

A Crafted Prayer To Start The Day¹

Dearest God, holy and victorious Trinity, I come to you now to be restored in you, to be renewed in you, to receive your life, your love, your grace, your mercy, and your wisdom that I so desperately need this day. I honor you as my Lord. I choose to surrender every part of my life to you. Dear Holy Spirit please fill me, renew me in you, and bless this time of prayer.

Most Holy Three-In-One, you alone are worthy of all my worship, all my heart's devotion, all my praise, all my trust, and the glory of my life. I love you. I worship you. I give myself to you in my heart's search for life. You alone are Life and you have become my life. I renounce all other gods and every idol. Please show me where I have allowed anything in my life to become an idol. This life is all about you and, then, about your love for me. You are the author, hero, and director of my life's story and I belong to you. You are God and I am not. Search me, know me, and please reveal to me where you are working in my life so I can intentionally cooperate with you in your process of making me more like Jesus. Please give me a lucid, focused, and wise mind so I can understand, feel, and respond to true reality as you see and reveal it. Please grant to me the grace of your healing, deliverance, and a deep and true repentance for all you show me that needs it.

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me and choosing me before you made the cosmos. You are my true Father—my creator, redeemer, justifier, glorifier, sustainer, and the finisher of all things, including my life. I love you. I trust you. I worship you. I give myself to you, Abba, to be one with you as Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one with you - as much as it is possible for a created being to be one with his eternal God and creator. Thank you for showing your love for me by sending Jesus. I receive him and all his life and all the ministry you have chosen for me. Thank you for including me in Jesus, forgiving my sins, granting me his righteousness, adopting me into your family, and making me complete in Jesus. Thank you for making me alive in Jesus, raising me in him, seating me in him at your right hand, establishing me in his authority, and giving me your love and your Spirit. I give you total claim over my life—my spirit, mind, will, emotions, and body – all that I call 'me'. I receive all you've done for me with joy, awe, and profound gratitude. Oh, thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

My Jesus, thank you for coming in the flesh to ransom me with your own life. I love you. I worship you. I trust you. I give myself to you to be one with you in all things. You have cleansed me from all sin. I am healed by your punishment, sacrifice, and suffering for me. I have been ransomed, delivered from the kingdom of darkness, and transferred into your kingdom – the Kingdom of light.

¹ Based on a daily prayer published by John Eldredge.

My sin nature is being subdued and will ultimately be removed. Every claim being made against me has been cancelled and nailed to your cross. I take my place now in your cross and death, dying with you to sin, to my sin nature, to this world, and to the evil one and his kingdom. I embrace your cross and crucify my sin nature with all its pride, substitutes, addictions, selfishness, unbelief, idolatry and impure thought-life. Thank you for giving me a new spiritual heart. I take off the old sin nature and put on your gift of my new Christ-like nature that includes your righteousness, holiness, hope, love, faithfulness, joy, your graciousness, peace, humility, patience, kindness, confidence, trustfulness, your gentleness, self-control, perseverance, goodness, truthfulness, your tenderness, intentionality, ferocity, courage, compassion, connectedness, your humor, wisdom, power, godliness, purity, and strength. You have applied and are applying within and through me all the work and triumph in your cross, death, blood, and sacrifice. I receive it all now with joy, awe, and thankfulness.

Dear Jesus, thank you for all the work and triumph in your resurrection. You have conquered sin, death, judgment, and the evil one. You are life and victory. Death has no power over you, nor does any foul thing. I have been raised with you to a new life, to live life in you — dead to intentionally practicing sin and alive to you my God. I take my place now in your resurrection life. I give my life to you to live your life within and through me. I present myself to you as a living sacrifice. I am saved to live life with you and for you. Please apply within and through me all the work and triumph in your resurrection. I receive it all with joy, awe, and thankfulness. I give you my entire being - my spirit, mind, will, emotions, and body.

Lord Jesus, thank you for all the work and triumph in your ascension. You are truly transcendent. I sincerely receive you as my authority, rule, and dominion, my everlasting victory over Satan and his kingdom, and my ability to live in and proclaim your Kingdom. I take my place now in your authority and in your dominion. I give myself to you to reign within and through me always. All authority in the heavens and on this earth has been given to you, Jesus. You are worthy to receive all glory and honor, power and dominion, now and forever. You have given me authority over all the power of the enemy. Please apply within and through me all the work and triumph of your ascension and your Kingdom. I receive it all with joy, awe, and thankfulness.

Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for coming to live in me. I love you. I worship you. I trust you. I receive all the power and triumph you provided when you came at Pentecost to live in all who had received Jesus as their savior. You have clothed me with power from on high and sealed me in Jesus. You are my assurance of salvation and the proof of my union with Abba and Jesus. You have promised

never to leave me or forsake me. You are the Spirit of truth in me, the life of God in me, my counselor, my comforter, my source of living water, my strength, and my guide. You are the source of my spiritual, mental, and physical health. I honor you as my Lord. I gladly give you every part of my spirit, mind, will, emotions, and body to flood my life with you, to be one with you, to walk in unity with you in all things. Please continue to fill me dear Holy Spirit and help me to be consciously aware of your presence moment by moment today. Lead me into all truth. Please bless and direct my life and ministry today. Dear Holy Spirit I ask you to raise up prayer and intercession for me. Please lead me deeper into Jesus' likeness today. I receive all you have done and are doing for me and within me with joy, awe, and thankfulness.

I now bring your authority, rule, and Kingdom, Jesus, over my life today: over my home, those in my household, my ministry, over all that is under my control or influence. I will bring your authority, my Lord Jesus, and your power against every evil thing coming against me—against every stronghold, every demonic assignment, every word curse, every bondage, every foul power and device, and every demonic influence as you give me the ability to recognize them. I will cut them off and banish them from my life in your name, Lord Jesus. I will disciple others to do the same. Please empower me not to submit to, cooperate with, listen to, make any agreement with, or stay under any authority or influence that is not from you including my own sin nature. By your grace, I will allow only your love and power dear Holy Trinity to rule in all my relationships and interactions with others.

Heavenly Father, thank you for granting me every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. I accept all your riches in Jesus in my life today. I put on the full armor you have provided: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace with you and others, and the helmet of salvation. I take up the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, which is your Word. Thank you for and please continue giving me revelation from your written Word, your spoken Word, and your beautiful, wonderful, amazing “book” of creation. Please use them to bless me, teach me, correct me, heal me, and guide me moment by moment today and throughout my life. I choose by your grace to love others as I love myself and to serve you by loving and serving them in your power and strength and wisdom. Please bring glory to your name today and every day within and through my life and ministry. I will stand strong in your strength my Lord. I will pray at all times with my understanding and in your Spirit.

In Jesus' name, amen.