

## Classic Prayers of Scripture

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<i>Text</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>Contributor</i>
1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer after asking God for a son. What a woman! To then devote this child to service for the Lord! Eli had thought she was drunk when she first prayed for this baby, but she told him that she was just distraught and was praying very fervently. God hears the prayers of His people!	CW
2 Samuel 7:18-29 (see also 1 Chronicles 17:16-27)	David's response to God's covenant promises	CHC
2 Samuel 12:13	David's confession to Nathan, leading to his prayer of repentance. "for I have sinned against the Lord"...the greater the transgression, the greater the grace. (Means there's hope for even ME!!)	MW
2 Samuel 22	David praises God for delivering him. Beautiful imagery.	JP
1 Kings 8:22-54 (see also 2 Chronicles 6:12-42)	The beautiful prayer of the dedication of the temple	CHC
2 Kings 6:18	Elisha's prayer against the king of Aram. It's brief, to the point, and effective!	CHC
2 Kings 19:14-19 (see also Isaiah 37:14-20)	Hezekiah's prayer when under threat from Assyria. This prayer bears some resemblance to the prayer in Acts 4:24-30.	CHC
1 Chronicles 29:10-19	David's prayer of thanksgiving for stirring the hearts of the people to give to the temple. David recognizes that everything is from God and belongs to God. David prays for Solomon to have a whole heart and keep God's commandments.	JP
1 Chronicles 29:19	David's prayer for his son, Solomon, is a great place to start our thinking as parents praying for their children.	LF
Ezra 9:5-15	Ezra's prayer of confession pertaining to the sins of intermarriage with unbelievers.	CHC
Nehemiah 1:4-11	Nehemiah's prayer of confession and petition, asking God that would grant him compassion before Artaxerxes.	CHC
Nehemiah 2:4	Nehemiah's one-half verse prayer on the fly. No details are given, but it's still impressive.	CHC
Job 42:2-6	Job's final prayer of repentance and confession.	GS
Psalms 25	David asks God to lead him in truth and	JP

	remembers God's steadfast love.	
Psalms 31	David trusts in and waits upon the Lord, who has everything under His sovereign control. See especially v. 14	JP
Psalms 43	A fervent prayer for vindication from the oppression of the unjust.	GS
Psalms 51	David's prayer of confession, in which he asks God to be gracious to him and give him a clean heart. See especially v. 10. Regarding the whole psalm, " <i>What powerful words from a humble and contrite heart!</i> "	JP, WB, CW
Isaiah 38:3	Hezekiah's prayer after learning of his imminent death as related to him by Isaiah; his prayer reminding God that he walked in truth and with a perfect heart before Him.	WB
Isaiah 64	A prayer for God's intervention and mercy. Includes confession of sin. Begins with an acknowledgment that God does unexpected things for those who wait on Him	GS, JP
Jeremiah 32:16-25	Jeremiah's prayer of confusion when God instructed him to buy property during the siege of Jerusalem. It is a beautiful prayer exalting God and his power and attributes. It ends abruptly: <i>the Chaldeans are at the gates, and You told me to buy property?</i>	CHC
Daniel 6:10	A prayerful case of civil disobedience (see Daniel 6:4-9 to get the context). Would I risk my life simply to pray?	CHC
Daniel 9:3-19	Daniel's prayer of confession on behalf of Israel. I'm partial to prayers of confession.	CHC
Jonah 2:1-9	Jonah's prayer of confession and submission	CHC
Habakkuk 3:1-19	Habakkuk's plea for mercy, and confession of commitment. Habakkuk presents God as the sovereign over the creation and the nations, who saves His people. And yet Habakkuk is willing to praise God in the day of distress, even when he knows temporal judgment is coming and he must wait for it. An incredible prayer.	CHC
John 17:20-26	Jesus' prayer for His people. Try putting your name in the prayer!	PE
Ephesians 1:15-19a	Paul's prayers for the Ephesians. In the midst of a day of persecution, poverty, inadequate medical	CHC

	care, etc, it is instructive (and convicting) to see how Paul prayed for others.	
Philippians 1:9-11	Paul's prayer for the Philippians.	CHC
Colossians 1:9-12	Paul's prayer for the Colossians	CHC
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12	Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians	CHC
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## Prayer Testimonies

(All testimonies will remain anonymous. Listed in order of submission.)

*These prayers remind me of God's power, forgiveness, sovereignty, and deliverance. Many years ago, my prayers were mainly about how God could help me with whatever was an issue in my life at the time. I wanted what I felt would make me the most comfortable and provide the quickest relief. Over the years, as I have grown to love and trust Christ more and more, my prayers have changed as well. I have seen God's providence unfold while He has guided and changed me. He has given me peace and joy, even during struggles. I have learned daily dependence on His mercy and grace while I give Him all the cares that come my way. I have learned that I do not need to try to have things work out how I think they should, or according to my timetable, since God does not make mistakes like I do. What God has planned will come to pass and His timing is perfect. He has everything under His sovereign control, and He can do anything. He has displayed His power in ways that I could never have thought of or imagined. I am glad He chose His plans over mine, and I know I can trust Him. He has proven His ongoing faithfulness. I pray that He would help me love Him and others more and more and that He would help me have the right heart, priorities, motives and attitudes in all I do as He faithfully directs my steps. I don't merely want to display the outward behavior - I want the right heart so that the result will be genuine. God does not always change our circumstances, but he gives us the strength to endure what comes our way. When I start to waver, these prayers bring to mind God's faithfulness.[Submitted 6/5/2012]*

*The prayer I probably pray and relate to the most is Psalm 51. There is a permanent crease in all of my Bibles on this page. It is such a true prayer and David (and the Holy Spirit ) expressed repentance and pain so well. And then you can feel the joy returning. It is such an encouragement when I have been troubled by sin, especially those I seem to struggle with the most. God is faithful even when I am not. And His forgiveness is what makes EVERYTHING worthwhile. I have learned what true repentance means through this Psalm. Not just saying I am sorry but changing through God's grace and mercy. [Submitted 6/11/2012]*

*John 17:20-26 is a very personal prayer from Christ for me. I have even placed my name in the scripture. How awesome to know He prayed especially for me! When I am discouraged this scripture helps.[Submitted 7/11/2012]*