THE LITTLE BOOK OF PERSONAL PRAYERS

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God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter ch.4 v.10

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However, my thanks must go to Liz for her idea, to Rick, Barry, Jean and Dana for their encouragement to bring this little book to completion "But forget all that - it is nothing compared to what | am going to do. For | am about to do something new. See, | have already begun! Do you not see it?"

|saíah ch. 43 vs 18 & 19

The Lord says, "For I am about to do something new see I've already begun! Do you not see it!" (Isaiah 43 v 19)

How wonderful Lord, make us ready, prepare us for the ministry you have for each of us in your new Avenue so that your love is shown, your Kingdom grown and your Glory known. Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good!

Genesís ch. 1 v. 31a

Great Creator God,

Thank you so much for our beautiful planet, for the wonderful range of plants and trees – the lovely yellow daffodils and white snowdrops that come out to cheer us after a dark cold winter – such a great idea!

Thank you so much for the wonderful range of animals - can't quite see the reason for ants, but know you have one and giraffes make me laugh and wonder! Thank you that we are finding new wonders as we go deeper into the oceans – Lord, they are beautiful.

Thank you so much for the wonderful range of humans – no-one the same, different coloured hair, eyes and skin – again how beautiful. May we see each other through your eyes. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of services, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Corinthians ch. 12 vs. 4-7

Great Creator and Generous God, who blesses us with all good gifts. I thank you so much for all those in my church family who aid my Sunday worship, for the musicians who sing and play instruments, for those whose gifts are poetry, for those who hear and then tell us what you are saying. Thank you for those who tell us what's going on each week and those who lead us to pray for each other either with word spoken or word written.

Thank you for those who make the sanctuary beautiful with flowers and work hard to keep it clean, for those who show us to our seats and welcome strangers, who turn the microphones on and display the hymns.

So many people Lord, what a long list, thank you again for everyone of them and through their efforts, may your Name be glorified, your love shown and your Kingdom extended. Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother spoke up, "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

John ch.6 vs 8 & 9

Dear Lord, I remember a boy who gave you his lunch – just five loaves and two fishes. Nothing fancy, but it was all he had and he wanted you to have it.

My life is nothing fancy, just like meat and two veg. It's all I am, but I want you to have it, use it to feed whoever you want, just so long as it brings you glory! For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John ch. 3 v 16

O Great I AM, Creator God of all there is, I don't come boldly into your presence, but I do come holding my Jesus' hand tightly and bow before you to ask your forgiveness.

Thank you so much that you sent Jesus, part of yourself, to come and die for me so that I can have your forgiveness, free to me but so very costly to you

O Father God, by your Spirit, help me not to mess up again so often. I want my life to bring you honour and glory, For Jesus' sake, And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven.

2 Thessaloníans ch. í v 7a

Dear Father God, I pray for those working for you in difficult circumstances, helping the poor, healing the sick and rescuing the enslaved.

Grant them your strength to persevere, your comfort to console, your love to warm and your blessing to encourage.

> In Jesus' name, Amen

And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind, unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!

|saíah ch. 35 vs 5 & 6

Dear Jesus, Dearest Messiah, who made the blind to see, the lame to walk, the dead to rise, please I pray, in your church, make the blind see, the deaf hear, make us who are lame in our comfort and apathy, get up and walk out for you, and please raise the spiritually dead to new life in you.

In your precious name, we pray so that all honour and glory to you. Amen

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You gave me life and showed me your unfailing love. My life was preserved by you care

Job ch.10 v.12

Dear Father God,

Bless us today with your presence, for in your presence is peace, safety, provision, joy and love, in fact all we need to live in your will for your glory and honour.

> For Jesus' sake Amen

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

Romans ch.12 v 12

Dear Father God,

We bring to you all those we love who don't know you. Break down the hardness of their hearts, open their eyes and minds so that they can see you and know you for knowing you is to love you.

In Jesus' name and for your Glory,

For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen

Romans ch. 11 v 36

Great I AM,

Creator of all and everything, what I can see, my world, my time and that which I cannot see, other planets and stars, other times, how amazing, awesome, wonderful you are and yet you call me, the least of all your creation, to be one of your children, you want me to call you, Dad, Abba, and you have a wonderful inheritance for me – YOU everything you are is mine through Jesus, and as I cannot contain all that now. you give me each day "pocket money" - some of yourself, some of your protection and love, as much as I need, how wonderful and generous you are. *I will spend my holy" pocket money"* wisely for your Kingdom.

Pray like this -

Our Father in heaven ...

