

PRAYER

Isa 37:15-22, 33-38 — [King Hezekiah of Judah receives a very threatening letter from Sennacherib, king of Assyria]. *Then Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying:* “O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to reproach the living God. Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands—wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord, You alone.” Then [the prophet] Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him: ...He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor build a siege mound against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return; and he shall not come into this city,’ says the Lord. ‘For I will defend this city, to save it for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.’” Then the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. Now it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat....

Isa 38:1-5 — In those days Hezekiah [king of Judah] was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.’” Then *Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, and said*, “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, saying, “Go and say to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; and I will add to your days fifteen years.”’”

Ps 55:16-17 — As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. *Evening and morning and at noon I shall pray*, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.

Dan 6:10 — Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with the window open toward Jerusalem, he *knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days*.

Dan 9:3-19 — Then I [Daniel] set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. *And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said*, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us

shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You. O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such never has been done as what has been done to Jerusalem. As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; *yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.* Therefore the Lord has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly! O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all who are around us. *Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications,* and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline Your ear and hear;

open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

Mat 6:5-6 — “AND WHEN YOU PRAY, YOU SHALL NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. *But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*”

Mat 6:7-8 — “BUT WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT USE VAIN REPETITIONS AS THE HEATHEN DO. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

Mat 6:9-13 — “IN THIS MANNER, THEREFORE, PRAY: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’”

Mat 14:23 — And when He [Jesus Christ] had sent the multitudes away, HE WENT UP ON A MOUNTAIN BY HIMSELF TO PRAY.

Acts 12:5 — Peter was therefore kept in prison, but *constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.*

Acts 20:36 — And when he [Paul] had said these things, HE KNELT DOWN AND PRAYED WITH THEM ALL.

Acts 21:5 — When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city. *And we knelt down on the shore and prayed.*

Rom 1:9 — For God is my witness, whom I [Paul] serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, *that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers...*

1 Thes 5:16-8 — REJOICE ALWAYS, *pray without ceasing,* IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS...

Rom 15:30 — Now I [Paul] beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you *strive together with me in your prayers to God for me...*

Eph 6:17-18 — And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...

Phil 4:6-7 — *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;* and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Col 4:2-3 — *Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us,* that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery (hidden truth) of Christ...

2 Thes 3:1 — Finally, brethren, PRAY FOR US, THAT THE

WORD OF THE LORD MAY HAVE FREE COURSE AND BE GLORIFIED...

1 Tim 2:1-2 — Therefore I exhort first of all that *supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men*, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quit and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

Prov 28:9 — One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, *even his prayer shall be an abomination*.

1 Pet 3:12 — FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS, *and His ears are open to their prayers...*

Ps 51:1-17 — Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.* Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue

shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT, A BROKEN AND A CONTRITE HEART—THESE, O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE.