

Prayers for the Journey

Nehemiah Edition

A prayer and journaling journey for
wives to take on behalf of
their husbands.

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Dear women of God –

First, thank you for having a heart that seeks to please God by praying for your husband. It is our noteworthy privilege as wives to lift up our husbands before the throne of God. We have a great High Priest who is ever interceding for us — praying with us in our prayers. Thank you for joining Him!

This book of prayers, unlike others I have found, is not topical. I have had the privilege to sit under some godly men who have taught the Word well and thoroughly, and so I have gained a deep love for expository preaching, which follows the text of a book, richly unfolding the depth of the Word of God! So this is a 40-day guide, through Nehemiah (not every verse, but 40 selected passages from a pivotal Old Testament historical book), to give you a way to pray for your husband. Hopefully, you will learn how to apply what you read in God's Word by praying back to Him on behalf of your husband.

This idea of praying for my husband is a fairly new concept to me. From college on, I had a wonderful and godly mentor who has taught me by example how to pray prayers based on the Word of God, journaling and writing down prayers that His Word gives us.

I can tell you from experience, praying through a certain book for my sweet husband, is greatly rewarded and greatly rewarding! It is not about the prayers we pray – but the God who is gracious to answer. But, what better way than to pray His Word back to Him!

Ladies, I know some of your husbands may not be believers. I want to encourage you to pray these anyway: in light of the grace and work that our mighty God can do in the life and heart of your husband.

“Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands. so that even if some do not obey the Word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives.” 1 Peter 3:1

I pray you will use this book of prayers as a springboard for your own prayers for your husband and for your journey together. I learned many key characteristics of God and elements of the Christian life while praying these for my husband. The books of Nehemiah teaches us that God is faithful, and loves to bless His children. The prophet also told us (through the Holy Spirit) that we should desire to be fully sold-out to our God and willing to stand against opposition. May we be like him by desiring to know the Word of God and how to live it out on a daily basis!

How to use this book:

I have given you a Scripture and a prayer. I ask that you read the entire chapter that the selection comes from, then read and pray the prayer that is there. It is a basic prayer. On the following page you will find lines so you can use this book like a journal, and either write out your own prayer, or jot down specific things that the Spirit has made you mindful of for your husband. You know your husband well: his fears and insecurities, his hopes and dreams. Bring those to our gracious answering Father! You will also find a quote on a specific topic the passage addresses, and other related Bible references. If you are able, go to those verses and pray those for your husband as well.

God will reward the faithful – He has promised it. Take Him up on His promises!

Kimberly Campbell
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Introduction

There’s something sweet, deep, and promising about praying God’s Word for your husband. If you are like me, it’s easy to pray the same three simple (but important) things every time you pray for your husband. Maybe you don’t struggle with that, but you probably could use some encouragement in your prayer life. I’ve never met a woman who told me her prayer life was perfect!

Kimberly Campbell mentored me during my college years and left a huge impact on who I am today. One thing I appreciate about Kim is that she didn’t just tell me to “pray for my husband.” She gave me example after example, and this book is a big part of that. The pattern is simple: Nehemiah passage, theme from passage, short prayer around that theme for your husband. It’s a pattern that you can (and should) repeat in any part of Scripture.

Kimberly’s book certainly won’t magically make your prayer life perfect, but it could encourage you to pray more Bible-based prayers. As you pray, God will use His Word to teach you and mold your heart more into the image of Christ. God will show you what His Word means in ways you’ve never understood it (you are talking to the author, after all!). And above all, God will hear your prayers for your husband and answer according to His perfect will! Who doesn’t want that? Watch and wait on the Lord!

“[My word] will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” 1 Peter 3:1

“Oh Lord, in the morning You hear my voice; in the morning I direct my prayer to you and watch,” Psalm 5:3

Laura Jenkins
Raleigh, NC
Married less than two years

Nehemiah 1:4

As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Great God –

I pray that you would give _____ a soft heart toward You and the Spirit would be at great work in his life. As he knows of sin in his own heart and hears of the sin of others — may he quickly turn to You in humble repentance. I pray he would weep and mourn for sin and not just gloss over it or count it trivial. Oh that my husband would seek repentance at Your throne. You are gracious to forgive! You offer reconciliation and peace when we come to You through Jesus Christ.

