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Prayer

*Finding Help
in Time of Need*



Israel (he struggles with God)

God said to him.

*'Your name is Jacob,
but you will no longer be called Jacob,
your name will be Israel,'*

Genesis 35:10

*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer
and petition with thanksgiving,
present your request to God.*

Philippians 4:6,7

*Let us then approach the throne of grace
with confidence, so that we may
receive mercy and find grace to help us
in our time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16

My Prayer

Sometimes I get a little tired
As I go through the day,
I know I'd never make it, Lord,
If You were far away.
So let me feel my hand in Yours
And whisper in my ear
Important things I need to know
To bring me hope and cheer.
Put Your arm around my shoulder
When my way seems tough and bleak,
You know how much I need your help
When I feel tired and weak.
So bless me with Your Presence, Lord,
It fills my heart with song
And life is so much better
When You're with me all day long.
Amen



'Call to me and
I will answer you
and tell you things
you do not know.'
Jeremiah 33:3

The Cue

Don't sit and bemoan
That you've older grown,
For what would the alternate be?
Do you realize
It is really not wise
To pity yourself with 'poor me?'

For every long day
When you feel this way
You've wasted some valuable time
To make your life glad
And improve it a tad
So you'll have more strength for the climb.

There're things you can do
If you'll just take the cue
To start every day with a prayer,
Then you'll have a Friend
And your heart He will mend,
And you'll feel His love and His care.

Look to the Lord
and his strength;
seek his face always.
Psalm 105:4



Job

I've thought about Job and what he went through;
With all of his losses he must have felt blue.
On top of all that he had boils on his skin--
This went on for weeks, but he still didn't sin.

His friends were no comfort and even his wife
Told Job to curse God and so end his life.
But Job knew his Maker. He still would not sin
And somehow this struggle he knew he would win.

His life changed around when he prayed
for his friends
And that's just the way that this true story ends.

Now this makes me wonder if this is a clue
When we're facing problems just what we should do.
Job's answer sounds simple, and yet to the point,
Pray much for your friends when your life's
out of joint.



Job 42:10

Altars

All altars aren't in churches, friend,
they're really everywhere
That someone thinks upon his God
and breathes a trusting prayer.
It's nice to go to church you know,
and worship once a week,
But God's not just in churches
where you hear the pastor speak.

God really talks to lots of folks
above their kitchen sink
Or while they're riding in their car--
more places than you think.
Don't limit God to just one place
and think that's where you pray,
No matter where on earth you are
He hears the words you say.



The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. Psalms 145:18

The Talkers

It seems some folks don't say too much
but others love to talk
And they have fun just greeting folks
while on their daily walk.
Sometimes I wonder, could it be
the silent folks are sad
Because they really have no friends
to love and make them glad?
Some folks will talk to idols
but their voice is never heard;
Some even talk to teddy bears
that answer not a word.

Some other folks talk to themselves
and ruminate on stuff
But all these tactics people try
don't seem to be enough
To give a fella' peace of mind
and satisfy his soul
Though they have been around the world
and searched from pole to pole.
But some have learned a secret
and they know
just where to start
For Jesus is their
closest Friend
and they talk
heart to heart.

Trust in him at all times,
... pour out your hearts to
him for God is our refuge.
Psalm 62:8





Runnin' Away

When you find that life is tough and mean
and things don't go your way
I wonder if you're tempted
to pack up and run away.
You'd like to stop the world awhile
and have it let you off
Because you're tired of aches and pains
and have a hacking cough.

You're also tired of paying bills
and fixing stuff that breaks--
Your family doesn't realize
just how much grace it takes.
So when you're in a fix like this
and feel like giving up
Tell God what's in your heart and mind.
He just might fill your cup.

Cast your cares on the Lord
and he will sustain you Psalm 55:22

Speed Bumps

Sometimes our road is hard and long,
we're not on Interstate
Where one can go full speed ahead
and cruise along just great.
At times we've speed bumps on the road
which slow us down a tad;
It's tough to keep a happy heart
when things are going bad.

Some illnesses and other stuff
can throw us for a loop,
We find we're drinking mostly tea
and eating chicken soup.
It's pretty hard to sing and hum
when things like that go wrong,
It's then we need a lot of friends
to help restore our song.

The speed bumps that we hit in life
are bound to slow us up
And so we need to ask the Lord
to please refill our cup.
So if our road is bumpy
and we fear we'll fall apart
We need to pray and trust in God
and keep a tender heart.



Just for God

It seems there comes to each of us
a time when we reflect
On what we want to do in life
and what we should expect.
Some fail to come up with a goal
and kinda' drift, no doubt,
Because they've not discovered yet
what life is all about.

Still others seem to plan ahead
on how to reach the top
And though the road is sometimes tough
they do not want to stop.
And if they have the Lord along
they'll find when they get there
A lot of things will turn out right
because they love and care.

And as I think on this a bit
I'd really like to say:
Do something beautiful for God
today and every day.



