

## GOD, THE CREATOR

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us,  
and we are his we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Psalms 100:5

### Reflection

How often do you wonder whether the Lord has forgotten you?

### Devotional Thoughts

One of the reasons the rise of Artificial Intelligence is frightening is people fear that machines will turn against us (their creators). Governments turn against the citizens who put them in power more often than not (their creators). This phenomenon is not far-fetched from our Christian experience. We rebelled from our Creator through sin. We wanted to make ourselves into God yet it is He who made us. Our greed took us from His fold. Our forgetfulness was the starting point of misery for all life on earth. Remember your God, it is He who made you.

### Prayer Points

- Enter His gates with thanksgiving
- Come into His courts with praise
- Worship the LORD with gladness
- Acknowledge our Heavenly Father, the LORD is God
- Acknowledge we are the work of His hands

### Concluding Prayer

Gracious God we thank and praise you for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. May our actions bring praise to you and may our being acknowledge you as our Creator. Amen

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## JESUS CHRIST: THE CREATING AND REDEEMING AGENT

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth... And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

John 1:1,14,16

### Reflection

Who is Christ?

### Devotional Thoughts

All other religions and spiritualities advocate for good deeds and works to get you into paradise; however, Christianity presents another reality. The Creator of the world clothed Himself in humanity and dwelt among us. Not only did He make His dwelling among us but also worked out our redemption. All through the Old Testament, man had to make sacrifices for the cleansing of sins but it was never enough. God sent His Son to do what no human could do. No amount of good works and deeds could/can redeem us. Only the work of God could redeem us. Only God can redeem us from sin and the afflictions of sin through Christ.

### Prayer Points

Proclaim that:

- Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the Eternal God, the sovereign King and Ruler of all
- He is the Alpha and Omega, the Author of salvation
- He was before all things and by Him were all things made and by His Word all things hold together
- We were predestined in Christ, for in love, God chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blame
- Pray for the salvation of our family members who do not know Him.
- Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be preached in all the places where we have influence, and that people will come to know Him.
- Pray that children, youth, and adults will have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.
- Pray that we will trust in Jesus daily.

## Prayer

Almighty God, You who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: thank You for seeing us fit to share in the divine life of He who humbled Himself to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus Christ. Draw us nearer to Him so that we may enjoy the fullness of His work in our redemption. Amen.

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Arise and Shine  
Isaiah 60:1

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:4-5

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12

### Reflection

Imagine the world being forever shrouded in darkness. What would you do differently? What would you fear?

### Devotional Thoughts

The Hebrew day starts at 6pm. The observation is tied to the Genesis account of creation "evening passed and morning came, marking the first day" (Gen 1:5). Symbolically, the day beginning in darkness brings forth the reality of a world without Christ – a world plunged in darkness. The morning, is met with the joy and thanksgiving for the light; the light of the sun and the light of the Son. Upon the Fall in Genesis 3 and eventually Christ's death, the world was plunged into darkness. The light of the world had been plunged into darkness. The world had lost its color. Christ overcoming darkness was not only symbolic but also ushers us into a new dawn and reality where the terrors of the night have no power over us.

### Prayer Points

- Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the bright and morning star who stepped into our dark world to redeem us
- Thank God for grace upon grace that we have received in and through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world
- Pray that God will open the eyes of our hearts to behold His glory revealed through Jesus Christ, the Uplifted Open Door
- Proclaim Jesus Christ, the Light that gives us the light of life over our families, businesses and the nations of the world
- Decree and declare Matt 4:16, "... the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a Light has dawned."



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## Prayer

Lord, thank You for lighting up my dark world. Thank You, for in You I know that even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for You are with me. Shine your light upon my darkest days and darkest thoughts. Amen.



## IMMANUEL - GOD WITH US

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

### Reflection

Have you ever (accidentally) mixed hot water and oil? What was the reaction?

