those who fear You; As far as the east is from the west, So far have You removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on His children, So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:9-13)

Take a moment to ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

You, the Lord, alone have declared what is to come from the distant past. There is no God apart from You, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides You. You are God, and there is no other. (Isaiah 45:21-22) The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. (Psalm 145:18-20)

LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

You know how I am formed; You remember that I am dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field. The wind passes over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts. (Psalm 103:14-18)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all transgressions. (Proverbs 10:12) A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. (Proverbs 17:17)

Lord, I thank You for Your righteousness and for Your nearness to all who call upon You, and for Your everlasting lovingkindness. Redeem my past and teach me to hope in you.

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DAY 3

I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I praise You, Lord, that You are intimately acquainted with my ways and that You always love me and have my best interests at heart.

May I let the fear of the Lord be upon me, and be careful in what I do, for with the Lord my God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery. (2 Chronicles 19:7)

May I meditate on Your precepts And consider Your ways. May I delight in Your statutes, And not forget Your word. Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word. Open my eyes that I may see Wonderful things from Your law. (Psalm 119:15-18)

Take a moment to offer this day to the Lord and ask Him for the grace to grow in your knowledge and love for Him.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

You are the living God, and there is no god besides You. You put to death and You bring to life, You have wounded and You will heal, and no one can deliver from Your hand. (Deuteronomy 32:39)

Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will have compassion on Your people; You will tread their iniquities underfoot and hurl all their sins into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:18-19)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

I have been loved by God and called to be a saint; grace and peace have been given to me from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

The ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He examines all his paths. (Proverbs 5:21)

The foremost commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these. To love God with all the heart and with the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself are more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. (Mark 12:29-31, 33)

Lord, I thank You for Your power and for Your patience and compassion. I thank You that I have been loved by You, and I ask that I would walk in the way of love for You and for others.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

As I approach Your throne of grace today, I am grateful that You care about the things that concern me and that You want me to offer them up to You.

May I follow Abraham's example of willingness to offer all that I have to You, holding nothing back and trusting in Your character and in Your promises. (Genesis 22:2-12, 16)

Take a moment to share your personal needs with God, including your physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual concerns.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change his mind. Has He spoken and not done it? Has He promised and not fulfilled it? (Numbers 23:19)

The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong; and the lowly things of this world and the despised things God has chosen, and the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him. (1 Corinthians 1:25, 27-29)

ILISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

God will keep me strong to the end, so that I will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom I was called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:8-9)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I should let my gentleness be evident to all men; the Lord is near. (Philippians 4:5)

My love must be sincere. I will hate what is evil and cling to what is good. (Romans 12:9)

Lord, I thank You for the certainty of Your promises and for the wisdom of Your ways. I thank You for keeping me strong to the end, and I ask that I would be a gentle and loving person.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, You have invited me to pray for the needs of others, and since You desire what is best for them, I take this opportunity to bring these requests to You.

Since we were called into fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, all of us should agree with one another, so that there may be no divisions among us, and that we may be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (1 Corinthians 1:9-10)

Take a moment to lift up the needs of your family and friends, and to offer up any other burdens for others that the Lord brings to mind.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The Almighty is beyond our reach; He is exalted in power and in His justice and great righteousness, He does not oppress. (Job 37:23)

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of Your hands, and You put everything under his feet. (Psalm 8:3-6)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

The God of all grace, who called me to His eternal glory in Christ, after I have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish me. (1 Peter 5:10)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

You have shown me what is good; and what does the Lord require of me but to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with my God? (Micah 6:8)

You have given us a new commandment to love one another even as You have loved us; so we must love one another. By this all men will know that we are Your disciples, if we have love for one another. (John 13:34)

Lord, I thank You for Your awesome majesty and creative power. I thank You that You will perfect me in Christ Jesus, and I ask that I would demonstrate mercy and love to others.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

God, I want Your Word to be deeply implanted in me so that I not only know the truth, but also express it in the way I live.

