

# Psalms, Hymns and Prayers of Thanksgiving

Not thankful that you have them  
but rather thankful that God would deem to give them.

For Meditation on Thankfulness...

## **(NO WHINING ZONE)**

*DEU 28:47, 48 "Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things; therefore you shall serve your enemies ...*

*Numbers 14:27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who are grumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are making against Me.*

**John Fletcher of Madely** "One time meeting him when he was very ill with a hectic fever... I said, 'I am sorry to find you so ill' Mr. Fletcher answered with great sweetness and energy. **'Sorry, sir! Why are you sorry? It is the chastisement of my heavenly Father, and I rejoice in it. I love the rod of my God, and rejoice therein, as an expression of His love and affection towards me.'**" (.JC. Ryle *The Christian Leaders of the Last Century*; pg 388)

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### A. Psalms

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II Samuel 22:1 – 25

II Samuel 22:26 – 51

I Chronicles 16:8 – 36

I Chronicles 29:10 – 19

Revelation 11:17, 18

*Psalm 16:6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.*

*Psalm 50:23 "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God."*

*Psalm 107:43 Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things; And consider the lovingkindnesses of the Lord.*

*Psalm 116:7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.*

*Psalm 136:26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.*

*Psalm 138:1 (A Psalm of David.) I will give Thee thanks with all my heart; I will sing praises to Thee before the gods.*

*Psalm 140:13 Surely the righteous will give thanks to Thy name; The upright will dwell in Thy presence.*

*Luke 17:15 – 18 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine-- where are they? "Was no one found who turned back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"*

### **Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine**

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Refrain*

Frances Jane Crosby *Born:* March 24, 1820, Putnam County, New York. *Died:* February 12, 1915, Bridgeport, Connecticut Fanny Crosby was probably the most prolific hymnist in history. Though blinded by an incompetent doctor at six weeks of age, she wrote over 8,000 hymns. About her blindness, she said: **"It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me."** In her lifetime, Fanny Crosby was one of the best known women in the United States. To this day, the vast majority of American hymnals contain her work. Of this hymn Ira Sanky, song leader for D. L. Moody records... "During the recent war in the Transvaal," said a gentleman at my meeting in Exeter Hall, London, in 1900, "when the soldiers going to the front were passing another body of soldiers whom they recognized, their greetings used to be, 'Four-nine-four, boys; four-nine-four;' and the salute would invariably be answered with 'Six further on, boys; six further on.' The significance of this was that, in 'Sacred Songs and Solos,' a number of copies of the small edition of which had been sent to the front, number 494 was '**God be with you until we meet again;**' and six further on than 494, or number 500, was 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.'" **Sankey**, p. 122

### **Jesus I Am Resting**

Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart:  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole

Refrain: Jesus, I am resting, resting,  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.

*O, how great Thy loving kindness, Vaster, broader than the sea!  
O, how marvelous Thy goodness, Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Belovèd, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
Know Thy certainty of promise, And have made it mine.*

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love, so pure so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings, Thine is love indeed

*Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, Earth's dark shadows flee,  
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.*

Jean Sophia Pigott Born: 1845, Ireland. Died: October 12, 1882, Leixlip, Lucan, County Kildare, Ireland.  
Facts about Jean Pigott are scarce. She did contribute some hymns to *Hymns of Consecration and Faith*, and in 1877, published *A Royal Service, and Other Poems*. This hymn was a favorite of missionary Hudson Taylor and he found solace in it during the boxer rebellion. In that time of chaos he could often be found singing it during his morning devotionals.

### **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

*Here I raise my Ebenezer that till now I've safely come,  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood.*

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safety to arrive at home.

Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson *Born:* September 27, 1735, Swaffham, Norfolk, England. *Died:* June 8, 1790, Showell Green, Warwickshire, England. Robinson's widowed mother sent him at age 14 to London, to learn the trade of barber and hair dresser. However, his master found he enjoyed reading more than work. Converted to Christ at age 17, Robinson became a Methodist minister. He later moved to the Baptist church and pastored in Cambridge, England. He wrote a number of hymns, as well as on the subject of theology. His later life was evidently not an easy one, he was dismissed from several pastorates and was given to eccentricities and despondency.

## **1. Family**

## **2. Home and House**

## **3. Friends**

## **4. Health**

## **5. Finances**

## **6. Ministry**

## **7. Blessings and fruitful times that God in His sovereignty has taken me through**

Ps 107:31 "Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men!"

Ps 107:43 Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things; and consider the lovingkindness of the LORD.

## 8. Men and circumstance you have brought into my life to help, train and rebuke

Psalm 71:20 Thou, who hast shown me many troubles and distresses, Wilt revive me again, And wilt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Psalm 118:18 The Lord has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

Psalm 119:71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Thy statutes.

Hebrews 12:6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives. "

### a. People

- 1.) Enemies
- 2.) Rebukes & Corrections
- 3.) Humiliations
- 4.) Self perceived lack of recognition
- 5.) Used for others success
- 6.) Injustices

### b. Circumstances

- 1.) Failures
- 2.) Hardships
- 3.) Pains & Sorrows
- 4.) Sickness
- 5.) Poverty
- 6.) Refining fires
- 7.) Perceived unmet needs

### c. Times of Barrenness or Fruitlessness

**HAB 3:17, 18 Though the fig tree should not blossom, And there be no fruit on the vines, Though the yield of the olive should fail, And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold, And there be no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.**

## 9. God the Son - Jesus'

- a. Virgin birth
- b. Earthly life and ministry
- c. Suffering and shed blood
- d. Substitutionary Death on the Cross

- e. Burial
- f. Resurrection
- g. Ascension
- h. Continuing ministry
- i. Imminent return

**10. God the Holy Spirit - Ministry of the Holy Spirit**

- a. Indwelling
- b. Seal
- c. Filling
- d. Gifts
- e. Calling
- f. Graces
- g. Power
- h. Comfort

**11. God the Father - Lord God (See Attributes)**

- a. Unity - Three yet One
- b. Sovereign yet Loving Father

**12. Word of God**

- a. The Literal Word of God
- b. Inspired
- c. Eternal
- d. Inerrant
- e. Pure
- f. Unbroken
- g. Authoritative
- h. Dynamic
- i. Accomplishes its purposes
- j. Alive, active
- k. Creative Power
- l. Empowers
- m. Instructs
- n. Judges
- o. Powerful
- p. Sanctifies
- q. Spiritual
- r. Spiritual Light
- s. Spiritual Food
- t. Tests
- u. Sword of the Spirit

**13. Prayer**

- a. Listen
- b. Presence
- c. Act
- d. Power
- e. Miracle
- f. Refresh
- g. Empower
- h. Lead
- i. Comfort
- j. Calm

**14. Luxuries and possessions You have allowed me and lavished upon me.**

15. **Mercies** - that which You withhold - that you do not deal with me as my sins deserve

16. **Graces** - that which You bestow - that I do not receive merely what I have earned but rather I receive what I do not deserve in terms of Your blessings.

17. **Happiness of my heart** in all that You do, have done and the expectation of Your future acts. All the fun I've had in life.

**Psalm 116:7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

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**Areas of Thought:**