### Devotional Thoughts

Myths and folklore all agree that the combination of divinity with humanity would lead to the death of the human. The idea that God became man was so absurd that it was a key point of disagreement between Christians and heretics in the early church. It was like mixing hot water with oil. Divinity and humanity were two compounds that would violently react upon contact leading to death. Priests in the Old Testament had a rope tied to their feet so that they can be pulled out of the holy of holies in the event that they died in their encounter with the presence of God. Yet, God chose to dwell with us; not only through His Spirit but physically, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

### Prayer Points

- Thank and praise God for making His permanent dwelling with us
- Acknowledge God, desire and long for His presence in this dry and weary land – Ps 42:1-2; 63:1-2
- Acknowledge that it is His presence that gives us rest on every side – Ex 33:14-15
- Command His presence to fill every area and part of our lives, families, homes and, our nation
- Praise and thank God for His enduring presence, He will never leave us nor forsake us.

## Prayer

We give thanks to You God for sending Your Son, Jesus, physically to us. You became human. Who could imagine that God, the truth of eternal life, would become man. Yet in Your grace You chose to dwell in us and vowed to never leave us nor forsake us. Through You, we now enjoy the fullness of Your presence in our waking days as we anticipate the day we reunite with You. Amen



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## CHRIST, THE RESURRECTION

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"  
John 11:25-26

### Reflection

What would your world look like if there was no hope of resurrection after death?

### Devotional Thoughts

We are surrounded by death. Now more than ever, we open our televisions and see death as a norm. Countries are torn in war and civil strife. The world feels darker and gloomier. It is so normal to see death on the news that it is easy to be desensitized to people dying. However, death was not in the created order, God breathed life. To restore mankind to an eternity of peace with God, Christ died and rose again. We, who are in Christ Jesus, have the assurance of eternal life. In and through Christ Jesus, death is not the end!

### Prayer Points

- Acknowledge that Jesus overcame the power of death and the grave and in Him we have passed from death to life
- Give thanks to God for the assurance of salvation in Christ Jesus - 1John 5:11-12
- Thank God for there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus - Romans 8:1-2
- Profess that every power of the enemy has been/and is defeated!
- Proclaim that every barrier and limitation has been broken!
- Declare that out of the ashes we rise and arise by the resurrection power!

## Prayer

Gracious God, thank You for Your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of His Word and the example of His life; for His steadfast obedience, by which He overcame temptation; for His dying, through which He overcame death; and for His rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your Kingdom. Amen.



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## JEHOVAH YESHUA – GOD WHO SAVES

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps 27:1

### Reflection

What do you need saving from?

### Devotional Thoughts

Kenya got independence in 1963. Sixty years later we do not feel as free as we ought to. More and more struggles prop up and one is left to wonder when does it all end. Similarly, in our Christian walk we do not feel the finality of salvation now. Paul calls us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. It feels like what was finished was not really finished; however, IT WAS! The finality of God saving us is not dependent on our current situations and circumstances but the finality of Christ's finished work on the Cross. We might not be rejoicing in the fullness of salvation now but we are existing in it and because of it.

### Prayer Points

- Acknowledge that Jesus is our Lord and Saviour: 'He shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.' - Matt 1:21
- Declare that God is our eternal hope and salvation
- Declare that salvation belongs to our God, found in no other name, but the mighty Name of Jesus!
- Acknowledge that it is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone that we are saved - Eph 2:8-10
- Thank God that those who believe in Him have been given the power to become children of God.
- Acknowledge that Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, is our deliverance from sin, shame and darkness.

## Prayer

God in Your unfailing wisdom, You found us held captive and worked out the path of our salvation. You sent Your Son, who had no sin, to become sin so that we may experience the fullness of Your salvation. We are eternally grateful for Your mercies and the gift of salvation. Amen



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Isaiah 60:1

# JEHOVAH TSIDKENU THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (JER 23:6)

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

## Reflection

What makes you righteous?

## Devotional Thoughts

One of the results of the Enlightenment Age was the attempt to rationalize and make everything logical. The result, in Christianity, is the belief that there are things we can do to become righteous. We believe doing the right things will make us righteous. Don't you think if the Israelites could save themselves, they would have done so before Christ came? (They tried and failed miserably). It is not good deeds that make us righteous but the holy and righteous God through the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. The God who clothed Himself in sin so that we may become His righteousness when we place our faith in Jesus. Through Christ we have been able to access and be clothed in the righteousness that we forsook in Eden.