The Lord is my portion and my inheritance. (Numbers 18:20)

The steps of a man are ordered by the Lord, And He will delight in his way; Though he stumbles, he will not be cast down, For the Lord upholds him with His hand. (Psalm 37:23-24)

Take a moment to affirm the truth of these words from Scripture and ask God to make them a growing reality in your life.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the furthest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me; Your right hand will lay hold of me. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me," even the night will be light around me. The darkness is not dark to You, and the night shines as the day; darkness and light are alike to You. (Psalm 139:7-12)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (John 3:16-17)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

God lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:2-3)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

The hour has come for me to wake up from sleep, for my salvation is nearer now than when I first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. Therefore I will cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:11-12)

My love must be sincere. I will hate what is evil and cling to what is good. (Romans 12:9)

Lord, I thank You that You are always with me and that You sent Your Son to give me the gift of eternal life. I thank You for putting a new song in my mouth, and I ask that I would cast off the works of darkness and cling to what is good.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

O Lord, I am deeply grateful for Your wonderful acts, for Your abundant promises, and for the gift of my relationship with You through the merits of Christ.

We give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. (Revelation 11:17)

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to You. You change the times and the seasons; You raise up kings and depose them. You give wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. You reveal deep and hidden things; You know what is in the darkness, And light dwells with You. (Daniel 2:20-22)

Take a moment to express your gratitude for the many blessings that you have received from the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

You are the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You live in a high and holy place but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isaiah 57:15)

God promised the gospel beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son—who was a descendant of David according to the flesh, and who was declared with power to be the Son of God, according to the Spirit of holiness, by His resurrection from the dead—Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 1:2-4)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

Blessed be the Lord; day by day He bears our burdens, the God of our salvation. Our God is the God of salvation, and to God the Lord belongs escape from death. (Psalm 68:19-20)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I am not trying to win the approval of men, but of God. If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. (Galatians 1:10)

I will owe nothing to anyone except to love them, for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

Lord, I thank You for reviving the spirit of the lowly and for raising Your Son from the dead. I thank You for bearing my burdens, and I ask that I would seek to serve Christ by loving others.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, I give thanks for Your greatness, your goodness, and your love, and I now draw near to enjoy your presence.

O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth below; You keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart. (1 Kings 8:23; 2 Chronicles 6:14)

I know that You alone, whose name is the Lord, Are the Most High over all the earth. (Psalm 83:18)

Take a moment to consider God's awesome majesty and thank Him that He loves you and wants an intimate relationship with you.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The word of God is living and active and sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:12-13)

The law was added that the transgression might increase. But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:20-21)

LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, sweep us away. But now, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay; You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand. (Isaiah 64:6, 8)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I will not slander other believers. Anyone who slanders his brother or judges his brother slanders the law and judges the law. When I judge the law, I am not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy. Who am I to judge my neighbor? (James 4:11-12)

The one who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (1 John 2:10-11)

Lord, I thank You for the living power of Your word and for the abundance of Your grace. I thank You for creating and loving me, and I ask that I would not slander others, but love them.

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I am grateful to You, O God, for the blessing of Your forgiveness. I thank You that in Christ, You set me free from the guilt of the past and give me hope for the future.

A person's wickedness will punish him; His backsliding will reprove him. I know therefore and see that it is evil and bitter To forsake the Lord my God And have no fear of Him. (Jeremiah 2:19)

Take a moment to ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The Lord, the Lord God, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. (Exodus 34:6-7)

God, Your power toward us who believe is according to the working of Your mighty strength, which You exerted in Christ when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. (Ephesians 1:19-21)

ILISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God; unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows wherever it pleases, and we hear its sound, but we cannot tell where it comes from, or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. (John 3:3, 5-6, 8)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

Since I have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, I speak not as pleasing men but God, who tests my heart. I will not seek glory from men. (1 Thessalonians 2:4, 6)

I will work out my salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in me to will and to act according to His good purpose. (Philippians 2:12-13)

Lord, I thank You for Your compassion and graciousness and for the authority of the resurrected Christ. I thank You for the gift of the new birth, and I ask that I would seek to please You and depend upon You.

