# **A Servant's Prayers**

A tapestry of prayers and new hymns for public worship and personal devotions

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# **One Desire**

Father, as I begin this day, many desires call for my attention.
But the more I know You, the more I walk with You and trust You,
the more I desire only You.

I long to please You, serve You, and live every moment responding to Your presence.

So Father, even as I am bombarded by other longings and other priorities, I look to You. I wait on You. I long for You. I hope in You..

Hymn recording: <u>I Look to You</u>

Hymn recording: You Are Near, O Lord

I Look to You Psalm 25:1-5; 27:14; 33:20-22; 39:7; 130:5-7; 145:15; John 15:11; 17:13; 2 Peter 3:3-15a 4th time to Coda  $\oplus$  $\frac{A^{\flat}}{G}$ Refrain <u>Fm</u> E♭ Eb Db A♭ FmUnison

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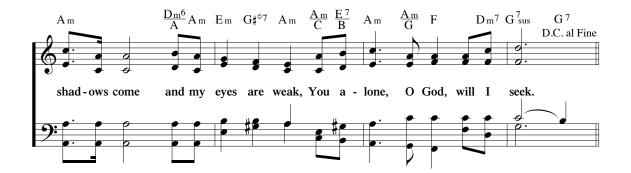
# You Are Near, O Lord

Psalm 119:147-148, 151



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# For Today

Father, today I only want what Your holy Son wanted: only Your glory, only Your kingdom, only Your will. Gain or loss. success or failure, need or abundance, sunlight or shadow, this is my focus, this is my desire: Your smile and Your approval. Your Son was sure of Your presence, Your abundance, and Your loving faithfulness. Thus He didn't fret about tomorrow. He only needed bread for today. Father, that's all I need as well. Your Son came to pour out on us Your forgiveness, Your cleansing, Your holiness,

Your impenetrable keeping from all evil.

I will live joyfully and confidently in that forgiveness, that holiness, that safekeeping.

Father, as I trust You today, I am in Christ, and He is in me, and we are in You every moment. Praise be to You, our Father, forever and ever!

Hymn recording: Today, Father



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# Ambition

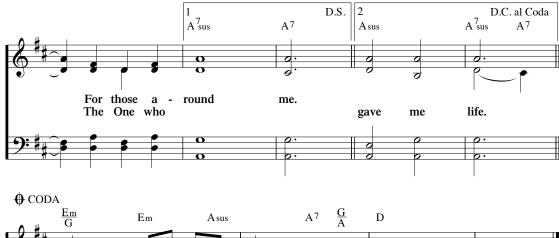
None of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Romans 14:7-8, NIV) Lord, even as Your servant, my ambitions are sometimes more ego-centered than I like to admit. I catch myself developing a personal agenda without even realizing it. When that agenda is fulfilled, I'm happy. When it is not, I get discouraged. Wash away all my personal ambitions, Lord. In the long run, they are only satisfying to the extent that they truly serve Your purposes. When they don't, they prove disappointing. Even their fulfillment is empty and mocks my shallowness. And, Lord, You know that serving my ego is such a terrible burden. Instead, give me a growing love for Your people, and let that be the driving force of my life. Is there anything You desire more than to bless Your people and draw them to Yourself? Then let that desire compel me, Lord. Give me Your heart as I think and dream and work.

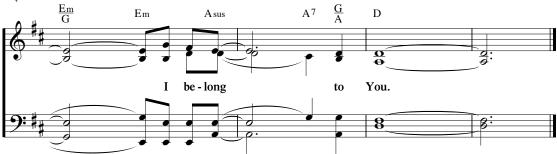
How can I help and bless Your children? Make that my ambition and my joy.

Hymn recording: My Life Is Not My Own







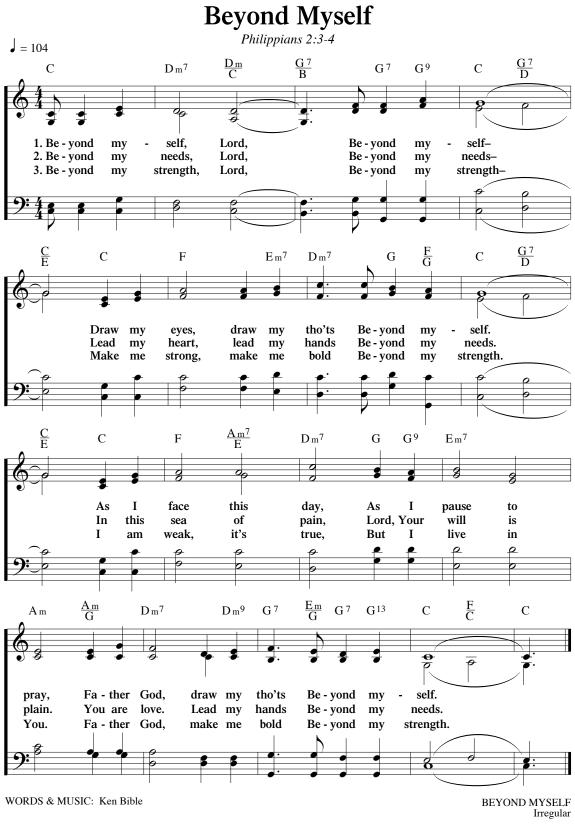


# **Beyond Myself**

Father, I don't want to spend today all wrapped up in my concerns, anxiously clinging to my meager resources. Make my world as broad and as beautiful as You are. Energize me with Your concerns and Your limitless power, wisdom, and love.

