

Scripture Passages on Prayer

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Genesis 20:7,17

Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all yours will die. . . Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so they could have children again..

Genesis 24:12,15,45

Then he prayed, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham." . . . Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor . . . Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, "Please give me a drink."

Genesis 25:21

Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

Genesis 32:9,11

Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O Lord, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper.' . . . Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children."

Exodus 8:8-9

Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Pray to the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord." Moses said to Pharaoh, "I leave to you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile."

Exodus 8:28-29,30

Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me." Moses answered, "As soon as I leave you, I will pray to the Lord, and tomorrow the flies will leave Pharaoh and his officials and his people. Only be sure that Pharaoh does not

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act deceitfully again by not letting the people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord.” Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord.

Exodus 9:28,29

Pray to the Lord, for we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don't have to stay any longer.” Moses replied, “When I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands in prayer to the Lord. The thunder will stop and there will be no more hail, so you may know that the earth is the Lord's.”

Exodus 10:17,18

Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me.” Moses then left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord.

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.” So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up . . . so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

Exodus 33:11

The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

Numbers 11:2

When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the Lord and the fire died down.

Numbers 21:7

Then they set out from Oboth and camped in Iye Abarim, in the desert that faces Moab toward the sunrise.

Deuteronomy 4:7

What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?

Deuteronomy 9:20,26

And the Lord was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him, but at that time I prayed for Aaron too.

Judges 13: 8

Then Manoah prayed to the Lord: “O Lord, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.”

Judges 16:28

Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.”

1 Samuel 1:10,12,13,16,26,27

In bitterness of soul, Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord. As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.” and she said to him, “As surely as you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.”

1 Samuel 2:1,20

Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance." . . . Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying "May the Lord by this woman take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord."

1 Samuel 8:6

But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.

1 Samuel 12:19

The people all said to Samuel, "Pray to the Lord your God for your servants so that we will not die, for we have added to all our other sins the evil of asking for a king."

1 Samuel 12:23

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you.

1 Samuel 14:41

Then Saul prayed to the Lord, the God of Israel, "Give me the right answer." And Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot, and the men were cleared.

2 Samuel 7:27

O Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, 'I will build a house for you.' So your servant has found courage to offer you this prayer.

2 Samuel 15:31

Now David had been told, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." So David prayed, "O Lord, turn Ahithophel's counsel into foolishness."

2 Samuel 21:14

They buried the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan in the tomb of Saul's father Kish, at Zela in Benjamin, and did everything the king commanded. After that, God answered prayer in behalf of the land.

2 Samuel 24:25

David built an altar to the Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the Lord answered prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

1 Kings 8:28,29,30,33,35,38,42,44,45,48,49,54,59

Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, "My Name shall be there," so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. "When your people Israel have been defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you, and when they turn back to you and confess your name, praying and making supplication to you in this temple." "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray toward this place and confess your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them. and when a prayer or plea is made by any of your people Israel--each one aware of the afflictions of his own heart, and spreading out his hands toward this temple-- for men will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm--when he comes and prays toward this temple. "When your people go to war against their enemies, wherever you send them, and when they pray to the Lord toward the city you have chosen and the temple I have built for your Name, then hear from heaven their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause and if they turn back to you with all their heart and soul in the land of their enemies who took them captive, and pray to you toward the land you gave their fathers, toward the city you have chosen and the temple I have built for your Name, then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause. When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the Lord, be

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near to the Lord our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day's need.

1 Kings 9:3

The Lord said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there."

1 Kings 13:6

Then the king said to the man of God, "Intercede with the Lord your God and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of God interceded with the Lord, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.

1 Kings 18:36

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command."

1 Kings 19:4

While he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

2 Kings 4:33

He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord.

2 Kings 6:17,18

And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

2 Kings 19:4,15,20

It may be that the Lord your God will hear all the words of the field commander, whom his master, the king of Assyria, has sent to ridicule the living God, and that he will rebuke him for the words the Lord your God has heard. Therefore pray for the remnant that still survives." And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: "O Lord, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I have heard your prayer concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria."

2 Kings 20:2,5

Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord. "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the leader of my people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: 'I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you.''" On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord.

1 Chronicles 5:20

They were helped in fighting them, and God handed the Hagrites and all their allies over to them, because they cried out to him during the battle. He answered their prayers, because they trusted in him.

1 Chronicles 17:25

You, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house for him. So your servant has found courage to pray to you.

2 Chronicles 6:2,16, 19, 20, 24,29,32,34,35,38,39,40

I have built a magnificent temple for you, a place for you to dwell forever." Now Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have

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a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons are careful in all they do to walk before me according to my law, as you have done. Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence.

2 Chronicles 7:1,12

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. the LORD appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:15

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

2 Chronicles 20:6,12

O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you . . . O our God . . . we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

2 Chronicles 30:18,27

Although most of the many people who came from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not purified themselves, yet they ate the Passover, contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the LORD, who is good, pardon everyone. The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, his holy dwelling place.

2 Chronicles 32:20,24

King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz cried out in prayer to heaven about this. In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. He prayed to the LORD, who answered him and gave him a miraculous sign.

