

He Hears My Voice

Prayers from *Meditations*

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*Evening, morning and noon
I cry out in in distress,
and he hears my voice.*

(Psalm 55:17)



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Preface

He hears my voice. So said the psalmist David. He could speak so confidently because he had God's promise to hear and answer prayer. So do we, God's believing children, today. Through faith in Christ our Savior, God is pleased with us, and he is pleased with our prayers. In fact, the Lord loves to hear the prayers of his children, to hear about their needs, to hear their words of thanksgiving and praise.

The prayers we express in our own words are pleasing to God for Jesus' sake. So also are the prayers we use that have been written by others. The entire book of Psalms is, in fact, the Bible's own inspired prayer book. And God's people throughout the ages have used and recognized the value of using such prepared prayers. They help to encourage us in our prayer life and to enrichen our prayers.

For the same reasons, the following book of prayers from *Meditations* is being presented to the church. There are three sections of prayers: prayers for daily use, prayers for the various special days and seasons of the church year, and prayers for special needs and occasions. The twenty-six weeks of daily prayers, if followed every day, can be prayed through twice each year.



It is our hope that this book of prayers from *Meditations* will encourage God's people in their prayer life. Let us bring all of our many prayers—our requests our intercessions, our words of praise and thanksgiving—to the throne of grace. And let us do so with the same confidence that David expressed in Psalm 55:17. *He hears my voice.*



**Daily
Prayers**



Daily Prayers

WEEK 1

SUNDAY

Morning Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, we claim your protection and blessing for today. We confess ourselves unworthy, but we trust that you will allow our claim for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

Evening We thank you, Father, that you have given us today health of body and mind, strength against temptation, and the comforting assurance that you have directed all things for our eternal good. Our thanks we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

MONDAY

Morning Almighty God, lead us, your sheep, this day and all through this week. Hear us for the sake of him who gave his life



for the sheep, Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
Amen.

Evening We thank you, our Father in Christ, that you have given us the strength to perform our tasks today and grace to live as your children. Keep us in your everlasting love through Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

TUESDAY

Morning Lord of the church, we ask you to hold your hand in blessing over us today and over all the missionaries whom we have sent out in your name. Make them and us a blessing to many through the preaching of the gospel. Amen.

Evening Lord God, blot out all our sins of thought, word, and deed. For Jesus' sake, forgive the evil done today and the good we have not done. Fill our hearts with desire to serve you tomorrow. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

Morning Lord Jesus Christ, you are our merciful High Priest who feels with us and for us in our weakness. Give us strength today when more than once we will find that the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Let your will be done in us, for our good and to your praise. Amen.

Evening Holy Spirit, source of all light to our souls, we thank you tonight for the knowledge that God loves us as his children for Christ's sake, that we are safe in his almighty

care, and that he will bring us to see heaven's morning after all our earthly nights are past. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THURSDAY

Morning Heavenly Father, be with us today. Give us the grace to be helpful, kind, and considerate toward the members of our family. Guide us in our behavior toward all people with whom we come in contact today, so that we show ourselves as your true children in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Evening Eternal God, you are our refuge and strength. We come to you with the troubles and problems of today. Give us the strength to bear them patiently. Give us wisdom to deal with them honorably. We entrust ourselves to your safekeeping through the night. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

FRIDAY

Morning Lord, bless the honest, useful labor of body and mind that is done today. We thank you for giving us work to do. We ask your grace to do it well, not merely to please people, but to please you, who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Evening Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we place ourselves in your care for this night. Grant us calm and restful sleep, and wake us in the morning refreshed and strengthened to serve you in our daily activities. We ask this in your saving name. Amen.



SATURDAY

Morning Our Savior Jesus Christ, be with us today as another week draws to its close. If we do not work today, let our rest be in you. If we must work, let all our efforts honor you. Hear us for your own name's sake. Amen.

Evening Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings of this past week. Give us grateful hearts as we remember all your goodness. And, as we gather in your house tomorrow to worship, open our lips that our mouths may speak your praises. We come in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

WEEK 2

SUNDAY

Morning Almighty God, long ago you led your people like a flock by the hand of your servant Moses. Lead us, your sheep, today and through the coming week, in the green pastures and beside the quiet waters. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep. Amen.

Evening Our Savior, look in mercy upon us whose spirit indeed is willing, but whose flesh is weak. You know all our thoughts, our words, and our acts that have been contrary to your will. By your atoning death we ask forgiveness, so that we may go to sleep with a