

Dear Father,

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You are my God. You're my comforter and healer. You're my love and companion. You're my hope and my redeemer. You're my guide and protector. You're Holy and Righteous. Everything You do is perfect, because You are perfect. You are worthy of all glory and honor. You part waters, make a way in the desert, and close the mouths of my enemies. You make storms seem like tests and trials feel like blessings. You said You rejoice over me with joy. You delight in my prayers because of Christ's blood over my sin. You are my song in the night and the love of my life. You are my Saviour!

Oh my Father, this year was one full of blessings. Thank you for all You did for me. Forgive me for taking so much for granted. I know You work all things out for my good. I know You love me deeply, more than I will ever understand. Kindness means that the giver wants to give what pleases the receiver, and You are a Father who wants to give, and will give more than I ask if I trust and seek You whole hearted. For you love me with an everlasting loving-kindness. You promise that as I delight in You and commit those things into Your trust, that You will bring my desires to pass. Help me dear Lord, to love You more, to serve You more, to deeply delight in You with all my being. I want more of You. I never want to feel that emptiness in my soul. I want to constantly abide under the shadow of Your wings.

Oh God, who am I that You should take knowledge of me! My sins are more than I can count. My heart is prone to complain and become bitter. I don't treat others right and I am disrespectful to most, including You. Forgive me Father. I acknowledge my sin, for against Your holiness, they are great and many. I am a woman of idolatry, constantly looking to other things or people to fulfill what only You can. Even after You prove Yourself, I still go back to my old ways. I fall into despair and regret, not able to look forward. My past seems to haunt me and make me wonder what I did wrong. Help me dear Lord. Give me strength. Hold my hand. Hold me close to Your chest. Show me who You really are.

Thank You Father for all You've done this year. Thank you for shelter, food and clothing. Thank you for the many people You have surrounded me with. Thank you for Your mercy and grace. Thank you for always bringing me back to You. Thank you for catching me when I fall. Thank you for leading me in Your perfect will. My heart has a hard time trusting You even amongst all You do and it grieves me deeply. You have never done me wrong and Your gifts are always worth the wait. Deal bountifully with me that I may praise Your name! Give me neither too much or too little so that my eyes are constantly looking to You. You are my provider. You own the cattle on a thousand hills. Everything in this earth is Yours and You can turn the hearts of anyone You choose. Help me to trust You more.

For this coming year Lord, I want to see more of You. I want to spend more time with You. I want to be more obedient and more surrendered. I want my eyes to be continually seeking Your face, for You are a delight to be around! I want to pray without ceasing, to pray about everything. I want to trust You more from my heart. I want to experience more of You. Show me the path of life and help me to walk in it joyfully. Oh God, fill me with Yourself so that You have complete control. I want to be a vessel with which You can count on to do Your bidding with a grateful, humble heart. I know You don't need me, for You made an army out of dry bones, but Lord, my heart yearns to be used by You for whatever way You deem best. I want to make an impact in this world for eternity. I want others to see Christ in me and be drawn to You. I want to take up my cross with a contented spirit. I want to take on the ministry of reconciliation. I also know that without Jesus I can do nothing, so dear Lord, as you promised to never leave me, also promise to never let me stray too far. Provide for me what I need and remind me that I can do all things through Christ because you strengthen me.

Thank you Father for the death of Your Son so that I may commune with You. I would be no one if You hadn't rescued me from my sinful life. You are a great God, full of mercy, thank you!

I'll end this prayer with the beloved prayer of Jabez in asking that you bless me in ways that I can then bless others. Enlarge my area of influence in ways you deem best and with the people you can love through me. Keep your hand upon me and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Protect me from evil and lead me not into temptation.

In Jesus precious name, Amen.

I love You dear Lord.

Psalm 18:2, John 14:26, Deuteronomy 32:39, Jeremiah 32:18, Hebrews 13:5, Psalm 42:5, Isaiah 49:26, Psalm 32:8, Psalm 46:1, Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 145:17, Psalm 18:30-36, Revelation 4:11, Isaiah 43:19, Proverbs 16:7, Isaiah 40:31, James 1:2-4, Zephaniah 3:17-20, Proverbs 15:8, Psalm 119:62, Romans 8:28, Psalm 37:4-5, Ephesians 3:20, Isaiah 41:13, Psalm 51, Psalm 119:17, Psalm 50:10, 2 Corinthians 10:17-21, Philippians 4:13, Philippians 3:16, John 15:5, Proverbs 30:8-9, Colossians 1:16-17, 1 Chronicles 16:11, 1 Samuel 15:22, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 16:11, Ephesians 5:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:21, James 4:10, Ezekiel 37, 1 Chronicles 4:9-10, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 95:3, Psalm 145:8,