

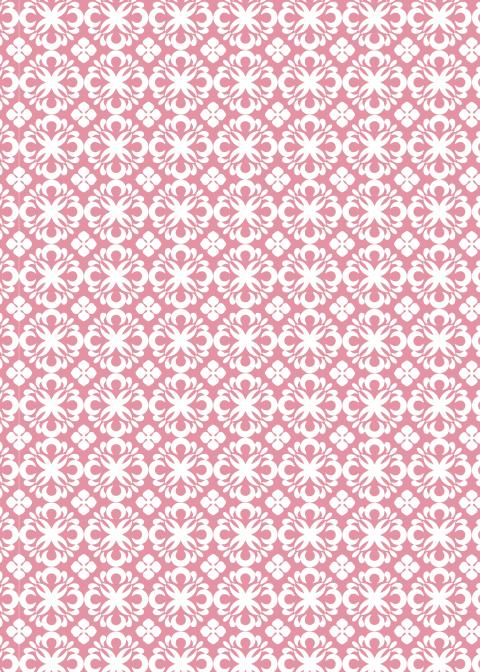
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In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. EPHESIANS 3:12 NIV

Dear Lord, You are the God of the universe, and yet You ask me to come closer. I can't stand in Your presence, yet You ask me to approach with freedom and confidence. It's all because of Jesus, Lord, that I can do this! I praise You for the great gift of Your Son, who allows me this access to You, my Creator. I am so small, but I long to know You better. I am so weak, but I know You have power to spare. Help me to come to You again and again. In Jesus' precious name, amen. DAY 2

IN YOUR PRESENCE THIS DAY

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 NIV

Dear Father, I thank You that Your ear is always listening for the cries of Your people. You are always listening for my voice, and You know it out of billions of others. My words are not just spoken to the empty air, but You give them Your attention. Forgive me for my sins today, Lord, for they are many. I rest under Your mercy.



Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee. MARK 14:36 KJV

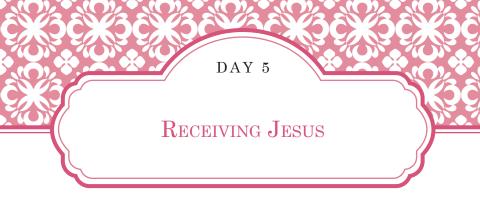
How amazing, Lord—my Father is the Creator of the universe! Your infinite creativity formed the beauty of the earth and the intricacies of life. I know I can rest assured in Your strength, in Your might, in Your abilities. There's nothing on heaven or on earth that You can't handle. Forgive me when I try to take things into my own hands. Since You made the world and everything in it, I know You can take care of my small life! JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST

DAY 4

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:15–17 kJV

Thank You, Lord, for adopting me into Your family, for making me Your heir, just as Jesus is. There's nothing I can do to deserve this favor or this acceptance. Your grace is all-sufficient. I now call Jesus my brother, and together we share in Your amazing glory!



But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. JOHN 1:12 KJV

Lord, I believe in Your name. Help me every day to believe still more. Take away the doubts and insecurities that the world shouts at me every day. Keep my eyes firmly focused on You, even when troubles come. Keep my ears attuned to Your voice, especially when I am tempted to listen to other voices. I welcome You into my heart—to make a home there now and forever.



Who is like the LORD our God, who dwells on high? PSALM 113:5 NKJV

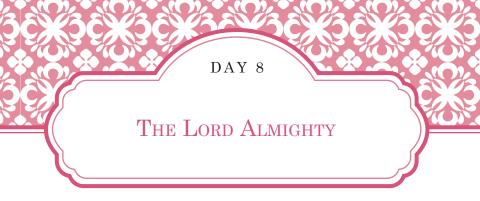
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Heavenly Father, today I'm grateful for all You are the God who is, the God of the living, the great I Am. Your character is unchanging. You are the epitome of perfect holiness and love. Because of who and all You are, I believe and trust in You. Your truthfulness is indisputable and Your power is established. Not just for the majestic works by Your hand but for the pure glory of Your nature—I worship You today. Amen.



But he gives us more grace. JAMES 4:6 NIV

Father, I'm thankful for Your *grace*—Your unmerited favor to me through Jesus Christ and that special strength You give Your children in times of need, trial, and temptation. If not for Your grace, I wouldn't even be able to approach You. Thank You for extending favor to me: forgiving my sins and adopting me into Your family. And thank You so much for that extra dose of perseverance that You keep giving to me in tough situations. I'm so thankful Your resource center will never experience a shortage. I praise You today for grace. Amen.



And [I] will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 CORINTHIANS 6:18 KJV

You, God, can do all things, for You are almighty, allpowerful. Because You are my Father, I know I can trust You to handle each and every aspect of my life. Show me new ways that I can rely on You to work in a mighty way in my life. I trust You with my past, my present, and my future. You are God, and I am not—and I am thankful that's the way it is.



The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." JEREMIAH 18:1–2 NKJV

So many times, Lord, I feel the urge to drop to my knees and pray. Yet I don't. Embarrassment, busyness, a dirty floor—they can all stop me from heeding Your call. Yet I praise You that You keep calling my name again and again. Please help me to trust You enough to stop what I am doing when I hear Your call. I am on my knees now, my King. I am listening to Your voice.



