222 Prayers of the Bible

The following list of Bible prayers is from the Dake Annotated Reference Bible, King James Version (Used by Permission - Dake Publishing). Dake found 176 prayers in the Old Testament and 46 in the New Testament. They include only actual worded prayers, not references to prayer. All statements as “he prayed, he entreated the Lord, he called upon the name of the Lord,” etc., are not prayers; they merely mention that certain people prayed.

Six Prayers in Genesis:
1. Abraham for an heir (40 words; Gen 15:2-3). Answered because God had promised (Gen 21:1-8).
2. Abraham for Ishmael to be his heir (7 words; Gen 17:18). Unanswered because it was not in harmony with God’s word and plan.
3. Abraham for Sodom to be spared if 10 persons were righteous (176 words; Gen 18:23-32). Unanswered because 10 righteous persons weren’t found (Gen 19:24).
4. Eliezer, steward of Abraham, for a bride for Isaac (110 words; Gen 24:12-14). Answered because it was according to God’s word (Gen 12:1-3; 7:13-15; 16:18; 17:7; 19:21-12)

References to prayer, entreating the Lord, calling on the name of the Lord, and groaning and being afflicted (Gen 12:7-8; 13:4; 16:11; 20:17-18; 25:21-23).

Four Prayers in Exodus:
7. Moses for Aaron to go with him (16 words; Ex 4:13). Answered because God wanted to please Moses (Ex 4:14-17).
8. Moses in complaint to God for not delivering Israel (42 words; Ex 5:22-23). Answered because of God’s word (Ex 3:8; 12; 17-22).
9. Moses for forgiveness for Israel (39 words; Ex 32:1-32). Answered because of atonement and intercession (Ex 32:11-14; 30-35) and because of God’s word (Ex 33:1-6; 12-14).
10. Moses for God’s presence to go with Israel to Canaan (138 words; Ex 33:12-13; 15-16). Answered because of God’s word (Ex 33:12-14) and His grace (Ex 33:17).

Nine Prayers in Numbers:
11. Aaron for the blessing of God upon the people (32 words in the form of benediction; Num 6:24-26). Answered because of God’s promise (Num 6:27).
12. Moses for God to bless on the journey (27 words; Num 10:35-36). Answered when Israel lived free from sin, but unanswered when they sinned, which was according to God’s word (Ex 32:12-33).
13. Moses in complaining to God because the burden was too heavy (136 words; Num 11:10-15). Answered because of God’s words (Num 11:16-20; 25-30).
14. Moses for God to show him what to do to give the people flesh (56 words; Num 11:21-22). Answered because of God’s word (Num 11:21) and to show His power (Num 11:23).

References to prayer (Num 11:2; 21:7).

Two Prayers in Deuteronomy:
20. Moses asking to go over into Canaan (59 words; Deut 3:24-25). Unanswered because of sin (Deut 3:26; Num 20:12).
21. Moses for Israel to be spared (114 words; Deut 9:26-29). Answered because of intercession of Moses (Ex 32:11-14).

References to prayer (Deut 9:20; 26), also what to pray for elders at murder trials (Deut 21:6-9) and what all Israel should pray after obedience to the law (Deut 26:5-15).

Two Prayers in Joshua:
22. Joshua in complaint because God had not given victory (90 words; Josh 7:7-9). Answered so sin could be put away (Josh 7:10-15).
23. Joshua in the form of a command for the sun and moon to stand still (14 words; Josh 10:12). Answered because of necessity for time to finish God’s work (Josh 10:12).
Nine Prayers in Judges:

24. Israel for guidance (14 words; 1 Kings 1:1). Answered because it pleased God (1 Kings 3:10-14).

25. Gideon for revelation and guidance (135 words; 1 Kings 6:13, 15, 17-18, 22). Answered because of God's word and will for Israel (1 Kings 6:12, 14, 16, 20-21, 23).

26. Israel for deliverance and forgiveness of sins (36 words; 1 Kings 10:10, 15). Answered because of God's plan for Israel (1 Kings 11:1-33).


29. Samson for one last victory (33 words; Judges 13:8, 11-12, 15, 17). Answered because of God's plan for Israel (Judges 13:9, 11, 13, 16, 18).