Amen

"O great God of highest heaven, Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reigh supreme, Conquer every rebel power."

- Bob Kauflin, words from "O Great God"
Based on the Valley of Vision Prayer "Regeneration"

Additional Verses:

Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:9

Nehemiah 1:5-6

And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against You. Even I and my father's house have sinned."

God in Heaven –

Oh, thank You for hearing our prayers and for accepting our worship. May _____ seek to glorify You in his prayer life and personal worship. May he make you first priority in his daily schedule. May he focus on you and realize your greatness. You are so deserving of our praise. Let him continually intercede for others including me and our children. As he comes before you in prayer and worship — let him never forget that he is a sinner saved by grace — only allowed to enter in by the shed blood of Jesus.

By Jesus our Intercessor — Amen

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me."

- John Newton, "Amazing Grace"

Additional Verses:

Hebrews 2:17; Romans 7:25

Nehemiah 1:8-9

Remember the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘ If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make My name dwell there.’

Gracious God –

Thank you for being a patient and forbearing God. You give much grace to us who are sinners and therefore unworthy to stand before you. Cause _____ to remember Your Word, Your grace to him, and Your abundant goodness. Cause him to obey your Word that he may be blessed in all he does. I pray that Your glory and Your great salvation would rest on him. That he would bear much fruit for You and that his ministry would thrive and his family would dwell in Your truth and love.

You are a Good God — Amen

“On this side of the incarnation, we can see God’s glory face-to-face in the human face of Jesus. We no longer have to worry about being obliterated by His greatness, for He has come to us as Jesus, veiled or cloaked in our flesh.”

- Elyse Fitzpatrick, *Found in Him*

Additional Verses:

Psalms 118:28-29; John 15:1-5

Nehemiah 1:10-11

“...They are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name, and give success to Your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

Righteous God –

Thank You for being mighty to save. Your arm is not too short to save! May _____ be a man who fears You and one who shuns sin, who is eager to read Your word and be among Your people. Allow him to carve Your righteousness and live righteously before You. Your eyes — not necessarily in the eyes of the world. Guard him from craving and loving the world. When he needs mercy, I pray that You would grant it to him: whether in front of his boss, home, or in his personal walk with You.

Through our Redeemer — Amen

“What should consume our thoughts and affections is not resisting worldliness but the glory and grace of God revealed at the cross.”

- C.J. Mahaney

Additional Verses:
Isaiah 59:1; 1 John 2:15

Nehemiah 2:4-5

Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers graves, that I may rebuild it."

Prayer Answerer –

I thank you for being a God who not only hears our prayers but answers them. And not only answer them, but also abundantly answers them for our good and Your glory. I pray that you would cause my husband to walk in a daily spirit of prayer. That he would face situations and trials with a meek spirit before You and be ready to hear from You. Grant him favor. Answer quickly. Give him patience to wait on You and a heart that desires Your presence.

Abundant Giver — Amen

"Rest assured, though, that the Lord is glorified by expectant trust and much prayer."

- Owen Strachan, *Risky Gospel*

Additional Verses:

Ephesians 3:19-21; Philippians 4:6-8

Nehemiah 2:12-15

Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. There was no animal with me but the one on which I rode. I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Dragon Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal that was under me to pass. Then I went up in the night sky the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

Great Designer –

Thank You for Your goodness to us in being a guide for us — sheep without a shepherd — those who quickly and dangerously go astray on a daily basis. Give my love a closeness to You that will be like adhesive. Keep him “clean and close”. May he look to You for Your wisdom even before he sets his plans into action. May he discern what your ultimate plan is, and first seek Your desire. May he plan his steps according to Your Word. Lean his ears to Your voice. You are good to answer us when we come to You with a question or need. May his eyes be stayed on You instead of on men.

Audience of One — Amen

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“Hope is powerful and important.”

- Emily Freeman, *A Million Little Ways*

Additional Verses:

Proverbs 19:23; Psalm 73:26

Nehemiah 2:20

Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem."

God of All Things -

Thank You for directing and allowing prosperous living to those who are doing Your will. I know this isn't a verse on richness or wealth — You don't promise that. I pray that my husband would be faithful to You in all he does. May his financial decisions reflect trust and hope in You. Allow our financial life and status and our possessions reflect a solid foundation that You alone are good. May the work _____ does be successful — not because of his talent (like Nehemiah was skilled in his tasks) but because Your hand is upon him. You are good and all You do is good.

Thank you in Jesus - Amen

"The only thing that will enable us to see ourselves the way we really are is the grace of God."

- Phil Ryken, *Grace Transforming*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 119:73; Proverbs 30:7-9

Nehemiah 4:1-2

Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?"

God for us!

Oh thank you for the hope found in Romans 8 that is needed in today's world!—This is especially true for my husband. As he pursues You and works diligently to bless others, honor You, lead and provide for our family — the world is against him. May he cling to You when he feels bombarded, questioned, beat down, and dejected. Do not let him despair! May he find great hope in You that will drown out the jeers and whispers of the evil one.

Our Safe Refuge - Amen

"If we think that the faith doesn't require risk, and will not invite personal sacrifice and even cultural shame, I think we've missed something huge in Scripture."

- Owen Strachan, *Risky Gospel*

Additional Verses:

2 Timothy 2:15; Titus 3:14

Nehemiah 4:6

So we built the wall.
And all the wall was joined together to half
its height, for the people had a mind to work.

Our Protector -

Thank You for Your protection of our family!
I know that nothing touches our family; not illness,
death, separation, financial difficulty, pain - without
Your hand of protection! You are Lord over everything!
Evan as these men in the book of Nehemiah were
building the wall with enormous amounts of
opposition. You were in control. I pray that You
would protect my husband as he works, travels, builds
relationships, interacts with culture, and everything else
he has on his plate today. Whatever he does, have Your
hand on him to protect him from the roaring lion.

Keeping your hand on us - Amen

"The Christ who gratefully acknowledges what God
has done for him for eternity should be able to serve
God cheerfully and with joy."

- Donald Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 68:5; 1 Peter 5:8

Nehemiah 4:14

And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

Great and Awesome God -

Thank You for being a praiseworthy God who remembers us in our distress. Help my husband not to have a fear of man in him that will drive him away from You. Whether in meeting the desires of everyone around him or fighting to know what pleases You, help him to fear You and You only. May he seek to please You, praise You, and remember You always.

In Your Name - Amen

"Whatever you think your need will control you. If you need something from other people — love, acceptance, approval — they hold the keys to something very valuable to you."

- Ed Welch, *Running Scared*

Additional Verses:

Jeremiah 17:5-8; Matthew 10:28

Nehemiah 4:20

In the place where you hear the sound
of the trumpet, rally to us there.

Our God will fight for us.

Warrior God -

Thank You for being a strong God who is our warrior, our stronghold, our sword. You go before us and fight for us, Your beloved children. In my husband's battles that he faces throughout the day; relationships, thought life, healthy living, time management — may he look to You. Do not allow him to be passive but may he pray to You and seek Your wisdom and timing in all circumstances. Guide and counsel him in all his activities today.

Our Great Defender - Amen

"My central claim is that we can become like Christ by doing one thing — by following him in the overall style of life He chooses for Himself."

- Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 5:11; Proverbs 14:26

Nehemiah 5:1-5

Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive." There were also those who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine." And there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards. Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

Our Great Helper -

Thank You that You care and look after the poor and encourage us to be like You. Thank You for giving us mercy and hearing our cries for help! You are ever near to us when we cry to You. I pray for my mister that You would increase his gifts of mercy. Thank you for his heart of grace and giving already. Make him more like You as he sees more of You as You provide for our family in times of need. You are a merciful and providing God.

Thank you for your many blessings - Amen

"Who is this Jesus? He is our King, our Husband, our Redeemer, our Salvation. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord to bring beloved sinners to life."

- Elyse Fitzpatrick, *Found in Him*

Additional Verses:

Proverbs 28:20; Romans 13:14

Nehemiah 5:9

So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?"

One to be Feared -

Thank You for being a God who desires both our worship and our fear. You want us to be close to You. Thank You for giving Jesus to make that possible. As my husband comes in contact with sin during his day, may he call it out with a humble heart — knowing that he is in desperate need of a Savior. May he also fear You — live in Your presence by the blood of Jesus and grow in Your likeness.

More of You, please - Amen

"Your family doesn't have to struggle. Your home can flourish. There is real hope for you and me, wherever we've been or are going."