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DAY 10

IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I praise You, Lord, that You are intimately acquainted with my ways and that You always love me and have my best interests at heart.

May I be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, may I let my requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

May I prepare my mind for action and be self-controlled, setting my hope fully on the grace to be brought to me at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:13)

Take a moment to offer this day to the Lord and ask Him for the grace to grow in your knowledge and love for Him.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

Where does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing and concealed from the birds of the air. Destruction and Death say, "Only a rumor of it has reached our ears." God understands its way, and He knows its place. For He looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. (Job 28:20-24)

Since God's children have partaken of flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

ILISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

You are the door; whoever enters through You will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; You have come that we may have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:9-10)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

As one who has believed in God, I want to be careful to devote myself to doing what is good. These things are good and profitable for everyone. (Titus 3:8)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:10-12)

Lord, I thank You that You are the source of all wisdom and that You delivered me from the slavery of death. I thank You that Christ is the door of salvation, and I ask that I would devote myself to doing good and to loving others.

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As I approach Your throne of grace today, I am grateful that You care about the things that concern me and that You want me to offer them up to You.

When I ask, it will be given to me; when I seek, I will find; when I knock, the door will be opened to me. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-10)

Take a moment to share your personal needs with God, including your physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual concerns.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord. (Psalm 33:4-5)

Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for man to die once and after that to face judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly wait for Him. (Hebrews 9:26-28)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

In Christ I have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on me with all wisdom and understanding. (Ephesians 1:7-8)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. (1 Peter 3:10-12)

I will not let love and truth leave me; I will bind them around my neck and write them on the tablet of my heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

Lord, I thank You for Your faithfulness and for fully bearing my sins. I thank You for Your gift of redemption and forgiveness, and I ask that I would turn away from evil and cling to the way of love and truth.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, You have invited me to pray for the needs of others, and since You desire what is best for them, I take this opportunity to bring these requests to You.

May I be of the same mind with others; instead of being haughty in mind or wise in my own estimation, let me associate with the humble. (Romans 12:16) If it is possible, as far as it depends on me, let me live at peace with all men. (Romans 12:18)

Take a moment to lift up the needs of your family and friends, and to offer up any other burdens for others that the Lord brings to mind.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that Your lovingkindness will be built up forever, that You will establish Your faithfulness in the heavens. And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the heavens can be compared with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the sons of the mighty? God is greatly feared in the council of the holy ones and more awesome than all who surround Him. O Lord God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. (Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8)

From the rising to the setting of the sun, Your name will be great among the nations. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to Your name, for Your name will be great among the nations. (Malachi 1:11)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

When the kindness and love of God my Savior appeared, He saved me, not by works of righteousness which I have done, but according to His mercy. He saved me through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit whom He poured out on me abundantly through Jesus Christ my Savior, so that having been justified by His grace, I might become an heir according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one should give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to us, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, we may abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase our seed and will increase the fruits of our righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:6-10)

Lord, I thank You for Your mercies and faithfulness and for the greatness of Your name. I thank You for the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit, and I ask that I would sow bountifully by being generous to others.

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God, I want Your Word to be deeply implanted in me so that I not only know the truth, but also express it in the way I live.

When I seek the Lord my God, I will find Him if I seek Him with all my heart and with all my soul.
(Deuteronomy 4:29)

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

Take a moment to affirm the truth of these words from Scripture and ask God to make them a growing reality in your life.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

I will give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His loving-kindness endures forever. I will give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful acts to the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul and fills the hungry soul with good things. (Psalm 107:1, 8-9)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25:31-34)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

God is my strong fortress, and He sets the blameless free in His way. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me Your shield of victory; You stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, and my feet have not slipped. (2 Samuel 22:33-37)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

The Lord is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words. I considered my ways and turned my steps to Your testimonies. (Psalm 119:57, 59)

I will devote myself to prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 4:2)

Lord, I thank You for Your goodness and unfailing love and for Your assurance that Christ will return and bring justice to the earth. I thank You for being my strong fortress, and I ask that I would be devoted to knowing and following You.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

O Lord, I am deeply grateful for Your wonderful acts, for Your abundant promises, and for the gift of my relationship with You through the merits of Christ.