Matthew ch 6 vs 9-13

Great God, Loving Abba, my God, my Father, may your Name be blessed and honoured everywhere Lord. I pray that your Kingdom may rule over all the earth and help me to do my part in making that happen. Help us all to do your will, just as everyone in heaven does it. Lord, may everyone, everywhere have enough food to eat today and please forgive us that we don't share with those who don't have. Lord when we're tempted to do those things not in your will, open our eyes that we may see the temptation for what it is, and show us the way out, giving us the strength and wisdom to follow that way out, protecting us from the evil one.

For we want to be with you, in your Kingdom always in your power, giving you the glory, now and forever.

Amen

God says, "At the time | have planned | will bring justice against the wicked. When the earth quakes and its people live in turmoil, | am the one who keeps it foundations firm.

Psalm 75 vs 2 & 3

Dearest Lord,

The world is at war bring it your peace.

The world is in chaos bring it your order.

The world is full of hate and anger bring it your love.

Here I am, send me

| am praying to you, because | know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as | pray.

Psalm 17 v. 6

A prayer for someone specific -

Dear Lord,

I bring

(add their name here) before you now. Open their eyes that they may see you, their ears that they may hear you, their mind that they may understand all that you have done for them and their heart that they may love you. Then I know, Lord, that they will give you their hands and feet

All glory to you, Lord

But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. I cried out to the Lord, and He answered me from His hold mountain.

Psalm 3 vs. 3 & 4

Dear Father God, Great I AM,

Hear my prayer for all who are in difficult circumstances, and Lord at the moment there are a great many worldwide. May they know your protection, your provision, your presence giving them your love, your joy and your peace.

In Jesus' name

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other, let us show the truth by our actions.

1 John ch. 3 v. 18

Dear Lord, Today, I'm meeting those I love who don't know you. Help me, Holy Spirit, to show my love for my Lord, and His love for them, that they may be changed and grow in the knowledge and love of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

God replied to Moses,

"IAMWHOIAM"

Exodus ch. 3 v. 14a

Great, wonderful and magnificent Father God, forgive me that I sometimes think or even tell you how you should do things, You who are creator of everything, the stars I can sometimes see twinkling and the galaxies unseen.
How arrogant and small minded I am – have mercy Lord. Open my small and narrow mind to more of you so that I know more of how glorious and powerful you are and that your way is perfect as you are perfect, and so I can completely trust you.

I love you Lord, and would have that love grow.

But Stephen, full of the Holy Alpirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honour at God's right hand.

Acts ch.7 v.55

Dear Lord, In my comfort and ease, forgive me that I don't remember very often my brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for being yours. Give them Lord, a vision of yourself as you gave Stephen when he was being persecuted. Assure them of your presence so that they will start a fire for the Kingdom, Lord where they are.

Lord I like my comfort and ease and not being persecuted, but may I not like it so much that I don't go out of my comfort zone when you call, for I would start a fire for you God's way is perfect.. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

Psalm 18 v.30

Dear Father God, My Abba through my Jesus. Thank you that when I pray you listen with love, wanting the best for me and those for whom I pray.

> Thank you when you answer, "Yes of course!"

> Thank you when you answer, "No, not the right way!"

Thank you when answer, "Not yet, wait with me!"

Thank you that you always want to protect me from myself and my false motives and prayers and help me to come to you as you come to me – with love. And be sure of this, | am with always even to the end of the age.

Matthew ch. 28 v. 20b

Dear Lord,

I've been thinking of Martha and Mary – how I would love to be like Mary and just sit at your feet all the time.

But Lord, jobs need doing. If you were to visit, I would want to make you a meal, I would want my home to be comfortable for you.

Thank you for showing me that while my mind and body can be doing, my heart can be sitting at your feet.

I love you, Lord.

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Romans ch.8 v.26

Holy Spirit, Sometimes, I don't know how to pray, I can't express my feelings, my groanings, but please take these feelings and thoughts and turn them into prayers fit for the Almighty God, King of Kings for me.

Thank you

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "] am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.

John ch.8 v.12

Loving Jesus, Shine through me. Your light was at the beginning and your light will be at the end.

You are the light of the world, you are the light of Heaven. Your light overcomes all darkness.

Shine through me so that others may see you, get to know you and so then love you. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter ch.4 v.10

Lord, I've been reading about Samson, and I've seen that despite my weaknesses, you can still use me and my strengths, my gifts from you, for your purpose and will.

> You are so awesome and powerful, yet so gracious, so forgiving. Thank you Lord.

For Thine by the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory

Amen