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# PRAYER

IS THE EXERCISE OF  
DRAWING ON THE  
GRACE OF GOD.

—OSWALD CHAMBERS



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**ILLUMINATE**  
**MY MIND**

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**BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,  
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,  
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.**

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER  
AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,  
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.**

**BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,  
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.**

**BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.**

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE  
PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

**- JESUS CHRIST, MATTHEW 5:3-10**

**ALL-WISE GOD,  
MAY I FIX WHAT IS BROKEN,  
RETURN WHAT I BORROW,  
CARE FOR WHAT I VALUE,  
ASK FOR WHAT I NEED,  
PROTECT WHAT IS FRAGILE,  
HONOR WHAT IS SACRED.  
MAY I SAY THE KIND WORD,  
DO THE KIND ACT. ALWAYS,  
AND REGARDLESS OF THE  
CONSEQUENCES.**

**—PATRICK LAWRENCE**



**GOD TAUGHT ME  
AS A SCHOOLTEACHER  
TEACHES A PUPIL.**

— SAINT IGNATIUS



**POINT THE DIRECTION, LORD.  
YOUR SERVANT IS READY  
TO MOVE FORWARD.**

**AMEN**

DEAR GOD,  
I HAVE SO MANY  
TROUBLES TODAY.  
MAY I LEAVE THEM  
WITH **YOU?**

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THE WORLD IS CHARGED WITH THE  
**GRANDEUR OF GOD.**

— GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

I PRAY THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART  
MAY BE ENLIGHTENED

IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE  
HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU,

THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS  
INHERITANCE IN HIS HOLY PEOPLE,

AND HIS INCOMPARABLY GREAT POWER  
FOR US WHO BELIEVE.

**THAT POWER IS THE SAME  
AS THE MIGHTY STRENGTH**

HE EXERTED WHEN HE RAISED CHRIST  
FROM THE DEAD

AND SEATED HIM AT HIS RIGHT HAND  
IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS.

— EPHESIANS 1:18-20

**O GOD,**  
PLEASE SHOWER YOUR WISDOM  
ON THOSE LIVING IN CONFUSION  
AND DARKNESS,  
AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND  
ON ALL WHO ARE TROUBLED.  
AMEN.



MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT  
GUIDE US AS WE SEEK TO  
**HEAL AND NURTURE** THE EARTH  
AND ALL OF ITS CREATURES,  
TO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CREATION,  
AND TO **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
WITH ALL LIFE.

—U.N. ENVIRONMENTAL  
SABBATH PROGRAM

WHEN YOU  
**DRAW CLOSE** TO GOD,  
GOD WILL  
**DRAW CLOSE** TO YOU.

—JAMES 4:8 TLB

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WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD,  
FOR THY GLORY DISPLAYED  
IN ALL THE CREATURES  
OF THE EARTH....  
THEY AFFIRM THEE IN LIVING;  
ALL THINGS AFFIRM THEE IN LIVING.

—T.S. ELIOT  
FROM THE PLAY *MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL*, 1935

**BEHOLD, LORD...  
MY WORLD IS FILLING  
WITH DARKNESS,  
WITH IGNORANCE.  
TODAY MAY I OFFER  
ALL OF THE  
LIGHT AND TRUTH  
THAT I CAN. AMEN.**

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**A GENEROUS PERSON  
WILL BE BLESSED.**

**- PROVERBS 22:9 CSB**

DEAR GOD,  
WHEN I THINK IT'S OVER,  
REMINDE ME THAT IT'S NOT OVER.

AMEN.



THE LIGHT OF GOD SURROUNDS ME;  
THE LOVE OF GOD ENFOLDS ME;  
THE POWER OF GOD PROTECTS ME;  
THE PRESENCE OF GOD WATCHES OVER ME;  
WHEREVER I AM, GOD IS.

—J.D. FREEMAN

DEAR **GOD**,  
MAY I TREAT MY BODY,  
MIND, AND SOUL  
LIKE THEY BELONG  
TO SOMEONE WHO  
**LOVES ME.**  
AMEN.

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THE PRICE OF NOT LOVING OURSELVES  
AS GOD LOVES US IS A PRICE  
NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY.

—T.J. GORDON



**BE PRAISED, MY LORD,  
THROUGH THOSE WHO  
FORGIVE FOR LOVE OF YOU;  
THROUGH THOSE WHO ENDURE  
SICKNESS AND TRIAL.  
HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO  
ENDURE IN PEACE,  
FOR BY YOU, MOST HIGH,  
THEY WILL BE CROWNED.**

**- SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



BREATHE IN ME, **O HOLY SPIRIT,**  
THAT MY THOUGHTS MAY ALL BE HOLY.

ACT IN ME, **O HOLY SPIRIT,**  
THAT MY WORK, TOO, MAY BE HOLY.  
DRAW MY HEART, **O HOLY SPIRIT,**  
THAT I LOVE BUT WHAT IS HOLY.

STRENGTHEN ME, **O HOLY SPIRIT,**  
TO DEFEND ALL THAT IS HOLY.  
GUARD ME, THEN, **O HOLY SPIRIT,**  
THAT I ALWAYS MAY BE HOLY.

— SAINT AUGUSTINE

