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THREE EXAMPLES:

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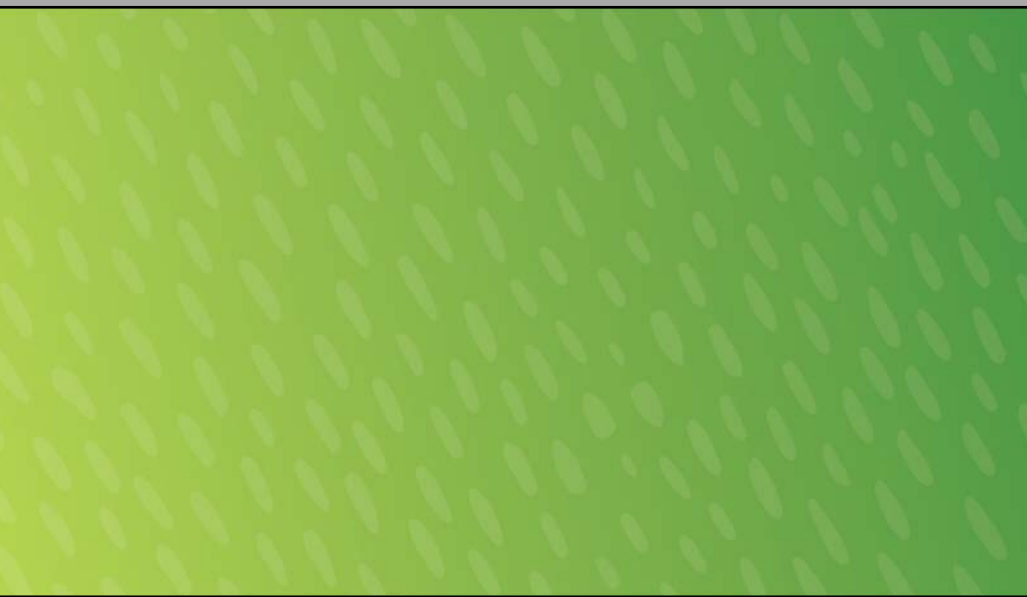
1. USING PRAYERS IN THE BIBLE

- Coming before God. *Psalms 100*
- Thanksgiving for creation and salvation. *Psalms 103:1-3*
- Trusting God. *Psalms 130:5-8*
- Thanksgiving. *Psalms 136:1-3*
- Confession and absolution.
Psalms 51:1-4 and 1 John 1:8,9

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- Lament. *Psalms 12*
- Pouring out your heart. *1 Samuel 1:12 – 16*
- Casting your cares on God. *Isaiah 37:14-20*
- Living before God. *Psalms 139: 23,24*
- Work and ministry. *Psalms 90:12-17*
- Thanksgiving and intercession. *Colossians 1:3-5*

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2. PRAYING BIBLE PATCH-WORK PRAYERS

Nehemiah's prayer: Nehemiah 1

Here is the summary prayer, which expressed what he had spent days praying.

7.

I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

**'the LORD your God ... is a great and awesome God'.
Deuteronomy 7:21**

**'But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts'.**

Psalms 103:16-18

8.

let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned.

**'LORD, you are the God who saves me;
day and night I cry out to you.
May my prayer come before you;
turn your ear to my cry.' Psalm 88:1,2
'We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;
we have done wrong and acted wickedly'. Psalm 106:6**

9.

We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses.

**'However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you'.
Deuteronomy 28:15**

10.

Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples;

'I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you.'

Leviticus 26:33

11.

but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name.'

'... when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.'

Deuteronomy 30:2-4

'... the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling'.

Deuteronomy 12:5

12.

They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand

'But they are your people, your inheritance that you brought out by your great power and your outstretched arm.' Deuteronomy 9:29.

13.

O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.

'... you have given me the heritage of those who revere your name' Psalm 61:5

14.

Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!" At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

'LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

Psalms 118:25

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16.

MORE BIBLE PATCH-WORK PRAYERS

MY OWN DAILY PRAYERS

Coming before God

Therefore since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... and since we have a great High Priest over the household of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and full assurance of faith.

17.

Praise and worship

We praise and worship you gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for you are full of glory, holiness, power, justice, beauty, love, mercy, grace, compassion, and faithfulness. We praise you gracious Father, for your creation and preservation of the world, for your mercy to us in the atoning death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, for your truth revealed by your Holy Spirit in the Bible, for your church, for your gospel plan for the nations, for the hope of Christ's return, and for the glory of your coming kingdom.

18.

