

Mornings *with* God

Prayers and Devotions
for Women

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INTRODUCTION

As women seeking to live out our faith in a busy world, we simply must begin each day in the presence of God. He longs to make

Himself known to us. *Mornings with God* is a collection of prayers, scriptures, and brief devotions to help you start each morning with the Lord. As you read the prayer selections, make them your own.

Meditate on the scriptures. You may wish to keep a journal on hand to record your personal thoughts.

God loves you, and He desires daily fellowship with you. You are a daughter of the King of kings. Begin each morning with your Father.



And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mark 1:35



*A Joy-Filled
Morning*



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JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

Good morning, God! How many nights will I cry myself to sleep before I remember that Your Word promises joy when I wake? In the darkness of the night, my troubles seem insurmountable. But they're not. Everything seems fresh in the morning. I realize once again that together, we can do this. Thank You, Father, for a new day! May I discover true joy in it. Amen.



When worry overwhelms you in the darkness, trust what God has shown you to be true in the light.
Each day His mercies are new!



*Weeping may endure for a night,
but joy cometh in the morning.*
Psalms 30:5



Thank You, Father, for Your Word, which teaches me how to experience true joy. This world sends me a lot of messages through the media and through those who do not know You. I have tried some of the things that are supposed to bring joy, but they always leave me empty in the end. Thank You for the truth. Help me to abide in You, that I might be overflowing with joy. Amen.

Did you realize that Jesus Christ wants you to be *full* of joy? Even *overflowing* with joy? Read John 15, which teaches how to be joy-filled.

*These things have I spoken unto
you, that my joy might remain in
you, and that your joy might be full.
John 15:11*



Those who trust in the name of
the Lord are set apart. There is
joy in the countenance of a believer
that does not shine forth from
the face of the hopeless.

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JOY IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Father, this morning I meet You here for just a few moments before the busyness of the day takes over. I trust You. It is not always easy to trust, but You have proven trustworthy in my life. I find joy in the knowledge that You are my defender. You go before me this day into battle. I choose joy today because I love the name of the Lord Almighty. Amen.



What joy there is in this: if you are a daughter of the sovereign God, you never have to wonder if He will be there for you. He is trustworthy.



But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalms 5:11



JOYFUL REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Lord, there are days when I can't help but rejoice in what You are doing. But many times the daily grind is just rather humdrum. There is nothing to rejoice about, much less give thanks for! Or is there? Help me, Father, to be joyful and thankful every day. Each day is a gift from You. Remind me of this truth today, and give me a joyful, thankful heart, I ask. Amen.



Do you know someone who is always wearing a smile? That individual has made a choice to be joyful regardless of circumstances. Choose to have a joyful, thankful attitude.



Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16–18



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NO MORE SORROW

Jesus, Your disciples were dismayed. You told them You were going away but that You would see them again. Those men had walked and talked with You. You were their leader, their friend. How lost they must have felt at Your crucifixion! But three days later. . . Wow! Lord, You turn mourning into rejoicing. Help me to trust in this. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.



Today your heart may be heavy with loss or longing. One day there will be no more sorrow, only joy! Claim this promise from God's Word.



And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

John 16:22



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Acts 2:28



Glorify the Lord





GLORIFYING GOD IN MY WORK

God, today as I work both in my home and outside of it, may my attitude glorify You. I am not of this world, but I am in it, and often it has too much influence on me. May I think twice before I grumble, Father, about the tasks set before me this day. I will choose to work as unto my Father, and may my countenance reflect Your love to those around me. Amen.



God ordained that humankind should work and then rest. He modeled this for us in His creation of the world. Work. . .because God calls us to do so.



*And whatsoever ye do,
do it heartily, as to the Lord,
and not unto men; knowing
that of the Lord ye shall receive
the reward of the inheritance:
for ye serve the Lord Christ.
Colossians 3:23–24*



God, I have not been put on this earth to serve myself. It is not all about me. Sometimes I forget that! Service is what this life is all about, isn't it? Father, give me opportunities to show love to others today. Make every moment a "God moment." Help me to be aware of the many needs around me. Create in me a heart that loves others and puts them ahead of myself. Amen.

Consider your motive for service.
Are you serving others because
you want to be noticed for your
kindness? Or are you serving others
in love and true compassion?

*By love serve one another.
For all the law is fulfilled in
one word, even in this; Thou shalt
love thy neighbour as thyself.
Galatians 5:13–14*

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Matthew 25:40



PUTTING GOD FIRST

Father, a glance at my bank statement causes me to shudder. Where does my money go? Am I too concerned with what the world says I must possess to be cool, to fit in, to appear successful? Your Word says that I cannot serve both material wealth and You. I choose You, Lord. Be the master of my life and of my checkbook. I need Your help with this. Amen.



God knows this world sends you a lot of messages. He understands temptation. Call on Him to help you make wise financial decisions. Put Him first, and He will provide all that you need.



No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
Matthew 6:24



Jesus, like the good Samaritan in Your parable, may I too show mercy. Some may never enter the doors of a church, but what a difference an act of grace could make! Put before me opportunities to show unmerited favor. That is, after all, what You have shown to me. You died for my sins. I never could have earned salvation. It is a free gift, an act of grace. Make me merciful. Amen.

Two other men saw the man who had fallen among thieves. Will you pass by, as they did, when you see someone in need? Or will you show mercy like the good Samaritan?

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him.

*Then said Jesus unto him,
Go, and do thou likewise.*

Luke 10:36–37

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USE ME, LORD

*Savior, You laid down Your life for me.
You died a horrible death upon a cross.
It was death by crucifixion, which was
reserved for the worst of criminals. And
You had done nothing wrong. You came
into the world to save us! You gave Your
very life for us. Jesus, take my life. Use me
for Your kingdom's work. Only in losing
my life for You will I save it. Amen.*



Jesus was a servant-king. The world
looked for grandeur but found Him
riding on the back of a donkey and
ministering to society's lowlifes.

Serve as Jesus modeled.



*For whosoever will save his life
shall lose it; but whosoever shall
lose his life for my sake and the
gospel's, the same shall save it.*

Mark 8:35



A GIVING HEART

*Father, may I be honest? Sometimes
I don't feel like serving. They keep asking
if I will help with this or that at church.
And there is always a collection being
taken up. Can't I just focus on me?
I have my own needs! But oh, the peace
I feel when I lay my head on my pillow
at night knowing I have loved with
action, with sacrifice. Make me a
giver, I ask. Amen.*



The very richest people in the world
are those who give it all away. There
is a joy in generosity that the stingy
forfeit with every coin saved.



*Remember the words of the Lord
Jesus, how he said, It is more
blessed to give than to receive.
Acts 20:35*



Father, I tend to seek the glory for myself. It is human nature, I know, but I want to be different. I am Your daughter. Let me shine, and when others ask me, "Why the smile?" or "Why the good deeds?" let me point them to You. You are the source of all that is good in me. You have given me each ability I have. May I reflect Your love through my good works. Amen.

Always point others to your heavenly Father when they notice you. There is nothing good in you without Him.

*Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your good
works, and glorify your Father
which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16



*Nearest and
Dearest*