Today, Lord, lift my heart, my hands, and my vision beyond myself.

Hymn recording: **Beyond Myself** 



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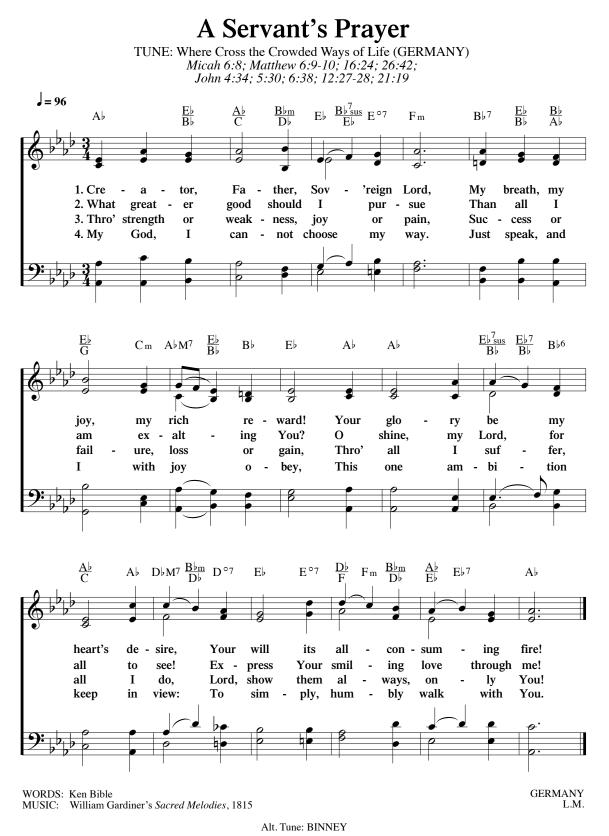
# Your Glory, Lord

Creator, Sovereign Lord, Fountain of all goodness and beauty, You are perfect wisdom. You are *perfect love*. Today, what else could I want but Your will? What else matters? Knowing You, my Father, what could I desire but to glorify You? What other ambition could fill my heart and fire my imagination? You are good and great, and You are always with us right here, right now. Everyone needs to know You! Everyone! Help me glorify You, Father. This is the high privilege for which You created me. This is the purpose for which You saved me at such a precious price. You are my master. I am Your joyful servant. Exalt Yourself through me. Use me as pleases You. Use my weaknesses. May they make it plain that You deserve all the glory, not me. Use my ignorance. Lift Yourself through my failures. Lead me through sickness,

suffering, or grief. Humble me in any way You choose if it will show the world just how radiantly wonderful You are!

I am Your servant. I cannot choose my path. You choose, my Lord. Just help me fulfill this one goal, this one desire: to stay faithful to You.

Hymn recording: <u>A Servant's Prayer (GERMANY)</u>



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# **Every Moment in You**

Father, You desired it. You have always desired it. You planned it.

You prepared it.

You promised it.

And by Your Spirit, You have patiently nurtured a hunger for it in my heart.

So now, finally,

in belated response to all You have done, I ask for it, I pray for it, as Your needy child:

O Father, I want to live every moment in You the way Jesus lived every moment in You when He was here.

Because He was weak,

because He depended completely on You, He was strong and sufficient in every situation. My Father, keep me weak and keep me strong in You.

He loved You and served You and glorified You single-mindedly, with His whole heart. Father, keep me single-mindedly, whole-heartedly Yours, just like Him.

He was holy and humble, bold and gentle, fearless and loving in You. O Father, my Father, every moment keep me in You.