We praise you for your great and precious gospel promises in the Lord Jesus Christ, for the gift of forgiveness of sins, salvation, and eternal life, for adoption into your family, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and for fellowship among your people.

19.

Trust

Heavenly Father, we trust your love, grace and acceptance, and that you created and saved us to live for your glory. We trust in your Son Jesus Christ as the saviour of the world, and your gospel as your power for salvation for all who believe. We trust in your Son Jesus Christ as the holy, loving, powerful and generous saviour, head, lord, and judge of his church. We trust you as the just judge of all people, and that you will bring glory to yourself in the church and in Christ Jesus.

20.

**Trust: 'Who am I? Whoever I am O God,
you know me, and I am yours.'**

Whoever I am:

*You created me in your image, and breathed into me
the breath of life.*

*You know of what I am made, you remember that I am
but dust.*

*You own me, for you have created, chosen, redeemed,
and adopted me in Christ.*

*You know and understand me, for you made me, love me,
and care for me.*

21.

Whoever I am:

*You forgive and accept me, as you make me clean by the
blood of Christ.*

*You have dealt with the sins, regrets, mistakes and
failures of my past life and ministry.*

*You have made me a temple of your Holy Spirit, who
dwells within me.*

*You work all things for good for those who love you and
are called according to your purpose.*

22.

Whoever I am:

Though I am fragile and mortal, you are strong, eternal, holy, and all powerful.

Though I am sinful, prone to sin, and easily deceived by sin, you are holy and perfect.

Though I am weak, often confused and mistaken, you are strong, and you know and can do all things.

Though my outer nature is wasting away, you are renewing my inner nature every day.

23.

Whoever I am:

Through Holy Spirit you are transforming me into the image of your Son.

Through these slight momentary afflictions you are working an eternal weight of glory.

Through our trials you are proving the genuineness of our faith, for your glory and honour.

24.

Whoever I am:

*I wonder at your grace, compassion, kindness,
faithfulness and love.*

*I repent of my sins and my sinfulness, and claim your
forgiveness through Christ.*

*I ask you to help me put to death the works of the flesh,
and bring forth in me the fruit of the Spirit.*

*I ask you to sanctify me and make me useful in your
service.*

*I offer myself to you today as a living sacrifice, to live for
your glory.*

25.

Whoever I am:

*You receive me and my daily sacrifice of myself, in your
mercy.*

*You prepare me to do good works, and prepare good
works for me to do*

You use me and my ministry for your good purposes.

*You know me, and I am yours: and you are worthy of all
glory, honour, praise, and worship.*

26.

An everyday prayer

Please make us the people you want us to be, prepare us to do the good works you want us to do, and help us to do them.

We trust that you will provide all the healthy, energy and time we need to do the good works you have prepared for us to do today.

27.

Today we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, to love, worship and serve you. Please give us contentment and joy in you, your will and your ways. Satisfy us with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice in you all my days.

You have blessed and enriched us: help us to bless and enrich others freely and generously.

May this day be our best day of knowing, loving and serving you, and living for your glory. Come Lord Jesus.

28.

Please hear all these prayers from the lips of Jesus Christ, your Son, whom you have made our Saviour, High Priest, Intercessor, and Mediator. Amen

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See my daily prayers at: stjudes.org.au/vicar-emeritus/

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3. TURNING ANY PART OF THE BIBLE INTO PRAYERS

A prayer based on Philippians

Dear Heavenly Father we pray that we may:

- Believe in Christ and serve him.*
- Trust that you will bring your work to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*
- Yearn for other believers with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

31.

- Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*
- Be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to your glory and praise.*
- Preach Christ, speaking the word without fear.*
- Live for Christ that he may be honoured in our bodies, in life or in death.*
- Desire to depart and be with Christ, and also be willing to work for him in this life.*
- Live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.*
- Suffer for Christ and contend for his gospel.*
- Have the mind of Christ in service, humility and obedience.*

32.

- *Seek Christ's interests, and the interests of others, not our own.*
- *Rejoice in the Lord always.*
- *Count everything as loss for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- *Gain Christ and be found in him, having the righteousness that comes through faith in him.*
- *Know Christ and the power of his resurrection, share his sufferings, and be like him in his death, that we may attain the resurrection from the dead.*
- *Press on towards the goal for the prize of our heavenly call in Christ Jesus.*

33.

- *Eagerly await the coming of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body.*
- *Stand firm in the Lord. Rejoice in the Lord always.*
- *Do all things through Christ who strengthens us, so that we can be content in any and every circumstance.*
- *Trust that you will fully satisfy our every need according to your riches in Christ Jesus.*
- *Know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in all of our lives and ministries.*

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