

## **When You Don't Know What To Pray**

(From Sylvia Gunter, The Father's Business Newsletter)

Have you ever been so burdened by a problem that you say, "I just don't even know what to pray?" When the circumstances of life seem too big or complex to comprehend, shift your focus to who God is by praying God's character.

*For every circumstance I believe and proclaim...*

God is sovereign. All authority and all power is His. **Matt 28:18.**

Nothing takes Him by surprise. All circumstances serve Him. God knows the end from the beginning. **Ps 119:91, Isa 46:9-10.**

His word is forever settled in heaven. **Ps 119:89.**

God does all things for our good and His glory, to conform us to be like Jesus. **Rom 8:28-29**

The blood of Jesus covers all circumstances, people, places, and times. The One who did not spare His own Son will freely give us all His best. **Rom 8:31-32.**

God is for us and nothing can separate us from His love. That was settled on the cross. **Rom 8:35-39.**

God's lovingkindness never ceases. His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness. **Lam 3:22-23.**

God supplies all our needs by His riches in Christ Jesus. **Phil 4:19.**

God knows and cares. The very hairs of our head are numbered. **Matt 10:30.**

He is God of all comfort and Father of mercies. **2 Cor 1:3-4.**

God is able to supply His abundant grace to us, so that in all things, at all times, we have all His sufficient grace we need for strength, encouragement, and hope. **2 Cor 9:8.**

God is able to show His perfect power in our weakness. **2 Cor 12:9-10.**

We can know with certainty that He is able to guard what we have entrusted to Him. **2 Tim 1:12.**

He is our strength, our shield, our strong tower, our refuge, our hope, our joy, our peace, our all. **Ps 18:1-3, Col 3:11b.**

God renews our strength as we wait on Him. **Isa 40:31.**

God promises that He never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is with us, a very present help. **Heb 13:5-6, Ps 46:1.**

God never goes back on a promise. **Josh 21:45.**

God has a heart that tears can touch and invites us to climb up in the Father's lap and cry. **Heb 4:15, Ps 56:8.**

God gives gladness instead of mourning and praise instead of fainting. Weeping endures for a night, but He gives joy that comes in the morning. **Isa 61:3, Ps 30:5.**

God is enthroned on the praises of His children. **Ps 22:3.**

When we lift God up continually in a sacrifice of praise, we glorify Him in this situation in the here-and-now. **John 12:28a.**

## **15 Ways to pray to be mighty in the Lord**

(From John Piper)

1. Lord, make me so mighty in wisdom that I know and taste that the height of might is childlikeness. **Matthew 18:4**
2. Lord, make me so mighty in war that I defeat every impulse in my soul that destroys peace. **Hebrews 12:14; Romans 14:19; Matthew 5:9**
3. Lord, make me so mighty in my hardness against bitterness that tenderness of heart is not destroyed by wounds. **Hosea 11:8; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8**
4. Lord, make me mightily unbending and inflexible in my Christ-exalting resolve to bend and become all things to all people that I might save some. **1 Corinthians 9:22**
5. Lord, make my trunk and branches so mightily tough and impervious to wind and drought that I never cease to bear the fruit of gentleness. **Galatians 5:23; James 3:17; 1 Peter 3:4**
6. Lord, make me so mighty in serpentine discernment that I see every opening for dove-like love. **Matthew 10:16**
7. Lord, make me so mightily unmoved by the sting and deceits of injustice against me that I may feel and show the miracle of undeserved compassion. **Luke 10:33 & 15:20; Hebrews 10:34; 1 Peter 3: 8**
8. Lord, make me so mightily unyielding to the enticements of selfishness that from my heart kindness forever flows. **2 Corinthians 6:6; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12**
9. Lord, make me so mightily unresponsive to the honeyed lure of self-pity that I may have ever-replenished resources to return good for evil. **Romans 12:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; 1 Peter 3:9**
10. Lord, make me mighty with ruthless courage to cut off my hand at every trace of greed that I may be content with what I have. **Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:8; Hebrews 13:5**
11. Lord, make me mighty with happy thoughts of child and wife and King to tear out my eye lest I betray their trust and lose the purity that sees my God. **Matthew 5:8, 29**
12. Lord, make me so mighty against the powers of self-justification that I never lose the humility to repent and weep for my sin. **James 4:9, 5:16**
13. Lord, make me so mighty in resisting the bait of frenzied productivity that I never cease to enjoy the still waters of prayer and your sweet presence. **Psalms 23:2; Isaiah 46:10; Luke 10:42**
14. Lord, make me so mighty against the deadly undertow of self-reliance that I am never ashamed to trust your arm, like a child with his father, in every breaking wave. **Psalms 37:3; Proverbs 3:5; Galatians 2:20**
15. Lord, make me so mighty in seeing and mighty in savoring the promises of your sovereign grace that in all my sorrows I might never cease to sing your praise. **Matthew 5:11-12; Acts 16:25; 2 Corinthians 6:10; 1 Peter 4:13**