Hymn recording: All in You, Breath by Breath

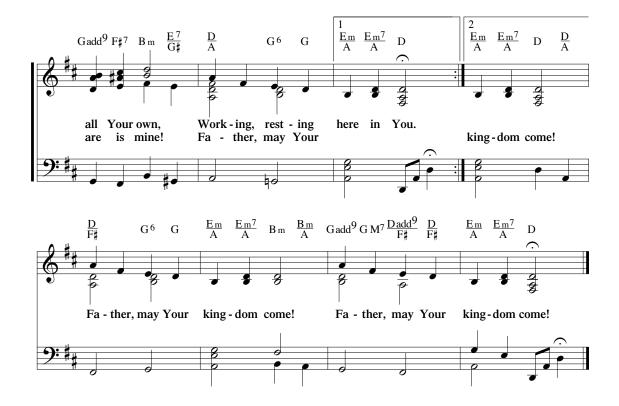
# All in You, Breath by Breath

Matthew 6:10; 26:42; John 4:31-34; 5:19-20, 30; 14:10, 16-23; 17:20-24; 20:21-22; Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 3:21-23; Ephesians 3:14-19



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# **Enjoying Christ**

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.* (John 15:5, NIV)

My ministry. My "mission."
I get so focused on my work that it becomes my preoccupation and my goal in life.
But Lord, You kindly check me at this point.
Do I really want to do anything more than to live in fellowship with You, to be conscious of Your presence?
No, Lord, I don't. I want nothing more than You.

All my fruitfulness is in You.
I don't need to get caught up in achievements or milestones.
I can relax from the pressure to succeed.
Moment by moment all the wisdom, all the working is Yours, my Lord.

I want to simply enjoy You and my journey with You, remaining open to Your leadership. Thank You, Lord! Thank You for Your personal love for me.

Jesus, You love me. How else could I respond but to love You every moment?

Hymn recording: Fruitful in You



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### Jesus, My Power and Wisdom

We preach Christ crucified... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. By [God's] doing you are in Christ Jesus, who has become to us, wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24, 31)

Jesus, today

You are my power. I rest in Your doing. I move every moment in Your enabling.

Jesus,

You are my wisdom. I pray for Your mind. I listen.

Jesus,

You are my holiness. I rejoice in You in me. I quiet my planning and relax in Your Spirit.

#### Jesus, today

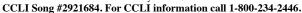
my work will be to trust You. Glorify yourself through me today.

Hymn recording: Lord Jesus, Living Presence

# Lord Jesus, Living Presence

TUNE: Lead On, O King Eternal (LANCASHIRE) Philippians 4:13





# A Day of Love

Father, life is best lived, most naturally lived, most joyfully lived, not in response to a set of rules, but in simple response to You as a living, present Being.

You are with me. Let love for You and joy in You so fill my heart today that it expresses itself in each thought, each attitude, each word.

Make today be a day of joyful service to You.

Hymn recording: In Simple Response to You

# In Simple Response to You

TUNE: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (TRENTHAM, alt.) Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 118:6; 130:5-6; Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 2:4; 12:1-2; 14:8; 1 Corinthians 2:16; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:32; Philippians 1:21; 2 Timothy 2:24; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 4:7, 16



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### Love Is Fruit

John 15:12-17

*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.* 

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." (John 15:5, 12, NASB)

Jesus, how can I love others the way You love me?

By abiding in the Vine – by staying connected to You. I need to stay connected to You throughout the day, turning to You and talking to You often.

You are the source of love. I am loving as I live in You.

As I do, Your presence, Your Spirit, Your perspective begins to permeate my heart, my mind, and all my attitude and actions.

Your love is the fruit of connection with You.

Hymn recording: I Look to You, and You Are Love



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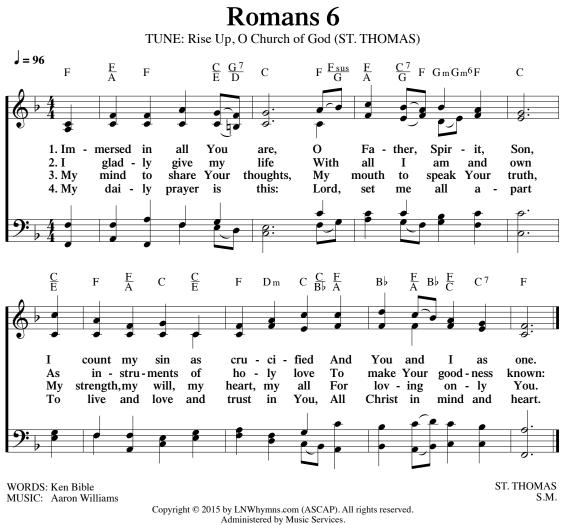


### **Prayer Response to Romans 6**

Read Romans 6

Loving Father, Jesus Christ, my Savior, I present all I am, not to sin, but to You,. I give every part of myself as an instrument to glorify You: my heart, to desire only You, my mind, to ponder You and Your truth, my mouth, to speak Your words and Your praise, my feet, to follow wherever You lead, my hands, to freely share Your love. God of all truth and goodness, all life and love and salvation, I am Your servant. By Your grace and through my obedient response, separate me entirely to Yourself. Make me holy and wholly Yours in all I am and all I do. The end of sin is death, so I leave it in the past. My present and future are in You and in Your boundless, unending life. Praise to You, my Father!

Hymn recording: Romans 6



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