I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely, I will remember Your wonders of long ago. I will meditate on all Your works And consider all Your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have revealed Your strength among the peoples. You redeemed Your people with Your power, The descendants of Jacob and Joseph. (Psalm 77:11-15)

Take a moment to express your gratitude for the many blessings that you have received from the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

I will express the memory of Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and great in lovingkindness. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. (Psalm 145:7-9)

We will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before Me, and every tongue will confess to God." So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:10b-12)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow my foot to slip; He who watches over me will not slumber. The Lord is my keeper; the Lord is my shade at my right hand. The sun will not harm me by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep me from all evil; He will preserve my soul. The Lord will watch over my coming and going from this time forth and forever. (Psalm 121:1-3, 5-8)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I will do no injustice in judgment, nor show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but I will judge my neighbor fairly. (Leviticus 19:15)

Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy; love does not boast, it is not arrogant, it does not behave rudely; it does not seek its own, it is not provoked, it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Lord, I thank You for Your abundant goodness and for Your righteous judgment. I thank You for Your protection, and I ask that I would walk in love and justice.

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DAY 15

IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, I give thanks for Your greatness, Your goodness, and Your love, and I now draw near to enjoy Your presence.

Are You a God nearby, And not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places So that You cannot see him?
Do You not fill heaven and earth? (Jeremiah 23:23-24)

God is jealous and the Lord avenges; The Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath against His enemies. The Lord is slow to anger and great in power And will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, And clouds are the dust of His feet. (Nahum 1:2-3)

Take a moment to consider God's awesome majesty and thank Him that He loves you and wants an intimate relationship with you.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The Son of Man will come with the clouds of heaven. In the presence of the Ancient of Days, He will be given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that all peoples, nations, and men of every language will worship Him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)

We are looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good works. (Titus 2:13-14)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

The Spirit helps me in my weakness, for I do not know what I ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for me with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches the hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I will not strive with a man without cause, if he has done me no harm. (Proverbs 3:30)

As one who has been chosen of God, holy and beloved, I will put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with others and forgiving others even as the Lord forgave me; and above all these things, I will put on love, which is the bond of perfection. (Colossians 3:12-14)

Lord, I thank You for the universal dominion of Jesus Christ and for the hope of His glorious coming. I thank You for the ministry of Your Holy Spirit, and I ask that I would be compassionate and forgiving toward others.

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DAY 16

IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I am grateful to You, O God, for the blessing of Your forgiveness. I thank You that in Christ, You set me free from the guilt of the past and give me hope for the future.

Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18)

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Wisdom hates pride and arrogance And the evil way and the perverse mouth. (Proverbs 8:13)

Take a moment to ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

Ah, Lord God! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You. You are the great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts. You are great in counsel and mighty in deed, and Your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men; You reward everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds. (Jeremiah 32:17-19)

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty, You will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and You will be his God and he will be Your son. (Revelation 21:6-7)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

I want to know God and serve Him with a whole heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every motive behind the thoughts. (1 Chronicles 28:9)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

The sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the sons of light. I would be wise to use worldly wealth to make friends for myself, so that when it is gone, they may welcome me into the eternal dwellings. (Luke 16:8-9)

This is love: that I walk in obedience to God's commandments. And this is the commandment: that as I have heard from the beginning, I should walk in love. (2 John 6)

Lord, I thank You that You are great in counsel and mighty in deed and that You are the Alpha and the Omega. I thank You for searching my heart, and I ask that I would walk in love and serve others in light of eternity.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I praise You, Lord, that You are intimately acquainted with my ways and that You always love me and have my best interests at heart.