You are an epistle of Christ. . .written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:3 NKJV

Lord, You have preserved Your Word for thousands of years. It is uncorrupted, it is unchanged, it has not been forgotten. Like an animal buried and hammered into rock by time and pressure, it has come down to us, yet it is not fossilized: it lives! You chiseled Your law into rock for Moses, but now Your Word is written in our hearts. And we too will live uncorrupted and unforgotten but, thanks be to You, *changed*. Amen. DAY 11

LUTHER, WESLEY, CROSBY, ETC.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. COLOSSIANS 3:16 KJV

Dear God, I don't know where I'd be tonight without the great hymns of the faith that have resounded in my head since I was a girl. Thank You for that legacy of music and poetry and for what You have taught me through meditating on those lines. I praise You for the men and women who penned the lyrics and music that still minister to Christians today. Thank You for the hymns that kept my heart tuned to You, even when I thought I was running far away. Great is Thy faithfulness! Amen.



I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him. 1 CHRONICLES 17:13 KJV

Thank You, Lord, that You will never take Your mercy away from me. No matter how many times I let You down, I can always count on You to pick me back up. I cannot understand this gift, but I am thankful for it, Father. Please show me ways to extend mercy to others in my life—especially to those whom the world may deem as "unlovable." Because the truth is, God, I know that most days I too am unlovable.



"But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." MATTHEW 6:6 NASB

Dear God, You know how often I pray and how often I don't. You know that sometimes I use it as a weapon. "Lord, give me patience!" I say in the presence of those who are vexing me. Please forgive me. That is not prayer. And Lord, forgive me for not praying. Forgive me for wasting the quiet moments that You give me with things that will be forgotten in eternity. I want to know You now, *here*, even before I am with You forever. Amen.



We loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. 1 THESSALONIANS 2:8 NIV

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Dear Lord, thank You for reminding me today to pray for the people who witnessed to me before I was a believer. I was so ignorant of Your ways, Lord, that I didn't even know that was what they were doing! I thought they were just telling me about their lives, that we were getting to know each other, when really they were introducing me to their Savior. I praise You for how real You were to them and for their example of how sharing our faith is more about *conversation* than conversion. Bless those brave evangelists, Lord, and continue to do Your work through them. Amen.



Blessed be God. . .the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:3 KJV

You comfort me, Father, when my heart aches. When everything in my life seems to be going wrong. . .when the world is full of violence and disaster. . .when loss is everywhere I look. . .when hope is dying inside me, Your comfort never fails. Thank You for offering me that constant care in my life. Help me to always extend comfort, care, and compassion to others as well—ultimately leading them to You.



"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear."

Isaiah 65:24 Niv

Dear Lord, I praise You that You are the God who hears. I praise You that You know my heart even before *I* do. I rest in the fact that You are answering my prayer, even before I pray. Help me to be more like You, Lord. So often I don't take the time to listen with love to the people around me. And while they are still speaking, I say *no*. I need Your ears and Your heart, Lord. Speak to me and through me. Amen. DAY 17

HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND BROTHERS

Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." MATTHEW 12:49–50 NIV

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Dear Father, sometimes I feel like I'd do better on a desert island. It's hard to live in community. Our rough edges meet the rough edges of others, and the results are scrapes and sparks and *wounds*. Thank You so much for the pictures You present in the Gospels of Jesus living with His disciples. Lord, nothing teaches me more about what pleases You and what is *possible* than studying how You did it, how You lived and loved and ate and traveled, together. Help me think of the people I rub elbows with as *my* disciples, companions, and teachers. Amen.



Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1 JOHN 5:14 NKJV

Dear Lord, there are so many things I want. Sometimes I feel like my prayers are just a long list of wishes, as though You're some sort of celestial genie. But I'm so thankful You are not. You don't give me what I want, just because I want it. I thank You that You give me only what is in line with Your will for me. So, Lord, show me what that is. Reveal Your will, and show me how and for what You want me to pray.



Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. 1 JOHN 3:1 KJV

A good father protects his children; he loves his children unconditionally; he understands and forgives his children; he provides for his family; he is intimately involved in the lives of those he loves. You are more than a good father, God—You are the *perfect* Father. Remind me, Lord, that *this* is the way You love me. Thank You for loving all of me—unconditionally and without reservation.

DAY 20

LITTLE ALTARS ALL OVER

Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make there an altar to God Who answered me in the day of my distress and was with me wherever I went. GENESIS 35:3 AMPC

Lord, how easily we forget Your faithfulness. I think *I* would never be like the Israelites, longing for the slavegrown melons and cucumbers of Egypt while following the fire of God through the desert. But my memory is just as short, just as fickle. You knew they needed reminders, so their path was littered with altars and memorials, their calendar marked with feasts and holidays and fasts. "Don't forget who I Am and what I have done," You say. Lord, please show me tangible ways to remember Your faithfulness to me too. Amen.



That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. PHILIPPIANS 2:15 KJV

Lord, I am grateful that I can claim You as my Father. Because You live in my heart, I am Your representative to the world around me. Thank You for using me for Your purpose, and thank You for filling in the gaps where I am inadequate to do Your work. Make me Your light in the world around me, not so I can gain fame for myself but only to proclaim Your awesomeness.