## Prayer Points

- Thank Jesus for taking up our sin and shame, and clothing us with the righteousness of God.
- Rejoice greatly in the Lord who has clothed you with garments of salvation and covered you with the robe of righteousness – Is 61:10
- Pray that the Lord in His goodness and uprightness will instruct you in His ways of righteousness - Ps 25:8-9
- Pray that God will open your eyes to doing right and pursuing justice for these are the foundations of His throne - Ps 89:14
- Ask the LORD to rid you of self-righteousness, and to help you to act justly, show mercy and walk humbly with Him – Micah 6:8
- Pray that your desire will be to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness - Matt 6:33
- Pray that the LORD GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth in all the earth – Is 61:11



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## Prayer

Holy and righteous Father, You knew that nothing we did could make us right with You. In Your loving mercy, You sent Your only Son to become sin so that we may experience the righteousness that comes by faith through His death and resurrection. Forgive us for the times we have thought that we deserve righteousness because we have been good. Restore in us the reality of our righteousness being found in Christ, and in Him alone, Amen.



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# JEHOVAH NISSI – THE LORD OUR BANNER (VICTORY) EXODUS 17:15

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelations 12:11

## Reflection

What images come to mind when you think of the word 'victory'?

## Devotional Thoughts

Two prominent images of Christ are spread through the Bible; the Lion and the Lamb. Both images narrate the story of Christ's victory. Revelation 5 brings together these images. He is the Lion of Judah and the Lamb who was slain. For the Israelites, the lamb that was slain was their sign of victory over the plague of death. Subsequently, sacrificial worship in the temple involved slaying lambs for atonement. For the new Jerusalem, the roaring lion was the symbol of the final victory. The Lion of Judah is a symbol of power and might – at the sound of His voice every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father, Amen!

## Prayer Points

- Rejoice in your salvation, and in the Name of our God, the Lord our Banner! – Ps 20:5
- Give all the glory and all the honour to the Lord our victory, the One who overcame death, grave, sin and Satan.
- Give thanks to the Lord who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ - 1Cor 15:57-58
- Give thanks to God who leads us in triumphant procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere - 2Cor 2:14
- Praise God that in His faithfulness He makes every obstacle a stepping stone to greater heights and horizons
- Rejoice for in Christ Jesus we are more than conquerors – Rom 8:37
- Give praise to Lord for if He had not been on our side, the enemy would have consumed us alive. He is our help and our refuge – Ps 124
- Praise the Lord for when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord raises a banner against him, protecting our families & nations – Is 59:19



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## Prayer

O God our King, by the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, You conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life. Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise You and to do Your will; and still us to wait for the establishment of Your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# JESUS CHRIST – THE BREAD OF LIFE

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. John 6:35

## Reflection

What is the most important meal to you?

## Devotional Thoughts

Bread is central in the Jewish tradition. It is present at every meal. It is no surprise that the little boy had five loaves. Christ saying He is the Bread of Life had deep cultural implications. He would be present at the table and the central meal at the table. Christ is the Bread of Life that satisfies the human soul to hunger no more. At Eden, man’s sin was both a sin of desiring the physical fruit and a desire to be like God. Christ is the Bread of Life to end all hunger and desire for the fleeting pleasures of this world. He is our all-consuming desire, the end of all the things that do not satisfy. He is the essence of all life and our sustenance. In John 10, we are reminded that in Him, the sheep will always find pasture. Whoever relies on Christ for sustenance will hunger no more!

## Prayer Points

- Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is indeed the Bread of Life. The Bread that came from heaven, those who feed on Him will not die but live – John 6:47-48
- Acknowledge Him as the only and true Source of spiritual and physical nourishment - Matt 6:33
- Praise Him, the all-sufficient One, our all-in-all, the only One who truly satisfies
- Give thanks to Him, He is the Living Word of God, breathing life upon His church - John 6:63
- Thank God for Jesus is our life-sustaining provision, those who look to Him lack no good thing
- Pray: “Lord give us this day our daily bread, satisfy and supply our every need....”
- Pray that you will hunger and thirst for righteousness, God will satisfy your desire for Him – Matt 5:6
- Proclaim that the Lord God is a sun and shield, no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly – Ps 84:11



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## Prayer

All sufficient God, we thank You for through Your Son You have given us the Bread of Life. Help us hunger no more for the desires that easily entangle. Guide us into desiring the Life-giving Bread You supply endlessly. In our satisfaction, open our eyes to those who hunger and thirst for physical bread and for You. May we, extend Your generosity by giving bread to the hungry and pointing them to You who truly satisfies all our hunger and thirst. Amen.