May I not trust in myself or in my own righteousness, nor view others with contempt. (Luke 18:9)

May I not be like the man who did not make God his strength but trusted in the abundance of his wealth and strengthened himself in his evil desires. (Psalm 52:7)

Take a moment to offer this day to the Lord and ask Him for the grace to grow in your knowledge and love for Him.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades, because the breath of the Lord blows on it. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:6-8)

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? But to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:20, 24)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my body also will rest in hope. You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forever. (Psalm 16:8-9, 11)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

Lord, make me to know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. (Psalm 39:4)

I will not take revenge, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord. I will not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:19, 21)

Lord, I thank You for Your eternal word and for the power and wisdom of Jesus Christ. I thank You for the joy of Your presence, and I ask that I would grasp the brevity of life and desire to overcome evil with good.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

As I approach Your throne of grace today, I am grateful that You care about the things that concern me and that You want me to offer them up to You.

May I keep Your statutes and Your commandments and be careful to do as the Lord my God has commanded me; may I not turn aside to the right or to the left. (Deuteronomy 4:40; 5:32)

Take a moment to share your personal needs with God, including your physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual concerns.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, the One who is enthroned on high, who humbles Himself to behold the things that are in the heavens and in the earth? (Psalm 113:3-6)

When we were helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. For rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8)

LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from You will perish; You have cut off all who are unfaithful to You. But as for me, the nearness of God is my good. I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works. (Psalm 73:25-28)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

The Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and protecting the way of His saints. Then I will understand righteousness and justice and honesty—every good path. For wisdom will enter my heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to my soul. Discretion will protect me, and understanding will guard me. (Proverbs 2:6-11)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. (Proverbs 1:7)

Lord, I thank You that You are majestic and yet You reached down in love to save us. I thank You that Your nearness is my good, and I ask that I would receive Your wisdom and reverence You above all else.

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DAY 19

IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, You have invited me to pray for the needs of others, and since You desire what is best for them, I take this opportunity to bring these requests to You.

The Spirit helps me in my weakness, for I do not know what I ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for me with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches the hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

Take a moment to lift up the needs of your family and friends, and to offer up any other burdens for others that the Lord brings to mind.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

O Lord, the God of our fathers, are You not the God who is in heaven? Are You not the ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand, and no one is able to withstand You. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

I will tell of the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all the Lord has done for us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. (Isaiah 63:7)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will wait for Him." The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good to hope silently for the salvation of the Lord. (Lamentations 3:24-26)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

We who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those who are not strong, and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. (Romans 15:1-2)

No one should seek his own good, but the good of others. (1 Corinthians 10:24)

Lord, I thank You for Your power and might and for Your loving-kindness. I thank You for being my portion, and I ask that I would be mindful of the needs of others.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

God, I want Your Word to be deeply implanted in me so that I not only know the truth, but also express it in the way I live.

You will honor those who honor You, but those who despise You will be disdained. (1 Samuel 2:30)

The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. (1 Samuel 26:23)

Take a moment to affirm the truth of these words from Scripture and ask God to make them a growing reality in your life.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

Every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and all that is in them, will sing: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!"
(Revelation 5:13)

The Lord God of hosts—He who touches the earth and it melts, and all who live in it mourn; He who builds His staircase in the heavens and founded the expanse over the earth; He who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the earth—the Lord is His name. (Amos 9:5-6)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

As the Father has loved You, You also have loved me. I must abide in Your love. If I keep Your commandments, I will abide in Your love, just as You kept Your Father's commandments and abide in His love. You have told me this so that Your joy may be in me and that my joy may be full. (John 15:9-11)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I will guard my heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
(Proverbs 9:10)

Lord, I thank You for Your surpassing loftiness and for Your dominion over the cosmos. I thank You for loving me in Christ Jesus, and I ask that I would guard my heart and know You better.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

O Lord, I am deeply grateful for Your wonderful acts, for Your abundant promises, and for the gift of my relationship with You through the merits of Christ.

