



50 Popular Psalm Passages for Prayer & Worship (ESV)

Psalm 1:1-3 – *“¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”*

Psalm 5:3 – *“³O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.”*

Psalm 9:1-2 – *“¹I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. ²I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”*

Psalm 16:8 – *“⁸I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.”*

Psalm 16:11 – *“¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

Psalm 19:14 – *“¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”*

Psalm 23:1-6 – *“¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

Psalm 27:4 – *“⁴One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.”*

Psalm 27:13-14 – *“¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! ¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”*

Psalm 30:5 – *“⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”*

Psalm 31:1-2 – *“¹In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!”*

Psalm 34:1-3 – *“¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!”*

Psalm 34:8 – *“⁸Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!”*

Psalm 37:4 – *“⁴Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*

Psalm 37:23-24 – *“²³The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; ²⁴though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.”*

Psalm 39:4-5 – *“⁴O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! ⁵Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!”*

Psalm 40:1-3 – *“¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.”*

Psalm 42:1 – *“¹As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.”*

Psalm 42:5 – *“⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation.”*

Psalm 46:10 – *“¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*

Psalm 51:7-12 – *“⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”*

Psalm 51:15 – *“¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.”*

Psalm 55:12 – *“¹²Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.”*

Psalm 61:1-5 – *“¹Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; ²from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, ³for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. ⁴Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! ⁵For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.”*

Psalm 73:25-26 – *“²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

Psalm 81:10 – *“¹⁰I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”*

Psalm 84:11 – *“¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.”*

Psalm 85:6 – *“⁶Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”*

Psalm 90:14-17 – *“¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!”*

Psalm 100:1-2 – *“¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! ²Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing.”*

Psalm 103:1 – *“¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!”*

Psalm 107:8-9 – *“⁸Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.”*

Psalm 118:24 – *“²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

Psalm 119:11 – *“¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”*

Psalm 119:18 – *“¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.”*

Psalm 119:37 – *“³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.”*

Psalm 119:55 – *“⁵⁵I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law.”*

Psalm 119:105 – *“¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

Psalm 119:147-148 – *“¹⁴⁷I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. ¹⁴⁸My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.”*

Psalm 127:3-5 – *“³Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”*

Psalm 136:1 – *“¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”*

Psalm 138:2 – *“²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.”*

Psalm 138:8 – *“The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.”*

Psalm 139:23-24 – *“²³Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”*

Psalm 141:1-3 – *“¹O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! ²Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! ³Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!”*

Psalm 143:8 – *“⁸Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.”*

Psalm 145:8 – *“⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”*

Psalm 146:1-2 – *“¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.”*

Psalm 147:10-11 – *“¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, ¹¹but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.”*

Psalm 150:6 – *“⁶Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!”*