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# JESUS CHRIST - THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

## Reflection

How many times has someone's directions to a destination gotten you lost? How many times has Google Maps led you to a dead end?

## Devotional Thoughts

Simone Weil has said, "though a person may run as fast as he can away from Christ, if it is toward what he considers true, he runs in fact straight into the arms of Christ." Christ is the ultimate GPS who points us to the reality of the world as it was supposed to be. He is the life-giving Word in creation. He is the Open Door that re-establishes access to the Father. Without Christ, we remain unaware of how far we have fallen and we have no leader on the path of righteousness. He guides us to the place where He came from and now permanently resides – next to the Father. He bears the truth of the Father and any rejection of who Christ is, a rejection of truth; therefore, a rejection of the very essence of God.

## Prayer Points

- Honour the Lord Jesus Christ, the anchor of our souls; our Forerunner, who entered the heavenly Sanctuary on our behalf and made a way for us - Heb 6:19-20
- Praise God that when Jesus died, the earthly veil was torn, and the heavenly veil was opened, removing every barrier and blockade that separated us from God
- Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Uplifted Open Door - the only access to God the Father. God sent His Son not to condemn the world but that through Him, the world will be saved (John 3:16-17)
- Therefore, 'Let us approach the throne of God's grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.'
- Pray that God will use you to share the Good News of salvation and open the eyes of one and many to the revelation of His Son Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, Amen.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are grateful that through Your Son we have gained access to Your Kingdom. We were lost in sin but Your Son came and tore the veil to give us the way to You. He showed us the reality of who we were and are without You and who we could be with You. By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to remain faithful followers of Jesus Christ, that we may share in the life everlasting and have a place in Your glorious and eternal Kingdom, Amen.



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# JESUS CHRIST - THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."  
John 10:11

## Reflection

How many people can you confidently say would give their life for you?

## Devotional Thoughts

One of the more profound images we have of a shepherd and their care for the sheep is David with his father's flock. To prove himself worthy to Saul, he recounts his encounters with a lion and bear that threatened to harm his father's flock (1 Sam 17:34-36). He killed both the lion and the bear to protect his father's flock. David was a foretaste and an image-type of the Christ to come. If David in his failures as a human could do so much to protect his father's flock, how much more would Jesus, the perfect Shepherd, do for us?

## Prayer Points

- Honour the great sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ for greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends - John 15:13
- Praise God for He has demonstrated His love for us in this, that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us - Rom 5:8
- Praise God for the Son of Man who came to seek and to save that which was lost
- Honour the great example that Christ our Shepherd has set for us, 'For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give His life a ransom for many' - Mark 9:45
- Acknowledge that the Lord is your Shepherd, you shall not want. He leads, refreshes and guides you in righteousness - Ps 23:1-3
- Acknowledge the presence of the Good Shepherd who protects and cares for His sheep
- Thank the Good Shepherd who anoints your head with the oil of healing and gladness, and causes your cup to overflow
- Thank the Good Shepherd for His goodness and mercy that accompany us all the days of our lives.



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## Prayer

Loving Shepherd, thank You for finding me when I was lost and bringing me into the flock. Thank You for when You saw the wolf coming to kill me, You did not run away like the hired hand. Instead, You laid down Your life so that I may be saved. Draw me closer to You each day and strengthen my resolve to remain in You, my Good Shepherd. Guide those who shepherd us in Your Name and lead us through paths You have led them through. Amen.







# JEHOVAH ROHI – MY SHEPHERD

“I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me.”

John 10:14

## Reflection

Think about that time you were stuck in traffic because everyone wanted to overtake and no one followed either the traffic lights or the people trying to bring order....

## Devotional Thoughts

Hebrew shepherds named each of their sheep a specific name. Interestingly, the sheep would respond to their specific name when the shepherd called them. Sheep are not known for their intelligence yet they know their shepherd’s voice and pay heed to it. The joy of being shepherded is in the trust that the sheep have on their shepherd. The shepherd leads the sheep to lie in green pastures and besides still waters. What greater joy than to know that our Shepherd is the Way, the Truth and the Life?