You have loved me with an everlasting love; You have drawn me with lovingkindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)

I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, My father's God, and I will exalt Him. (Exodus 15:1-2)

Take a moment to express your gratitude for the many blessings that you have received from the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

"To whom will you compare Me? Or who is My equal?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes to the heavens and see who has created them, He who brings out the starry host by number and calls them each by name. Because of His great might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing. Do you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not grow tired or weary. No one can fathom His understanding. (Isaiah 40:25-26, 28)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

I do not want to be conformed to the pattern of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of my mind, that I may prove that the will of God is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I will obey those who are in authority over me with fear and trembling and with sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with external service as a pleaser of men, but as a slave of Christ, doing the will of God from my heart. With good will I will serve as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that I will receive back from the Lord whatever good I do. (Ephesians 6:5-8)

I will avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they produce quarrels. The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but be gentle toward all, able to teach, and patient. (2 Timothy 2:23-24)

Lord, I thank You for the glory of the incarnate Word and for Your incomparable grandeur. I thank You for the transforming power of Your truth, and I ask that I will order my steps in humility and in gentleness.

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DAY 22

IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, I give thanks for Your greatness, your goodness, and your love, and I now draw near to enjoy your presence.

O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thoughts from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down And are acquainted with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it completely. You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too lofty for me to attain.
(Psalm 139:1-6)

Take a moment to consider God's awesome majesty and thank Him that He loves you and wants an intimate relationship with you.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. (Psalm 103:19)

You made the earth and created man upon it. Your own hands stretched out the heavens, and You ordered their starry hosts. (Isaiah 45:12)

ILISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

Though I have not seen Jesus, I love Him; and though I do not see Him now but believe in Him, I rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, for I am receiving the end of my faith, the salvation of my soul. (1 Peter 1:8-9)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will find good. (Proverbs 19:8)

I will submit myself for the Lord's sake to every human authority, whether to a king as being supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish evildoers and to praise those who do right; for it is the will of God that by doing good I may silence the ignorance of foolish men. (1 Peter 2:13-15)

Lord, I thank You for Your universal kingdom and for Your sovereignty over nature. I thank You for Jesus, the Savior of my soul, and I ask that I would have the wisdom to acknowledge Your designated spheres of authority.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I am grateful to You, O God, for the blessing of Your forgiveness. I thank You that in Christ, You set me free from the guilt of the past and give me hope for the future.

O Lord, be gracious to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. (Psalm 41:4)

Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. The Lord guides the humble in what is right And teaches the humble His way. (Psalm 25:8-9)

Take a moment to ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

You have chosen me as Your witness and servant so that I may know and believe You and understand that You are the Lord. Before You no God was formed, nor will there be one after You. (Isaiah 43:10)

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God of our salvation, You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; You formed the mountains by Your strength, having armed Yourself with power; and You stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples. (Psalm 65:5-7)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

I will give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, and make known to others what He has done. I will sing to Him, sing praises to Him, and tell of all His wonderful acts. (1 Chronicles 16:8-9)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

Like the Bereans, I want the nobility of mind to receive the word with great eagerness and to examine the Scriptures daily. (Acts 17:11)

Love is as strong as death, and jealousy is as cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a flame of the Lord. Many waters cannot quench love, nor can rivers overflow it. If a man were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned. (Song of Solomon 8:6-7)

Lord, I thank You for choosing me and for Your awesome deeds of righteousness. I thank You for Your wonderful acts, and I ask that I would be eager to respond to Your word and to walk in love.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I praise You, Lord, that You are intimately acquainted with my ways and that You always love me and have my best interests at heart.