- Owen Strachan, *Risky Gospel*

Additional Verses:

Proverbs 1:7; Philipians 2:3-4

Nehemiah 5:13

I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said "Amen" and praise the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

Wisdom -

Thank You for being an all-wise God who always does what is right and can discern all things. This includes the heart of my husband. I pray that he would dwell in Your presence and find great pleasure in his life, actions, and his decisions bring You praise. You are the King of Life who is in deserve of all his life. I pray that he would be a man of great trust and a man of his word. I pray people, even unbelievers, would find great integrity in what he says and his actions.

Living proof of Wisdom - Amen

"To say that Jesus died for sinners is to say that his sacrifice accomplished what the blood on the mercy seat accomplished."

- Phil Ryken, *Grace Transforming*

Additional Verses:

1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 37:30

Nehemiah 6:15-16

The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God. I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work.

Our Help -

Oh, Lord — thank You. Thank You for being our constant help in times of work, trouble, and hardship. May my sweet husband cling to You and Your word in times of trial and hard work — when the hours are long and decisions seem pressing. May others see the hand of God and the power of the gospel on his life, family, work, and ministry. Remind him that none of it comes from himself, but all is a gift to him from Your open hand. Thank you for being close to him.

Closer than a Brother - Amen

"Wherever the Holy Spirit dwells, His presence creates a hunger for holiness."

- Donald Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

Additional Verses:

James 1:12; Proverbs 18:24

Nehemiah 7:5

Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles and the officials and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up at the first, and I found written in it:

Giver -

Thank You for being a God who interacts with his children on a all-the-time basis. Make my husband discerning of Your voice even when the world screams otherwise. Give him wisdom to know how to handle everything that is thrown at him at work. May he manage his time and calendar well because he listens to You. May he only do what You would send his way. With the drive of men to climb ladders, get ahead, make more money, and put in overtime these days — lead _____ to put his schedule, success, and load in your hands. You are good to us!

Keeper of all Time - Amen

"Jesus shows himself through you in a million little ways.
There is no waste in the visible or invisible work of God."

- Emily Freeman, *A Million Little Ways*

Additional Verses:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Proverbs 4:23-25

Nehemiah 8:2-4a

So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose.

Word-Giver -

You are so kind to us in giving us the Word — our trusted, very God-breathed Word that helps us to know You and know Your thoughts and plans for our lives. Place within my husband a great desire for your Word — one to know it, love it, memorize it, and be saturated by it. May he lead us in teaching it to us, his children, and in the lives of others. May he see Your truth at work in his own heart but also in the lives of his family and friends. Help him to trust in it daily as a sign of Your presence to him. You are near in truth!

Thank you for truth - Amen

"Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty."

- Philip Bliss

Additional Verses:

Psalm 19:9-10; Ephesians 4:15

Nehemiah 8:5-6

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Worthy One -

Thank You for being a God who is so worthy of all our praise and for giving me a husband who delights in praising You! May the desire of his heart be fulfilled — that he would see others praise You, delight in You, and give You much honor in their lives. Give him a blessing heart, one who knows your greatness and shouts it to others — always giving you praise! As others watch his life (by the power of Christ), may they also grow in desire and purpose to live for You.

You are Great and Wonderful - Amen

"The worship of the true and living God is essentially an engagement with Him on the terms that He proposes and in the way that He alone makes possible."

- David Peterson

Additional Verses:

Psalm 18:3; Ephesians 4:1

Nehemiah 8:8

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

Giver of the Word -

Thank You for giving us Your Word so that we may hear it, love it, live it, and experience it especially in our home and marriage. I pray as _____ presses into the Word during his quiet times — that you would generously reveal Yourself to him. As he shares the Word with me and with our children, open our hearts so that we would be receptive to Your truth and instruction through him and Your Word. As he shares it with others, I pray that he would do so with boldness and clarity as for transformation.

You change lives - Amen

"When redeemed sinners take on a great task that glorifies him — like intering into marriage and the formation of a life together — God is kind to lead."

- Owen Strachan, *Risky Gospel*

Additional Verses:

Ephesians 5:25-26, Hebrews 4:12

Nehemiah 8:10

Then he said to them, "Go your way.
Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send
portions to anyone who has nothing ready,
for this day is holy to our Lord.
And do not be grieved, for the joy
of the Lord is your strength."