2 Chronicles 33:13,18,19

And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God. The other events of Manasseh's reign, including his prayer to his God and the words the seers spoke to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, are written in the annals of the kings of Israel. His prayer and how God was moved by his entreaty, as well as all his sins and unfaithfulness, and the sites where he built high places and set up Asherah poles and idols before he humbled himself--all are written in the records of the seers.

Ezra 6:10

So that they may offer sacrifices pleasing to the God of heaven and pray for the well-being of the king and his sons.

Ezra 8:23

So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.

Ezra 9:6

And [I] prayed: "O my God, I am too ashamed and disgraced to lift up my face to you, my God, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens.

Ezra 10:1

While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a large crowd of Israelites--men, women and children--gathered around him. They too wept bitterly.

Nehemiah 1:4,6,11

When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

Nehemiah 2:4

The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 4:9

But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

Nehemiah 6:9

They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed."

But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."

Nehemiah 11:17

Mattaniah son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the director who led in thanksgiving and prayer; Bakkukiah, second among his associates; and Abda son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

Job 16:17

Yet my hands have been free of violence and my prayer is pure.

Job 21:15

Who is the Almighty, that we should serve him? What would we gain by praying to him?'

Job 22:27

You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows.

Job 33:26

He prays to God and finds favor with him, he sees God's face and shouts for joy; he is restored by God to his righteous state.

Job 42:8-10

So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job's prayer. After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before.

Psalms 4:1

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Psalm 5:1-3

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Psalm 6:9

The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.

Psalm 9:9-10

The Lord is 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 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 17:1

Hear, O Lord, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips.

Psalm 17:6-8

I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer. Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 18:1-3

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalm 27:4

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 32:6

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

Psalm 35:13

Yet when they were ill, I put on sackcloth and humbled myself with fasting.

Psalm 39:12

Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping. For I dwell with you as an alien, a stranger, as all my fathers were.

Psalm 42:8

By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

Psalm 54:2

Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.

Psalm 55:1

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea.

Psalm 61:1

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

Psalm 65:2

O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

Psalm 69:13,19-20

But I pray to you, O Lord, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation. You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before you. Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.

Psalm 72:15,20

Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him. May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long. This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

Psalm 80:4

O Lord God Almighty, how long will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

Psalm 86:6

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.

Psalm 88:2,13

May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. But I cry to you for help, O Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Psalm 102:1,17

Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.

Psalm 109:4,7

In return for my friendship they accuse me, but I am a man of prayer. When he is tried, let him be found guilty, and may his prayers condemn him.

Psalm 116:1-2 (Living Bible)

I love the Lord because he hears my prayers and answers them. Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe!

Psalm 122:6

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure."

Psalm 141:1-4

O Lord, I call to you; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies.

Psalm 141:5

Let a righteous man strike me--it is a kindness; let him rebuke me--it is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it. Yet my prayer is ever against the deeds of evildoers;

Psalm 143:1,8

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Psalm 145:18-19

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

Proverbs 15:8,29

The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him. The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

Proverbs 28:9

If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Isaiah 1:15

When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 16:12

When Moab appears at her high place, she only wears herself out; when she goes to her shrine to pray, it is to no avail.

Isaiah 26:16

Lord, they came to you in their distress; when you disciplined them, they could barely whisper a prayer.

Isaiah 37:4,15,21

It may be that the Lord your God will hear the words of the field commander, whom his master, the king of Assyria, has sent to ridicule the living God, and that he will rebuke him for the words the Lord your God has heard. Therefore pray for the remnant that still survives.” And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord. Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria . . . “

Isaiah 38:2,5

Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD: “Go and tell Hezekiah, `This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.’”

Isaiah 44:17

From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, "Save me; you are my god."

Isaiah 45:20

Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save.

Isaiah 49:8-9

In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; . . . to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, "Come out" and to those in darkness, "Be free."

Isaiah 56:7

These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Isaiah 64:9

Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Lamentations 3:8,44

Even when I call out or cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. You have covered yourself with a cloud so that no prayer can get through.

Ezekiel 22:30

I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it.

Jeremiah 2:32

Does a maiden forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.

Jeremiah 7:16

So do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or petition for them; do not plead with me, for I will not listen to you.

Jeremiah 11:14

Do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or petition for them, because I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their distress.

Jeremiah 14:11

Then the Lord said to me, "Do not pray for the well-being of this people."

Jeremiah 29:7

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 31:9

They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

Jeremiah 32:16

After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord:

Jeremiah 33:3

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things you do not know.

Jeremiah 37:3

King Zedekiah, however, sent Jehucal son of Shelemiah with the priest Zephaniah son of Maaseiah to Jeremiah the prophet with this message: "Please pray to the Lord our God for us."

Jeremiah 42:3,4,20

Pray that the Lord your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do. "I have heard you," replied Jeremiah the prophet. "I will certainly pray to the LORD your God as you have requested; I will tell you everything the Lord says and will keep nothing back from you." . . . "You made a fatal mistake when you sent me to the Lord your God and said, 'Pray to the Lord our God for us; tell us everything he says and we will do it.'"