May I not worry about my life, what I will eat or what I will drink; or about my body, what I will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. The birds of the air do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet my heavenly Father feeds them. Am I not much more valuable than they? Who by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do I worry about clothes? I will consider how the lilies of the field grow; they neither labor nor spin, yet not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe me? So may I not worry, saying, "What shall I eat?" or "What shall I drink?" or "What shall I wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and my heavenly Father knows that I need them. But may I seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and all these things will be added to me. (Matthew 6:25-33; Luke 12:22-31)

Take a moment to offer this day to the Lord and ask Him for the grace to grow in your knowledge and love for Him.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. I will ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. I will ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (Psalm 96:4-9)

The Lord led His people all the way in the wilderness for forty years, to humble them and to test them in order to know what was in their heart, whether or not they would keep His commands. He humbled them, allowing them to hunger and then feeding them with manna, which neither they nor their fathers had known, to teach them that man does not live on bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:2-3)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forever. For great is Your love toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. (Psalm 86:12-13)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

Like Abraham, I should direct my children and my household after me to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just. (Genesis 18:19)

Lord, I thank You for Your splendor and majesty and for every word that proceeds from Your mouth. I thank You for delivering my soul from the depths of the grave, and I ask that I would obey Your commandments to serve those in my family.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

As I approach Your throne of grace today, I am grateful that You care about the things that concern me and that You want me to offer them up to You.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, For I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; Free me from my distresses. Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25:16-18)

Take a moment to share your personal needs with God, including your physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual concerns.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. (Exodus 15:1-2)

When You promised to make a new covenant with the house of Israel, You said, "I will put My law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will forgive their iniquity and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

We should not get drunk on wine, for that is dissipation. Instead, we should be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; singing and making music in our hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:18-20)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

If I lack wisdom, I should ask of God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to me. (James 1:5)

I will watch carefully how I walk, not as the unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. I will not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

Lord, I thank You that You are my strength and my song and that in Christ Jesus, You have given me a new heart. I thank You for filling me with Your Holy Spirit, and I ask that You guide my steps according to Your wisdom.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, You have invited me to pray for the needs of others, and since You desire what is best for them, I take this opportunity to bring these requests to You.

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness with those who love Him and with those who obey His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity; we have been wicked and have rebelled, even turning away from Your commandments and from Your judgments. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, even though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God to walk in His laws which He set before us through His servants the prophets. (Daniel 9:4-5, 9-10)

Take a moment to lift up the needs of your family and friends, and to offer up any other burdens for others that the Lord brings to mind.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thoughts from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it completely. (Psalm 139:1-4)

Lord, You have said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

You have asked the Father, and He has given me another Comforter to be with me forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But I know Him, for He lives in me. (John 14:16-17)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

We have the prophetic word made more certain, to which I will do well to pay attention, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in my heart. (2 Peter 1:19)

I will learn to fear You all the days I live on the earth and teach Your words to my children. (Deuteronomy 4:10)

Lord, I thank You for searching and knowing me and for giving me rest in Christ. I thank You for the indwelling Comforter, and I ask that I would observe Your word and teach it to others.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

God, I want Your Word to be deeply implanted in me so that I not only know the truth, but also express it in the way I live.

You are my lamp, O Lord; The Lord turns my darkness into light. With Your help I can advance against a troop; With my God I can leap over a wall. (2 Samuel 22:29-30)

The joy of the Lord is my strength. (Nehemiah 8:10)

Take a moment to affirm the truth of these words from Scripture and ask God to make them a growing reality in your life.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

No one has ever seen God, but the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, has made Him known. (John 1:18)

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

If I died with Christ, I believe that I will also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, cannot die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, I must consider myself to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:8-11)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I will not steal, nor deal falsely, nor deceive others. (Leviticus 19:11)

I will lay up Your words in my heart and in my soul and teach them to my children, talking about them when I sit in my house and when I walk along the way and when I lie down and when I rise up. (Deuteronomy 11:18-19)

Lord, I thank You for Jesus Christ who made You known and gave His life for me. I thank You for my new identity in Christ, and I ask that I would serve others by making Your word known to them.

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DAY 28

I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

O Lord, I am deeply grateful for Your wonderful acts, for Your abundant promises, and for the gift of my relationship with You through the merits of Christ.

