



✝ The 15 Most Powerful Prayers ✝

Powerful Prayers – A Brave Soul

1 The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NMB) New Matthew Bible

⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions like the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ Be not like them therefore. For your Father knows what you need before you ask of him.

⁹ Pray therefore in this manner: O our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

2 Mother Teresa

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

Guide me then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy. Amen

Mother Teresa

3 Psalm 23:1-6

1 (A Psalm of David.) The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

4

O gracious and holy Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to see you,
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saint Benedict

5 Morning Prayer

Thank you for keeping me safe through the night,
please watch over me during the day,
and keep me safe from harm.

Give me strength, O Lord,
so that I may make the right choices,
be kind and good to others.

Please keep my family and friends safe,
throughout the day and into the night,
and please let me always know you are always with me,
guiding me and loving me. In Jesus Christ's name, I pray
Amen.



6

Christ with me, Christ before me,
 Christ behind me, Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
 Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit,
 Christ where I arise,
 Christ in the heart of everyone who
 thinks of me, Christ in the mouth
 of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

Saint Patrick

7 The Serenity Prayer

GOD,
 GRANT ME THE SERENITY
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE;
COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN;
 AND **WISDOM TO KNOW** THE DIFFERENCE.
LIVING ONE DAY AT A TIME,
ENJOYING ONE MOMENT AT A TIME;
ACCEPTING HARDSHIPS
 AS THE PATHWAY TO PEACE;
TAKING, AS HE DID,
 THIS SINFUL WORLD **AS IT IS**,
 NOT AS I WOULD HAVE IT;
TRUSTING THAT HE WILL
 MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT
 IF I **SURRENDER** TO HIS WILL;
 SO THAT I MAY BE
 REASONABLY HAPPY IN THIS LIFE,
 AND SUPREMELY HAPPY WITH HIM
 FOREVER AND EVER IN THE NEXT.

Reinhold Niebuhr

8

Bless all who worship thee,
 from the rising of the sun,
 unto the going down of the same.
 Of thy goodness, give us;
 with thy love, inspire us;
 by thy spirit, guide us;
 by thy power, protect us;
 in thy mercy, receive us,
 now and always.

5th-century prayer

9

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
 Where there is injury, pardon,
 Where there is doubt, faith,
 Where there is despair, hope,
 Where there is darkness, light,
 Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
 much seek to be consoled, as to console,
 not so much to be understood, as to
 understand, not so much to be loved, as
 to love; for it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

10 Psalms 121:1-8

1 (A Song of degrees.) I will lift up mine eyes unto
 the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made
 heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that
 keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither
 slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade
 upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon
 by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he
 shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy
 coming in from this time forth, and even for
 evermore.

11

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, heal me.
 Blood of Christ, drench me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 Good Jesus, hear me.
 In your wounds shelter me.
 From turning away keep me.
 From the evil one protect me.
 At the hour of my death call me.
 Into your presence lead me,
 to praise you with all your saints
 forever and ever. Amen.

Anima Christi



12

May there always be work
for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold
a coin or two.
May the sun always shine
upon your windowpane.
May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend
always be near to you, and
may God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.
Irish Prayer

13

May the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God preserve me today.
May the wisdom of God instruct me,
the eye of God watch over me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God give me sweet talk,
the hand of God defend me,
and the way of God guide me.
Saint Patrick

Numbers 6:22-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance
upon you, and give you peace.
Judeo-Christian Blessing

14

I do not ask to walk smooth paths
Nor bear an easy load.
I pay for strength and fortitude
To climb the rock-strewn road.

Give me such courage I can scale
The hardest peaks alone.
And transform every stumbling block
Into a steppingstone.
Gail Brook Burkett

15

O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully
into my heart. Enlighten the dark
corners of this neglected dwelling
and scatter your cheerful beams.
St. Augustine of Hippo