Joy Giver -

Thank You for being a God who brings us much joy. Not only joy in who You are — by Your very Spirit living in us — but also in the good gifts You give us daily. I pray that as my husband will inevitably face discouragement, busy-ness, and trials today — that he would look to You — his ultimate joy giver. May I help in this endeavor by never serving as a discouragement to him, but encourage him every step of the journey we take together. You are his and he is Yours. This joy will bring him through his day!

Forever grateful - Amen

"If the rain clouds come or the cold winds blow,
You're the one who goes before me and in my heart I know
This good day it is a gift from you."

- Fernando Ortega, *"This Good Day"*

Additional Verses:

Psalms 118:24; Isaiah 40:28

Nehemiah 8:17

And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so.

And there was very great rejoicing.

Worshiped God -

Oh thank You for being the only God who deserves worship. You are truly deserving of our praise. There are many in this world and even in the church, who don't worship You as You ought to be worshiped. May my love cherish his times of worship with You. May he experience great times of rejoicing from You and with You because of his obedience to Your Word. Thank you for blessing him with Your favor. May he also lead others, including his family, to a deeper worshiping spirit — one that lives and breathes to know You, obey You, and to love You!

You are treasured here - Amen

"The Lord wants our faith to have an edge, to have skin in the game, to be active in the world, to be aimed in some way at those who cannot care for themselves. God intends for us to be reading into the darkness."

- Owen Strachan, *Risky Gospel*

Additional Verses:

John 14:15-24; 1 John 5:3

Nehemiah 8:18

And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

Daily Protector -

Thank You for being the same God day in and day out. You never change! I pray that as my husband reads the words of the Bible, You would strengthen his resolve to know You and to make You known everywhere he goes. May he lead our family and those in his sphere of influence into the righteous way, pursuing Jesus — daily, and being worshippers. There is only one who deserves our worship!

You alone - Amen

"Author of my life, Friend of sinful man.
Holy, mighty God Ever great I AM.
You're so wonderful, powerful
Jesus is your name."

- Monk & Neagle, "Hallelujah Jesus"

Additional Verses:

Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 John 1:5

Nehemiah 9:1-2

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

Faithful God -

Thank You for Your ever-loving faithfulness that pursues us, even when we are running away from You. I pray that my husband's life would look like one of devotion to You. May he faithfully practice the spiritual discipline of fasting. May he pull away from everything at certain times to examine his life and spirit. May he daily confess sins to You — knowing that you are faithful to forgive. Thank You for Jesus whom provides grace in our time of need.

Our Faithful Friend - Amen

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"Self-indulgence is the enemy of gratitude, and self-discipline usually its friend and generator."
- Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., *The Reformed Journal*

Additional Verses:
Psalm 1:1-3; Hosea 6:1-3

Nehemiah 9:3

They stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God.

Listening God -

Thank You for always being near us and loving our voices! You are near to the broken-hearted and the humble in heart. Please give my sweet man a humble heart to read Your Word, confess his sins, and worship You all day if necessary. Allow him to make the time! Help me to enable him and encourage that time for him. I don't want to discourage him in any way. You are faithful in answering when we call!

You are faithful - Amen

"To worship God is to ascribe the proper worth to God, to magnify His worthiness of praise, or better, to approach and address God as He is worthy."

Donald Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 10:17: Zephaniah 3:17

Nehemiah 9:5

Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessings and praise."

Blessed God -

Thank You for giving examples of praise to You in Your Word. We can learn from this and use this written praise to guide in our praise to You. You are worthy to be blessed! Give my husband a heart and mind of worship for You. You are an eternal God — one who is always deserving of our praise. You are glorious. Help _____ to make Your name big in his life, love, and work. May he make much of You so that all else pales in comparison.

Brighter still - Amen

"Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown. Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown. Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne. They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone."

Fernando Ortega, *Our Great God*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 22:27: Matthew 5:13-16

Nehemiah 9:7-8

You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. You found his heart faithful before You, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite.

And you have kept your promise,
for you are righteous.

Creator God -

Thank You for being a God who delights in giving us good gifts including the beautiful creation around us. Help _____ to marvel at your creation as he drives, walks, rises to see the sun, or stares at his child as they sleep — may he see You in all things! Thank You for preserving my husband to this day protecting his life and his mind. Thank you for the angels and beings in heaven that declare Your glory ALL day! Give my Love a worshiping life as well — even while mowing the grass or washing the car.