The Lord my God is the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

I will tell of the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, The praises of the Lord, According to all the Lord has done for us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, And according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. (Isaiah 63:7)

Take a moment to express your gratitude for the many blessings that you have received from the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

How great are God's signs, and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation. (Daniel 4:3)

The Lord said, "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not stay in darkness. And if anyone hears My words but does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world." (John 12:46-47)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

It is because of God that I am in Christ Jesus, who has become for me wisdom from God and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. (1 Corinthians 1:30)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

I will not show partiality in judgment; I will hear both small and great alike. I will not be afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God. (Deuteronomy 1:17)

Children should obey their parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you, and that you may live long on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Lord, I thank You for Your great signs and wonders and for the light of Christ. I thank You that I am in Christ Jesus, and I ask that I would be impartial in judgment and honor my parents.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

Lord, I give thanks for Your greatness, Your goodness, and Your love, and I now draw near to enjoy Your presence.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the furthest part of the sea, Even there Your hand will lead me; Your right hand will lay hold of me. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me," Even the night will be light around me. The darkness is not dark to You, And the night shines as the day; Darkness and light are alike to You. (Psalm 139:7-12)

Take a moment to consider God's awesome majesty and thank Him that He loves you and wants an intimate relationship with you.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

Who is like You, O Lord? Who is like You—majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11)

He who enters by the door is the shepherd of his sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep listen to his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he brings out his own, he goes before them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. And they will never follow a stranger but will run away from him because they do not recognize the voice of strangers. Jesus used this figure of speech, but His hearers did not understand what He was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth: I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me—just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father—and I lay down My life for the sheep." (John 10:2-8, 11, 14-15)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, they have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

May those who hope in You not be ashamed because of me, O Lord God of hosts; may those who seek You not be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel. (Psalm 69:6)

Lord, I thank You for Your majestic holiness and for Jesus, the good Shepherd. I thank You that I am a new creation in Christ, and I ask that people would honor You because of the way I live.

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IDRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I am grateful to You, O God, for the blessing of Your forgiveness. I thank You that in Christ, You set me free from the guilt of the past and give me hope for the future.

Those whom You love You rebuke and discipline. Therefore may I be zealous and repent. (Revelation 3:19)

This is the one You esteem: He who is humble and contrite of spirit, And who trembles at Your word. (Isaiah 66:2b)

Take a moment to ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him. For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? (2 Samuel 22:31-32)

God set forth Christ to be a propitiation through faith in His blood. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He passed over the sins committed beforehand; He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (Romans 3:25-28)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. (Proverbs 11:3)

The Lord Jesus prayed these words for the unity of all who would believe in Him: "I ask that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You, that they also may be in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected in one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them, even as You have loved Me." (John 17:21-23)

Lord, I thank You for the perfection of Your way and for the blood of Christ that makes me righteous in Your sight. I thank You that You have blessed me with every spiritual blessing, and I ask that I would live in integrity and seek unity with other believers.

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I DRAW NEAR TO YOU, GOD

I praise You, Lord, that You are intimately acquainted with my ways and that You always love me and have my best interests at heart.

Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. (Psalm 86:11)

The foremost commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these. To love God with all the heart and with the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself are more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. (Mark 12:29-31, 33)

Take a moment to offer this day to the Lord and ask Him for the grace to grow in your knowledge and love for Him.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness, and He will govern the peoples with justice. The Lord will also be a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You. (Psalm 9:7-10)

What the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin; He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:3-4)

I LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS OF TRUTH

God raised me up with Christ and seated me with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward me in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:6-7)

MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LORD

He who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. If one is not faithful in handling worldly wealth, who will trust him with true riches? And if one is not faithful with someone else's property, who will give him property of his own? (Luke 16:10-12)

I will pursue the things that lead to peace and to mutual edification. (Romans 14:19)

Lord, I thank You that You are a refuge for the oppressed and that You sent Your Son on my behalf. I thank You for raising me up with Christ, and I ask that I would be faithful in the little things and pursue peace with others.