32. Israel for revelation (24 words; Judges 21:3). No answer recorded.

Six Prayers in 1 Samuel:

33. Hannah for a son (55 words; 1 Samuel 1:11). Answered because of God's plan for Israel (1 Samuel 1:20-23) and promises to bless with children upon obedience (Lev 26:3-13, Deut 28:1-14).

34. Hannah to express gratitude for answered prayer (264 words; 1 Samuel 2:1-10). No request to answer.


36. David for guidance (7 words; 1 Samuel 23:2). Answered because of God's plan (1 Samuel 23:2).


38. David for revelation (10 words; 1 Samuel 30:8). Answered because of God's plan.

References to prayer (1 Samuel 7:9, 15; 8:6, 12:18, 15:11; 28:6).

Four Prayers in 2 Samuel:


Five Prayers in 1 Kings:

43. Solomon for wisdom (146 words; 1 Kings 3:6-9). Answered because it pleased God (1 Kings 3:10-14).

44. Solomon, prayer of dedication (1,050 words; 1 Kings 8:23-53). Answered according to obedience of Israel.


46. Elijah for fire from heaven (63 words; 1 Kings 18:36-37). Answered because of faith (1 Kings 18:38).

47. Elijah for death (18 words; 1 Kings 19:4). Unanswered because it was contrary to God's plan which was to translate him and permit him to live bodily in heaven until time to come back to earth as one of the two witnesses (2 Kings 2:9; Zech 4:11-14, Mal 4:5-6, Rev 11:3-11).

References to prayer (1 Kings 13:6, 18:42-43).

Three Prayers in 2 Kings:

48. Elisha for his servant's eyes to be opened (11 words; 2 Kings 6:17). Answered by faith.


50. Hezekiah for a longer life (30 words); he received 15 years more (2 Kings 20:3). Answered by faith (2 Kings 20:5-6).

Two Prayers in 1 Chronicles:

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51. Jabez for enlarged coast (33 words; 1 Chron 4:10). Answered because of God’s word to give Israel all the land (1 Chron 4:10; Gen 15:18-21).

52. David for Solomon and Israel (326 words; 1 Chron 29:10-19). Answered partially, in the temporary obedience to God of Solomon and Israel.

References to prayer (1 Chron 5:20; 21:26; 23:30).

Two Prayers in 2 Chronicles:


References to prayer (2 Chron 15:13; 33:13).

Two Prayers in Ezra:

55. Ezra-prayer of thanksgiving (50 words; Ezra 7:27-28).


References to prayer (Ezra 8:21-23).

Nine Prayers in Nehemiah:

57. Nehemiah for confession of sins and help (256 words; Neh 1:5-11).

58. Nehemiah for judgment (53 words; Neh 4:1-6).

59. Nehemiah for help (7 words; Neh 6:9).

60. Nehemiah for help (31 words; Neh 6:14).

61. Israel-confession of sins (1,205 words-the longest prayer; Neh 9:5-38).


63. Nehemiah for blessing (18 words; Neh 13:22).

64. Nehemiah for judgment (21 words; Neh 13:29).

65. Nehemiah for blessing (7 words).

References to prayer (Neh 2:4; 4:9; 8:6).

Seven Prayers in Job:


70. Job for a fair trial (48 words; Job 23:3-5). Answered (Job 38:42).

71. Job, prayer of confession (34 words; Job 40:3-5)


Seventy-two Prayers in Psalms:


124-138. An unknown psalmist (perhaps David) prayed for many kinds of blessings, which were granted or will be granted (Ps 10; 33; 43:1-44:26; 71; 85; 88; 102; 106; 118; 120; 123; 125; 129; 137).

139-143. Asaph made many requests to God (in 5 prayers) for various kinds of blessing which were granted or will yet be granted (Ps 74; 79:1-80:19; 82:1-83:18).

144. Moses makes requests to God (Ps 90).

145. Ethan made requests for God to remember the reproach of His servants (Ps 89).
Thus, in 72 of the 150 psalms there are personal requests to God, making them definitely prayer-psalms. A few of the other 78 may also be considered such because of the general nature of the subject matter. Even in the listed prayer-psalms many subjects are more outstanding than the prayers. See notes on these psalms.

Three Prayers in Isaiah:
148. Hezekiah for healing and length of days (30 words; Isa 36:3). Answered (Isa 38:5).