All day praise - Amen

"By shedding His blood, Jesus Christ became the atoning sacrifice for my sins. His death is my substitute; His cross is my mercy seat; and His blood that He sprinkled on it is my salvation."

Phil Ryken, *Grace Transforming*

Additional Verses:

Psalms 51:1-2; 1 Peter 1:3-5

Nehemiah 9:9

And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea.

Jehovah Rapha -

Thank You for being the God who sees. You are everywhere and see everything in our daily lives and in the world. You see the routines, interruptions, joys, and afflictions that my husband deals with on a daily basis. You are the same God today as You were to the Israelites at the Red Sea. Please see and deliver my Love! Deliver him quickly from everything that troubles him, though we are confident that You use everything for good purposes in his life. Thank You for Your nearness to him.

Open our eyes - Amen

"Discipline toward holiness begins then with the Scriptures — with a disciplined plan for regular intake of the Scriptures and a disciplined plan for applying them to our daily lives."

Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 119:18: Isaiah 30:19-20

Nehemiah 9:10-15

You made a name for Yourself, as it is to this day. And You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and You cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters. By a pillar of cloud You led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven...You made known to them Your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses Your servant. You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and You told them to go in to possess the land that You had sworn to give them.

Never-Changing One -

Thank You for your continued faithfulness. I pray that You would remove any pride or arrogance from my husband so that You would hear his prayers and that he might be close to You. Make Your name great through his life. He desires to worship You and make You big. Lead him where You would want him to go — be his Guide in the daily decisions, as well as the ones that are big and affect many. Thank You for giving him the indwelling Spirit and the Word so that he might know and hear You. Thank You for providing for his every need. Make him a good steward and one that doesn't take Your provision for granted.

You are great! - Amen

"When we know God's life-changing grace,
we see ourselves more the way that He sees us."

Phil Ryken, *Grace Transforming*

Additional Verses:

Lamentations 3:19-24:

Hebrews 13:8



Nehemiah 9:17b-19

But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies, you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness.

Forgiving God -

Thank You for Your kindness to us in sending Jesus to act on our behalf and grant us forgiveness. I pray that my mister would not stiffen his neck against Your love and authority and correction. May he be soft and open toward You in his spirit and direction. Always lead him and may his spirit be open to Your leading. Thank You for the grace you show him daily. The forgiveness and that he in turn forgives me and shows me grace. Guide him and show him great mercies daily so he will not lose heart and be prone to wander.

Gracious Savior - Amen

"Oh to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be."

Robert Robinson, "Come Thou Fount"

Additional Verses:

Romans 5:19; Romans 8:12

Nehemiah 9:20-21

You multiplied their children as the stars of heaven, and You brought them into the land that You had told their fathers to enter and possess.

Life Giver -

You are the sweet giver of life. You create and sustain life. Thank You for the blessing of our children. I pray that You would continue to grow and mold my husband into a father like You and that he would love and discipline our children with a heart bent toward You and Your Word. I pray that he would have a heart and mind encouraged to lead our family and pour into his children: by spending time with them and blessing them with regular time in your word together as a family.

Blessing Giver — Amen

"Is God's Word so indwelling in our lives that we can ... point them (our children) to the Gospel of Christ?"

Steve Wright, *Apparent Privilege*

Additional Verses:

Psalms 139:13-18

Ephesians 5:1-2

Nehemiah 9:25-26

And they captured fortified cities and a rich land, and took possession of houses full of all good things, cisterns already hewn, vineyards, olive orchards and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled and became fat and delighted themselves in Your great goodness.

Nevertheless, they were disobedient and rebelled against you and cast your law behind their back and killed your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you, and they committed great blasphemies.

Blessing God -

Oh that You have blessed us richly — much more so than we deserve. I do ask that you would continue to bless. Bless my husband's hard work and diligence. Protect his heart though from forgetting You even in the goodness. Give him a willing heart — not a rebellious one that desires to live for himself and the wealth of this world. Keep the Word always in front of him — never let him forget what Your Word says and how it's for his good and for the good of generations to come.

Living Word — Amen

"We tend to do not what we should do, but what we want to do, as we follow the craving of our sinful nature."

Jerry Bridges, The Pursuit of Holiness

Additional Verses:

Deuteronomy 8:1

Jeremiah 32:9

Nehemiah 9:27-31

Therefore You gave them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer. And in the time of their suffering they cried out to You and You heard them from heaven, and according to Your great mercies You gave them saviors who saved them from the hand of their enemies. . . .

