

WHEN YE PRAY



A Compilation of Prayers based on Scripture

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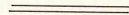
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With a Foreword by the Bishop of Rockhampton.



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INTRODUCTION

These acts of devotion have been put together for three main reasons. First, it is vitally important that the great truths of a Christian's belief should find continued expression in his life of prayer.

Secondly, there is a scriptural background to the Creed and a knowledge of at least some of the relevant texts ought to form part of our Christian equipment.

And, thirdly, let us realise that a vital prayer life must be fed continually with the thought and language of scripture.

Finally, the arrangement of these devotions suggests the method in which they may be used :

Use them slowly.

Pause for a breath at the end of each line.

Affirm the Truth in confidence and joy.

Repeat again and again some short chosen texts.

Remember this is the relationship with God for which you were made.

May God bless all who shall use this book.

Arthur Gillespie.

FOREWORD

by

The Rt. Revd. T. B. McCALL

Bishop of Rockhampton

I am unusually glad to have the honour of writing a brief foreword to this compilation of prayers by the Revd. Arthur Gillespie, as I believe them to be quite excellent and of tremendous help not only to beginners in prayer, but to others also.

I first saw them in typescript at a parochial mission he and I conducted together at Mullumbimby, N.S.W., and ever since have been anxious to see them in print.

People do need something in print before them from time to time, when they are praying, especially if they are going through a "dry" patch when prayer is difficult. These prayers, all of them taken from the Bible, are unusually helpful in leading people on to loving converse with God.

I trust they will be widely used, and bring great blessing to those who use them.

+ THEODORE ROCKHAMPTON :

Whitsunday, 1959.

CREATION :

Ps. 95,6.; Rev. 4,8.; 4,11.; Wis. 2,23.; Is. 53,6.;

Rom. 3,23.; Is. 43.1.; Jer. 31.3.

CREATION

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Which was and is and is to come;
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honour and power,
For Thou hast created all things,
And for Thy pleasure they are
And were created.

For God created man to be immortal
And made him an image of His own eternity.
O come, let us worship and fall down,
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.
All we like sheep have gone astray,
We have turned everyone to his own way;
For all have sinned
And fallen short of the glory of God.
But now thus saith the Lord
That created thee,
I have called thee by thy name,
Thou art Mine;
Yea, I have loved thee
With an everlasting love.

ANNUNCIATION

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Is. 9,6.; 7,14.; Lu. 1,27.; 1,28.; 1,31.;

Phil. 2,9-11.

Unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
Behold a Virgin shall conceive
And bear a Son :
And the Virgin's name was Mary.
Hail, thou that art highly favoured,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women.
The Holy Ghost shall come upon Thee
And the power of the Most High
Shall overshadow Thee.
Thou shalt conceive in thy womb
And bring forth a Son,
And shalt call His name Jesus—
That at the name of Jesus
Every knee should bow,
And that every tongue should confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

CHRISTMAS :

Rev. 21,3.; Lu. 2,12.; Ps. 98,1.; Lu. 2,14.;
II Cor. 4,6.

CHRISTMAS

And ye shall find the Babe
Wrapped in swaddling clothes,
And lying in a manger.
O sing unto the Lord a new song,
For He hath done marvellous things;
Glory be to God on High,
And on earth peace,
Goodwill towards men.
Behold the tabernacle of God is with men
And He shall dwell with them
And they shall be His people,
For God Who commanded the Light
To shine out of darkness,
Hath shined in our hearts,
To give the light of the knowledge
Of the glory of God
In the face of Jesus Christ.

CRUCIFIXION :

Jn. 1.29.; Phil. 2.8.; Is. 53,4.; 53,5.; Titus 2,14.;

Ps. 51,10.

THE CRUCIFIXION

Behold the Lamb of God
That takest away the sin of the world.
And being found in fashion as a Man,
He humbled Himself
And became obedient unto death,
Even the death of the Cross.
Surely He hath borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows,
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities,
The chastisement of our peace
Was upon Him,
And with His stripes we are healed,
Who gave Himself for us
That He might redeem us from all iniquity.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

EASTER

Blessed be the God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who, according to His great mercy,
Begot us again unto a living hope
By the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

The Lord is risen indeed;
Death hath no more dominion over Him.

My soul is athirst for God,
Yea, even for the living God,

That I may know Him

And the power of His resurrection.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation;
Whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the Strength of my life,
Of whom then shall I be afraid?

The Lord is risen indeed,

King of Kings

And Lord of Lords,

EASTER :

Lu. 24,34.; Rom. 6,9.; I Pet. 1,3.; Ps. 42,2.;

Phil. 3,10.; Ps. 27,1.; Rev. 19,16.

ASCENSION :

Psalm 24,7.; Hebrews 4,14.; Rom. 8,34.;
Psalm 103, 19.; Cal. 3,1.; II Cor. 4,18;
I Timothy 1,17.

THE ASCENSION

Lift up your heads O ye gates,
And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors;
And the King of Glory shall come in—
A great High Priest
that is passed into the Heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
Who is even at the right hand of God,
Who also maketh intercession for us.
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven,
and His Kingdom ruleth over all.
If ye then be risen with Christ
seek those things which are above.
For the things which are seen are temporal,
but the things which are not seen are eternal.
Now unto the King
eternal, immortal, invisible,
the only wise God,
be honour and glory
for ever and ever.

Amen.

PENTECOST :

Job 33,4.; Rom. 5,5.; Jn. 15,26.; Lu. 1,79.

PENTECOST

The Spirit of God hath made me,
And the Breath of the Almighty
Giveth me life.

The love of God
Is shed abroad in our hearts
By the Holy Ghost which is given to us,
Even the Spirit of Truth
Who proceedeth from the Father,
To give light to them that sit in darkness
And in the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet
Into the way of peace.

THE CHURCH :

Ps. 100,3.; Ps. 23, 1-2.; Jn. 10,11.; Eph. 1,3.;
Eph. 1,22-23.; Matt. 16,18.

THE CHURCH

The Lord is my Shepherd,
Therefore can I lack nothing;
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
And lead me forth
Beside the waters of comfort.
The Good Shepherd giveth His life
For the sheep.

We are His people
And the sheep of His pasture.
Blessed be the God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ
Who hath blessed us
With all spiritual blessings
In the heavenly places in Christ,
And hath put all things
In subjection under His feet
And gave Him to be Head over all things
To the Church,
Which is His Body
And the gates of hell
Shall not prevail against it.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS :

Gal. 3,28.; Eph. 2,19-20.; Heb. 12,1-2.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
Let the congregation of saints praise Him
Ye are all one in Christ Jesus,
Fellow-citizens with the saints
And of the household of God,
Being built upon the foundation
Of the Apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ Himself
Being the chief cornerstone.
Seeing we also are compassed about
With so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us lay aside every weight
And the sin which doth so easily beset us,
And let us run with patience
The race that is set before us,
Looking unto Jesus,
The Author and Finisher of our Faith,

FORGIVENESS OF SINS :

Ps. 51,2.; Ps. 51,1.; Rom. 6,23.; I Cor. 15,22.;
Rom. 6,3.; 6,11.; 8,16.; James 2,5.

FORGIVENESS

Have mercy upon me, O God,
After Thy great goodness;
According to the multitude of Thy mercies
Do away mine offences;
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
And cleanse me from my sin.
For the wages of sin is death,
But the free gift of God is eternal life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as in Adam all die,
Even so in Christ
Shall all be made alive :
Baptised into Christ Jesus,
Dead indeed unto sin,
But alive unto God.
We are the children of God
Rich in faith
And heirs of the Kingdom
Which He hath promised
To them that love Him.

ETERNAL LIFE :

John 11,25.; John 6,68.; Psalm 36,9.; Psalm 23.

ETERNAL LIFE

I am the Resurrection and the Life;
He that believeth in me,
Though he were dead, yet shall he live;
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me
shall never die.

Lord, to whom shall we go ?
Thou hast the words of eternal life,
With Thee is the well of life
And in Thy Light shall we see light.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil
For Thou art with me . . .
Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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