20 Verses to Pray

When Praising God for Who He is and Thanking God for What He Does

The Bible tells us to enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. There's no better way to enter a time of prayer than praising God for **Who He is** and thanking Him for **what He does**. Let's use the following verses to do just that.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:4-5

Praise God for Who He is

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. Isaiah 25:1

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High. Psalm 7:17

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. Psalm 28:7

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Psalm 103:1

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. Psalm 145:3

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Psalm 34:1

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14

My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long. Psalm 71:8

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Psalm 145:1

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise? Psalm 106 1-2

Thank God for What He's Done

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1 106:1

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy. Psalm 107:21-22

All verses are taken from the NIV translation.