Nevertheless, in Your great mercies you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for You are a gracious and merciful God.

Gracious and Merciful God —

You, in Your mercy, have blessed and not forgotten _____. Thank you for the attention, love and desire You pay toward him. You have kept him from harm, keeping him by Your Word and in Your might. May he see You, know You, live before You in total obedience and not forget You — desiring nothing but You. You have shown his great mercies by treating him as your very own son through the blood of Christ.

Our Great Gift — Amen

"The incarnation brings unceasing hope and an end to our exile, wandering, and despair."

Elyse Fitzpatrick, *Found in Him*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 63:1-7

Romans 8:1-4

Nehemiah 9:32-33

Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to You that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day. Yet You have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for You have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly.

Oh Great God —

Thank you for looking upon _____ and seeing a man who is in need of a great Savior. Thank you for having mercy on him when others come upon him to destroy his life. I pray that he would say no to things that would harm him. Protect him from himself and others. Let Your steadfast love envelop him when he does sin — that Jesus' sweet grace would lead him back to fullness of life with You. You are a faithful God. Use everything in _____'s life to shape him and fashion him. I pray that he would look more like You tomorrow than he does today.

In the highest heaven — Amen

"The spiritual disciplines are the God-given means we are to use in the Spirit-filled pursuit of godliness."

Donald Whitney, *The Spiritual Disciplines*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 16:1-2

Johns 10:10

Nehemiah 13:1-3

On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them — yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign descent.

Loving God —

Thank you for Your great love toward us! Thank You also for turning the cursings that _____ has been given in the past into great blessings. Thank You for bringing him and us into a land filled with joy and blessing. I pray that You would keep him in full obedience to Your word andn to the daily reading of it. And when times of weeping come again, keep him in the grace of Jesus and may he seek to live a life that pleases you.

Our Great Confidant — Amen

"God's transforming grace helps us with absolutely everything in life."

Phil Ryken, *Grace Transforming*

Additional Verses:

Genesis 50:19-20

Romans 16:17-20

Nehemiah 13:14

Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for His service.

A God who blesses —

Thank You for all the rich blessings You have given to my husband and to our family. You are a God who blesses obedience. As the years continue to pass, I pray that you would give him glimpses of the way he has blessed others. Not so that he would become arrogant and turn from You, but so that he can be encouraged from the past, press on in desired obedience through Jesus — and give You all the glory for everything. When successes seem few and far between, may I be an encouragement to him and ultimately that he stays firmly planted in his hope in You.

Not to us — Amen

"Let the heavens shake and split the sky; let the people clap their hands and cry. It's not for us, its all for You."

Chris Tomlin, *Not To Us*

Additional Verses:

Psalm 16:9

Psalm 118:28-29

Nehemiah 13:22

Then I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

Sparing God —

Thank You for being a God who is gracious and merciful to his children. I ask that You would give _____ a heart that yearns to be purified by Your Word. May he be content to sit in the indwelling of your Spirit. May he take a day of rest to recharge his spirit and body and to be refreshed by You. May he learn from Your example. Spare him from indwelling sin according to the love You showed him in Christ. May You do this so that he might live for Your good pleasure.

By the cross — Amen

"To be fully alive is impossible without the resurrection of Christ."

Emily Freeman, *A Million Little Ways*

Additional Verses:

Isaiah 26:9

Hebrews 8:12



Nehemiah 13:29-31

Remember them, O my God, because they have desecrated the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

7 This I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the priests and Levites each in his work; and I provided for the wood offering at appointed times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

Oh God Who Loves His Children —

I thank you for being a good God who delights to bless His children. You have blessed us already by sending Jesus — much more than we ever deserve. In times of hardship in the gospel — remember _____ and give him a steadfast heart that loves to please You even when it is difficult. Allow him sweet times of worship before You. You are indeed a good God — faithful in all your doings. Make _____ the same — like You in every way. Remember my sweet husband. Do not forget him in Your covenantal mercy toward Your people.

Our Greatest Gift — Amen

"In love God made mankind, knowing what it would cost Him, knowing all above Bethlehem and Calvary and all our sins before they even existed."

Elyse Fitzpatrick, *Found in Him*

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