The Listener

Have you ever wondered just how many prayers
ascend up to Heaven each day
From hearts that are troubled, and lonely, and sad,
and folks wanting help for today?
I've wondered how God can hear
millions of prayers
and keep every one sorted out--
No matter what language ascends to His Throne
He knows what the prayer is about.
He doesn't just answer the prayers of the great,
ignoring the prayers of the small,
His heart is so big for the whole human race
He listens to any who call.
When I try to figure how God handles this
it simply just boggles my mind,
Amid all this volume God hears every day
a wonderful thing do I find:
God's never too busy to hear when I pray
and give me an answer that's best.
To have a great God take an interest in me
sure gives to my heart peace and rest.

If I rise on the wings
of the dawn, if I settle
on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand
will guide me,
your right hand
will hold me fast.
Psalm 139:9





The news we hear is mostly bad—
it tells of wars and such;
There's not a lot to cheer the soul
if list'ning long and much.
Some folks might think that God is dead
and so He doesn't see
The things that plague us here on earth,
just kinda' lets us be.

But if you're in that sorry lot
and think God doesn't care
I'd say you better change your mind
for He is everywhere.
Though tragedy has struck our land
one thing we know for sure
Is that our God is in control
and always will endure.

Sometimes we look for answers
here and there on planet earth,
Though some of them are helpful,
some others have no worth.
I wonder if we'd pray a lot
and with our heart look up
Then God would tell us what to do
while filling up our cup.

Those Wrinkled Days

Some days are kinda' tough, you know,
when you crawl out of bed
You wonder how you'll make it through
the work that lies ahead.
You know you've been too busy
and your body is worn out
And your soul has been neglected
by this busyness, no doubt.

It's not too good to live like this.
It's not good on the heart
And if you get too busy, folks,
your friends may soon depart
For they have problems of their own
with which they try to cope
And they need some encouragement
to give them joy and hope.

So plan those wrinkled days a bit;
They need not stay like this,
If you'd take time to sing and pray
a lot of stress you'd miss.
Don't carry lots of burdens
that you well could do without
Just put your hand in God's
big Hand,
He'll take the wrinkles out.



Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Answered Prayer

If God would answer all our prayers
with a resounding 'Yes'
I doubt we'd be much happier,
but this is just a guess.
If we'd ask God for lotsa' dough,
a fancy house, and car,
Designer clothes, a bit of fame
so folks know who we are;
And then, of course, we'd want good health
(we'd want no pain or ache),
And could there be no problems, please,
we hate the stress they make.

If God gave all these things to us
I doubt we'd be content;
It might just fill our hearts with pride
because of what He sent.
I'm sure God knows what's best for us,
He'd like to hear us say:

'Lord, You know
what I need the most,
please care for me today.'
God really doesn't need advice
so He'll know what to do,
And if you'll trust to him
your heart
He'll give what's best for you.

Your father knows
what you need
before you ask
Matthew 6:8



God Speaks

God speaks in lots of different ways
to folks down here below
And yet there are some folks who say
they don't believe its so.

I've read in the Old Testament
where God spoke in a cloud
That hovered o'er Mt. Sinai—
and He spoke really loud.

Black smoke ascended from the top,
the mountain even shook;
You'll find this fact in Exodus
if you'll take time to look.

God also speaks through miracles
like Jonah and the whale,
No other man has lived three days
in under-water sail.

It seems to me when we see stars
flung far out into space
We'd know that God was speaking
when He put them all in place.

I could jot down some other things
and make a long, long list
Like birds that sing and flowers that bloom--
I'm sure you get the gist.

But then God speaks another way
if we'll take time to hear,
One has to be quite quiet
so we'll know that He is near.

He has that still, small Voice that says,
'I will give you rest.'
And that's a favorite of mine.
I kinda' like that best.



Thankful Hearts

If your heart is fixed on money
and the things that it can buy
You may not find much peace of mind
no matter how you try.
It's nice to have some ready cash
so when your bills come due
You'll have enough to pay 'em all
and save a little, too.

I'm not too sure all wealthy folk
are happy on this earth
For they have lots of work to do
just counting up their worth.
The Bible says that godliness
and a contented mind
Will make you happy in your heart
and this is quite a find.

So count the blessings that you have,
don't sit around and stew,
For God loves thankful people
and would like to hear from you.

Be joyful always,
pray continually,
give thanks
in all circumstances
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Take Time to Listen

If you're too rushed to listen
you may never hear God's Voice
For God is such a Gentleman
that He gives us a choice
Of whether we will worship Him
and follow Him each day
Or if we'll turn our back on Him
and not His Word obey.

If you don't read your Bible, friend,
and get your facts down straight
It could be you'll be left outside
God's great white pearly gate.
And if you have no Bible
God created lots of stuff
So you would see His handiwork
and that should be enough
To tell you that there is a God
Who is in charge of things
And He would like for you to have
the joy salvation brings.



So listen to His still, small Voice
that whispers deep within,
You'll find that He can
set you free
from all your guilt and sin.

Everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord
will be saved
Romans 10:13