## Prayer Points

- Rejoice and be glad that the Lord your Shepherd knows and calls you by name - John 10:14
- Desire and pray to know the Lord your Shepherd more and more, and that you will discern His voice more clearly - John 10:27-28
- Ask the Lord to teach you to know His ways, to do His will and to lead you on level ground - Ps 143:10
- Thank God that He will gather the remnant of His flock out of all countries where He has driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase - Jer 23:3
- Give thanks to Him that He will set up shepherds over His flock who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking. - Jer 23:4
- Give thanks that the Lord our Shepherd feeds His flock, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, binds up the broken, brings back those who have strayed, and lost the way.
- As sheep, we are prone to wander. Pray that the Shepherd will continually bind our wandering hearts to Himself with His goodness
- Pray that the Lord our Shepherd may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to obey His commands - 1Kings 8:58

## Prayer

Our Shepherd, thank You for tending and caring for us. Forgive us gracious Shepherd for the many times we have not heeded Your voice. We have often desired to lead ourselves because we get frustrated thinking and feeling that You are not moving fast enough as we would desire. Teach us to follow Your voice and heed Your instructions. Guide us to be sheep that listen and follow You. May the blessings that spring forth from our obedience to You be present in our lives now and in the age to come. Amen.



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# JESUS CHRIST - THE TRUE VINE

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

## Reflection

What does it mean to follow Christ and be like Him?

## Devotional Thoughts

One of the heretical movements that has silently cropped up in Christianity today is the relegation of Christ to being just the salvation agent, only our Saviour. After salvation, most Christians shift their sole attention to the God-head Person of the Holy Spirit as their all-in-all. While this holds true, it is equally important to remember that the Bible clearly reminds us that Christ is not only the Saviour, but also the High Priest of our worship. All our devotion loses meaning if it is not in and through Christ. Christ is and leads the way to the Father. Abiding in Christ is the prerequisite to bearing fruit in the Kingdom of God.

## Prayer Points

- Acknowledge that there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Jesus Christ who gave Himself as a ransom for all - 1Tim 2:5-6
- Reckon that Jesus Christ is the True Vine, planted and tended by God.
- Acknowledge that He is the Source of life for all believers; connected to Him, you draw life from Him for nourishment and to flourish - Acts 17:28
- Seek to walk in Him, remain rooted, built up and established in in faith in Him - Col 2:6-7
- Seek to be and to remain obedient to Him always - John 14:21
- Seek to live a life of surrender to Christ's lordship, for you have been crucified with Him; it is no longer you who lives but Christ who lives in you. - Gal 2:19
- Give thanks that Jesus Christ is the High Priest who sympathizes with our weakness and thus lives forever to make intercession for us - Heb 4:14-15; 7:25
- Receive strength to abide in Christ for it is only in Him that we bear fruit to the Father's glory and approval - John 15:8.
- Give thanks to Him for He chose and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last - John 15:16
- Give thanks for in Christ, God has made us a kingdom of priests to serve Him - Rev 5:20

## Prayer

Most holy and wise God, You saw it fit to send Your Son Jesus Christ that through Him, we can experience the fullness of your grace, mercy, and life in abundance. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to abide in Him, for only through Him can we access the Kingdom. Teach us to see Christ at work in everything we do and may our faithfulness to Him be rewarded with much fruit, fruit that lasts. Amen.



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## JEHOVAH SABAOOTH - THE LORD OF HOSTS (OF HEAVENLY ARMIES)

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

### Reflection

Who fights your battles?

### Devotional Thoughts

Military order is absolute. The commander in chief gives an order and it is followed. Imagine how absolute the military order of heaven is? Psalms 91 reminds us that He will command His angels concerning us to guard us and to keep us in all circumstances. Revelation depicts Christ as the leader of the heavenly army that is set to wage war against the beast and kings of the earth. The access granted by Christ is not only to the Kingdom of God but also to the heavenly armies. As the Lord of heaven's armies, He will fight for us against powers, principalities, demons, and every force of wickedness. He has never lost a battle, He's not about to lose yours, Amen!

### Prayer Points

- Proclaim the Lord is the King of glory! The LORD Almighty, strong and mighty, the Mighty Man of war, LORD mighty in battle - Jehovah is His Name! – Ex 15:3. Psalm 24:10
- Proclaim He is the Sovereign LORD..., nothing is too hard for Him – Jer 32:17, 27
- Pray that all the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the nations will bow before Him for power and dominion belongs to our God and He rules over all – Psalm 22:27-28
- Proclaim great is our LORD and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit – Ps 147:4-5
- Be still. Find rest in Him for the battle is not yours, the battle is the Lord's! The LORD will contend for you, Christ's victory is your victory! – Ex 14:14. 2Chr 20:15,17
- Pray that you will increase in strength and might because the LORD Almighty is with you, God who makes you secure forever – 1Chr 11:9
- The LORD of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our Refuge. Declare, 'Let God arise and His enemies be scattered!' – Ps 46:7, 68:1
- Give thanks to Him for nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

## Prayer

Jehovah Sabaoth, LORD of host, of the heavenly armies, You led the heavenly armies in the battle for our salvation. Keep us safe in Your shadow, protect and deliver us from the fowler's snare and the deadly pestilence. May we find assurance in You that You go before us and fight for us. May we be bold in our testimony of You because we know Your angels protect us from those who seek to bring us harm. Amen.



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## JEHOVAH SHALOM – THE LORD IS PEACE (JUDGES 6:24)

“Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” – John 14:27

### Reflection

What brings you anxiety and unrest?

### Devotional Thoughts

The world is currently plunged in unrest and turmoil. Wars and violence are more common than the peace we desire and we would want to see. Closer home, so many lives have been lost as the citizenry ask for accountability and better governance. It is hard to imagine what peace looks like. Unfortunately, strife is the order of our fallen world as the result of sin and its impact. However, the Good News is that the Prince of Peace descended upon this world and ushered in peace everlasting, peace with God and peace with man. There is peace. There will be peace. A peace accompanied by justice and a renewed life, where there will be no more tears, no more pain and no more darkness – that is His promise (Rev 21:4)! How we ask? But the ‘how’ is our trust and surrender everyday to the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ who makes all things new. The One who says, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you....”

### Prayer Points

- Give glory and honour to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. He is your peace with God, with man and amidst life’s ups and downs.
- Thank God for you have peace with Him through His Son Jesus Christ, for the punishment that brought us peace was laid on Him, by His stripes we are healed – Is 53:4-5
- Seek to know and walk in God’s Word for great peace have they who know His Law, and nothing shall make them stumble – Psalm 119:165
- ‘Those who know Your name Lord will trust in You, for You LORD have never forsaken those who seek You’ (Ps 9:10). Pray to know God more and trust in Him.
- Cast your cares upon the LORD for He cares for you and may His peace that passes all human understanding guard your heart and mind in Him – 1Pet 5:7. Php 4:6-7
- Stay your mind on the LORD, for the LORD will keep Him in peace whose mind is stayed on Him. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD is the Rock eternal – Is 26:3-4
- Praise the LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, for He will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. – Zeph 3:17
- Pray that in holiness you will pursue peace with everyone, and as much as it depends on you, you will live at peace with all men – Ps 34:14. Rom 12:18
- Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you (2Thess 3:16), Amen.

## Prayer

Lord, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us peace with you, with men and with creation. In these trying times we pray that You will lead us into all peace that only comes from You. Calm our anxious thoughts and still our heavy hearts, quiet us with Your love. Make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred, let us 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. Amen



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## JEHOVAH RAPHA – THE LORD WHO HEALS (EX 15:26)

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5

### Reflection

What are you trusting God to heal?

### Devotional Thoughts

James, in his book, tells us to confess our sins to one another and pray for each other so that we may be healed (James 5:16). The first illness that plagues us is sin. Our fall plunged the world into sickness. It was our fall that brought about our pain and suffering. Christ suffered so that we may experience the joy of healing and restoration. Even death, something that seemed the end of all that was good, became a point of healing because Christ Jesus triumphed over death, marking the beginning of new life in Him. Christ restored the wholeness of our body, soul, and spirit. In Christ, though we are outwardly wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed daily and restored to the image we bore at creation.

