



Let us

PRAY

BECOMING A HOUSE OF PRAYER

YANCEY:

“Prayer means keeping company with God who is already present.”

- Philip Yancey, *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*

1 PETER 3:12 ESV

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

MATTHEW 22:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

PSALM 103 ESV

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PSALM 103 ESV

- 6 The LORD works righteousness
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- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
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nor will he keep his anger forever.

PSALM 103 ESV

- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

PSALM 103 ESV

- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
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¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
- ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

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you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

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PASSAGE OUTLINE

The King of My Soul. Psalm 103:1-5

The King of Our Family. Psalm 103:6-19

The King of All Creation. Psalm 103:20-22

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SPURGEON:

“Thank him; praise him; bless him. Begin your days with blessing him. Begin your meals with blessing him. Go not to your beds without blessing him. Wake not in the morning without blessing him. Even at dead of night, if you lie sleepless, still bless him. Oh, what happy lives we should live if we were always blessing him! Let us resolve to institute a new era, and from this hour commence the age of praise.”

Spurgeon, C. H. (1890). [The Keynote of the Year](#). In *The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Sermons* (Vol. 36, p. 8). London: Passmore & Alabaster.

2 CHRONICLES 32:24-26

²⁴ In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and he prayed to the Lord, and he answered him and gave him a sign. ²⁵ But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem. ²⁶ But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

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ATTENTION THROUGH ADORATION

We adore You, God, for...

- Your character
- Your work (personally and corporately)
- Your role as King over all

Express your love to God because He has first loved you.

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