References to prayer (Isa 1:15; 7:11; 16:12; 26:16; 55:6-7). There are also prayers that Israel will make in the time of their restoration as a nation (Isa 12; 64).

Eleven Prayers in Jeremiah:
149. Jeremiah, confession of inability to obey God (12 words; Jer 1:6).
150. Jeremiah, accusing God (24 words; Jer 4:10).
152. Jeremiah, questioning God (133 words; Jer 12:1-4).
153. Jeremiah for help for Judah (95 words; Jer 14:7-9).
155. Jeremiah, judgment (118 words; Jer 15:15-18).
156. Jeremiah for judgment (158 words; Jer 17:13-18).
158. Jeremiah for judgment (214 words; Jer 20:7-12).
159. Jeremiah, concerning captivity of Judah (209 words; Jer 32:17-26).

References to prayer (Jer 7:16; 11:14; 14:11; 21:2; 29:7 12: 37:3; 42:2-4 120).

Four Prayers in Lamentations:
161. Jeremiah for consideration (113 words; Lam 2:20-22).
162. Jeremiah for judgment (158 words; Lam 3:55-66).
163. Jeremiah for the oppressed people of Judah (300 words; Lam 5).

Jeremiah could be called the praying prophet as well as the weeping prophet. He has 15 recorded prayers.

Three Prayers in Ezekiel:
164. Ezekiel protesting what God wanted him to do (41 words; Ezek 4:14).
165. Ezekiel for the remnant (20 words; Ezek 9:8).
166. Ezekiel for the remnant (14 words; Ezek 11:13).

Two Prayers in Daniel:
168. Daniel for revelation (11 words; Dan 12:8).

References to prayer (Dan 2:17-18; 6:10).

Two Prayers in Amos:
169. Amos for forgiveness (16 words; Amos 7:2).
170. Amos for help (16 words; Amos 7:5).

Three Prayers in Jonah:
171. Sailors for mercy (33 words; Jonah 1:14).

173. Jonah for death (70 words; Jonah 4:2-3).

Three Prayers in Habakkuk:

174. Habakkuk for God to act (75 words; Hab 1:1-5).

175. Habakkuk for judgment (156 words; Hab 1:12-17).

176. Habakkuk for revival (474 words; Hab 3:2-19).

Seventeen Prayers in Matthew:

177. Jesus, The Lord's prayer (66 words; Matt 6:9-13).

178. Leper for healing (9 words; Matt 8:2). Answered (Matt 8:3).

179. Centurion for healing of his servant (73 words; Matt 8:6-9). Answered (Matt 8:13).

180. Disciples for help from drowning (5 words; Matt 8:25). Answered (Matt 8:26).

181. Demons for temporary liberty (37 words; Matt 8:29-31). Answered (Matt 8:32).


185. Jesus giving thanks to God (38 words; Matt 11:25).

186. Peter to walk on water (13 words; Matt 14:28). Answered (Matt 14:29).

187. Peter for help from drowning (3 words; Matt 14:30). Answered (Matt 14:31).

188. A woman for healing of her daughter (36 words; Matt 16:22-27). Answered (Matt 16:28).

189. A man for healing of his son (39 words; Matt 17:15-16). Answered (Matt 17:18).

190. A mother for exaltation of her 2 sons, James and John (23 words; Matt 20:21). Unanswered because of wrong motive and not in harmony with God's plan (Matt 20:22).

191. Two blind men for healing (27 words; Matt 20:30-33). Answered (Matt 20:34).

192. Jesus to be saved from death in the garden before He could die on the cross (62 words; Matt 26:39-44). Answered (Heb 5:7).

193. Jesus on the cross (9 words; Matt 27:46).


Two Prayers in Mark:

194. A demon for temporary freedom (31 words; Mark 1:23-24).

195. Jesus in healing a deaf mute (2 words-the shortest prayer; Mark 7:34). Answered (Mark 7:35).


Seventeen Prayers in Luke:


Five Prayers in John:


204. People for living bread (6 words; John 6:34).


207. Jesus for disciples (638 words; John 17).


Six Prayers in Acts:


211. Stephen for enemies (13 words; Acts 7:59-60).


One Prayer in 3 John:

214. That we the readers would prosper and be in health as our soul prospers (18 words; 3 John 2)

Eight Prayers in Revelation:

215. Elders in worship (27 words; Rev 4:11).

216. Angels in worship (22 words; Rev 5:12).

217. All creatures in worship (22 words; Rev 5:13).

218. Martyrs for vengeance (22 words; Rev 6:10).

219. Great multitude in worship (13 words; Rev 7:10).

220. Angels in worship (23 words; Rev 7:12).

221. Glorified saints in worship (56 words; Rev 19:1-6).

222. John for the coming of Jesus Christ a second time, 5 words (Rev 22:20).

Besides the actual worded prayers in these 30 books of the Bible, there are many passages in them, as well as in some of the 36 books containing no prayers, that give much instruction on the subject of prayer. It is thought by some that there are a number of prayers in the epistles, but in reality, these books contain only statements to Christians regarding the apostles praying for them that God would bless them, or they give instructions for Christians to pray and tell them what to pray for. These are not actual prayers addressed to God, however (Rom 1:8-10; 16:20; Eph 1:15-20; 3:13-21; Phil 1:2-7; Col 1:3-14; 1 Thess 1:2-3; 2:9-13; 1 Tim 1:3-7; 2 Tim 4:14-18; James 5:13-18).

Thirty-five Prayerless Books of the Bible

1. Leviticus
2. Ruth
3. Esther
4. Proverbs
5. Ecclesiastes
6. Song of Solomon
7. Hosea
8. Joel
9. Obadiah
10. Micah
11. Nahum
12. Zephaniah
13. Haggai
14. Zechariah
14. Zechariah
15. Malachi
16. Romans
17. 1 Corinthians
18. 2 Corinthians
19. Galatians
20. Ephesians
21. Philippians
22. Colossians
23. 1 Thessalonians
24. 2 Thessalonians
25. 1 Timothy
26. 2 Timothy
27. Titus
28. Philemon
29. Hebrews
30. James
31. 1 Peter
32. 2 Peter
34. 2 John
35. 3 John

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mark patz
February 6, 2013 at 7:25 am · Reply
Pastor Mark Patz – Greetings and salutations in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bless you for your time and study. I would like permission to use this for our Wednesday evening prayer service. Waiting for your reply. Speaking the truth in Love

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: The book of Ephesians does record Paul’s prayer starting in Eph 3:14 ¶ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and ending verse 21. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Bowing and ending with amen and describing God’s love by the description of the cross of the Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

I remain in Christ, Mark. Waiting for your exhortation God Bless

FaithMechanic
February 6, 2013 at 12:07 pm · Reply
Pastor Mark Patz – This article is used by permission by Dake Publishing, but I see no problem with using it as reference materials in small meetings.

In Ephesians Chapter 1 and 3, and in other locations, Paul describes his prayers for the Saints but they are not actual prayers so they are not included.
Splendid job as this could only be done with the spirit of God and I pray that the wisdom in you will continue to bless and enrich many. Job well done. God bless you mightily.

Thanks for this collecting prayer. God bless you.

Good afternoon! What a God-kissed day this has been! Whew, but God is good! Amen? Amen! How can your organization send me the 222 Prayers of The Bible to my e-mail? I tried to cut and paste, but it wouldn't work. Actually? I would love to receive your entire web-site to my e-mail. God bless you and thank you for being here for me. I know that it was not a coincidence that I found you, but Divine Appointment. I was looking up scriptures for a young friend of mine who suffers from depression/anxiety attacks/mood swings and so do I and that is when God led me to you. Hallelujah!

What a great revelation, may God bless you.

Great resource but I can't believe that you count Ephesians as a Prayerless book! You overlooked Eph 1:15-20 and Eph 3:14-21.

They are not actual prayers. They are examples of prayers Paul prayed for individuals and Churches. Colossians chapter one also has one. They are similar to the Lord's Prayer in the Gospels.

May God Bless You All. I Feel so much better now.

THANKS A LOT!!! GOD BLESS YOU MORE.

Am so happy may good bless u.

Thank you so much for the good work.

this is absolutely wonderful, and I thank God for this outline of Finis Dake, a truly great man of God. B.G. Drake

your pages of CHRIST, enlighten my soul...

Peace and Love and PBUY
I found your blog on google and read a few of your other posts. I just added you to my Google News Reader. Keep up the good work. Look forward to reading more from you in the future.