### Prayer Points

- Praise God, the LORD your Healer - Ex 15:26
- Our greatest malady is sin. Thank and bless the LORD, bless His Name with all that is within you for He is the LORD who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases - Ps 103:1-2
- Confess of any unconfessed sin in your life and repent, turn away from evil and choose to go God's way for in that path there is life, healing and restoration.
- Acknowledge the healing presence of God, the God who is close to the broken hearted and saves those are crushed in spirit - Ps 34:18
- Honour and give thanks to Him who heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds - Ps 147:3
- Thank and praise Him who took your sin and bore your shame on dark Calvary - John 8:36.
- Take all your pain, regrets and disappointments to the Cross of Jesus Christ, for by His wounds you are healed.
- By God's grace, choose to forgive those who have hurt and wronged you, and seek forgiveness from those you have injured and hurt.
- Pray by name for those known to you who need salvation, healing of the soul, heart, body and mind. Our God is able.
- May this be your prayer and song, "Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the one I praise (Jer 17:14), Amen."

## Prayer

God our Healer, the Father of compassion and mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, we humbly ask You to look upon us with the eyes of mercy; heal our broken bodies and wounded spirits, comfort us with Your goodness; preserve us from the temptations of the enemy; and give us patience in our present afflictions. Jehovah Rapha, come and heal our land and in Your good time and in the greatness of our power, restore unto us the fullness and wholeness of our bodies as You created them that we may live to honor Your name and dwell with You in life everlasting. Amen.



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## JEHOVAH JIREH – THE LORD WILL PROVIDE (GEN 22:14)

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:19

### Reflection

How often have you prayed to God for provision then immediately after went out to seek your way through the situation you have just prayed about?

### Devotional Thoughts

The world has slowly convinced us that we are in charge of our “hustle.” The phrase “God helps those who helps themselves,” is not biblical; however, it is a common phrase among Christians. God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak (Is 40:29-31). Christ came so that we may have abundant life. He came so that we His people and the sheep of His pasture, we will always find pasture. Christ outpours His the riches of His abundance to us and our cup overflows. Christ opens the door of the abundance of heaven into our lives. His Kingdom is a kingdom that can never go bankrupt. This is a Kingdom that fed thousands of Israelites consistently in the wilderness for forty years. How big is your need that God through Christ cannot supply?

### Prayer Points

- On the mountain of the LORD, it shall be provided.... You have been on this prayer mountain, receive God’s provision by faith as Abraham did (Gen 22:14. Is 65:24)
- Thank the LORD for His steadfast love, His mercies and grace towards you that are new every morning - great is His faithfulness (Lam 3:22-24).
- Choose a life of faith, not worry - the God who feeds the birds of the air and clothes the grass of the field is your loving Heavenly Father. He will take care of you, worship Him and trust in Him (Matt 6:25-27).
- Seek to live a life of faith and obedience, for the LORD God is a sun and shield, He bestows favour and honour, no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly – Ps 84:11
- Receive the blessing in Is 58:11 and Php 4:19, ‘The LORD will guide you always, He will satisfy you in a sun-scorched land... He shall supply your every need, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- Pray and purpose to be an extension of God’s goodness and gracious generosity to those around you (Pro 11:24-25)
- The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest (Ps 85:12). Pray that God will bless our land, and plenty will abound within our borders.
- Rejoice and be glad child of God; God’s eternal grace, continual provision and all-encompassing wisdom is your portion now and the portion of your children for generations to come – Ps 23:1, 34:5, 37:23.



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## Prayer

Our generous and gracious God, the Father of love, who gives good gifts, and satisfies the desires of our hearts, thank You for granting my requests when I call on you. Lord, may You align my desires to your will, to what is for Your glory and my good. Thank You for You crown us with loving-kindness and tender mercies and satisfy our mouths with what is good. As I wait for your provision and your timing, give me the gift of trust and confidence in your goodness. Glory be to Your name for you liberally supply, fill to the full all our needs according to Your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Amen.





# JESUS CHRIST - THE UPLIFTED OPEN DOOR

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,

'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.'" - Revelation 3:7-8

## Reflection

Imagine a world without doors, how different would life be?

## Devotional Thoughts

In a world where we keep trying to unlock new doors or bring down doors for a better future, it's easy to lose and limit the imagery of the Uplifted Open Door. The most prominent feast of the Israelites, the Passover, featured a door. This door was not only the mark of God's chosen but also a sign of safety (salvation from death), and a turning point in the story in Egypt. Christ came and embraced this symbol and elevated it to new significance. The Uplifted Open Door is a Person - Jesus Christ. Christ marks us as God's chosen people, turning our end that was death to eternal life. He grants unmerited access to the Kingdom of God. No one can shut the door, neither can anyone open it but Christ. Praise God, for through His Son, the door to the Kingdom is wide open for all who believe in Jesus Christ!

## Prayer Points

- Acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, He is the ultimate access to the Living God. He is the DOOR, the access to abundant life (John 10:10b, 14:6)!
- Jesus Christ is the narrow gate that leads to eternal life (Matt 7:13-14); the only authorized access of the sheep (John 16:23-24). Pray that you will abide in Him.
- As the Door, Jesus Christ protects and cares for the sheep, He is your security and the rightful access to the sheep - John 10:28-30
- Proclaim that you are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus - reborn from above, transformed by the Holy Spirit, renewed and ready for good works which God prepared beforehand that you should walk in them - Eph 2:10
- Thank God for the doors He has shut in your life, no man can open; and give Him praise for the doors He has opened no man can shut!
- Rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ for He has opened a great and effective door for you, and in Him you have triumphed despite great opposition - 1 Cor 16:9
- Be glad in Him for by Christ Jesus we have access by faith into the grace of God wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God - Rom 5:2
- Worship Him, for Jesus Christ is highly exalted, worthy of our utmost praise; His Name is the Name above all names - Php 2:9-11
- Praise the Lord Jesus Christ, IN HIM, ALL GOD'S PROMISES ARE 'YES' AND 'AMEN!' - 2Cor 1:20



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## Prayer

Merciful Father, thank You for loving us and sending Your Son to die for our sins. Through His death and resurrection, we now have access into Your Kingdom. Thank You, for through Jesus Christ, the Uplifted Open Door, we share in the foretaste of the Kingdom to come. Help us to remain steadfast as the final Day approaches. May we, on that day, walk boldly through the Door and enjoy eternal life in your presence. Amen.



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## GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. - John 16:13

### Reflection

You receive an invite to the greatest celebration of all time, everyone is attending; however, the directions to the venue are a mystery. What do you do?

### Devotional Thoughts

Looking at the pharisees its hard to imagine how they would misidentify Jesus Christ. Three years of consistent miracles, parables connected to Old Testament prophecies, and multiple testimonies ascertaining that Jesus Christ was the Messiah. Yet, the teachers of the law would rather think Christ was a mad man than admit who He truly was/is. Our situation is not any different from theirs; however, thankfully, Christ left us a Helper. One who will guide us to Him (the truth). One who has authority to reveal the mysteries of God. Christ did not leave us like sheep without a shepherd but sent a Divine Guide who will point us in the right direction!

### Prayer Points

- Acknowledge Him, the Holy Spirit; He is the Spirit of truth who guides you into all truth, pray that you will have a teachable spirit – Ps 143:10
- He comes, only making a dwelling where He is welcome – welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit right where you are – Rev 3:20. Acts 2:1-4
- Acknowledge that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives within you, you are not your own.... – 1Cor 6:19-20
- Repent and ask the Lord to forgive you when you have grieved and quenched His Spirit within you through rebellion and disobedience – Eph 4:30
- Pray that God will draw you and many by His Spirit to Himself – John 6:44
- Pray that your ears will be open to the voice of God, the voice of truth, the voice of His Spirit and that by His Spirit you will walk in obedience – Is 50:4-7
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to the truth of God's Word, that He will enlighten the eyes of your understanding – Ps 119:18. Eph 1:17-18
- He is the breath of God, the Spirit of life who breathes new life upon dry bones. By His power, prophesy new life upon yourself, your marriage, and your family; your business, His Church, and our nation – Eze 37:9-10
- Thank Him for He reveals to you the purposes and plans of God concerning you – 1Cor 2:9
- He empowers you for service, ask God to clothe you with His Spirit, filling you afresh to overflowing to do His will – Acts 1:8. Eph 5:18
- Desire a closer walk with God by the Holy Spirit – He is upon you, He is with you, and He is in you. He is your all in all – John 14:17, 26 – John 14:17, 26



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## Prayer

Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling Presence, Person and Power of Your Holy Spirit, we may be drawn closer to You for a deeper and intimate walk with You. May the eyes of our understanding be enlightened, and may we be endued with power from on high, strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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