

# Worship at Home

Liturgy, Prayers, Scripture, and Devotions blessed to turn your home into a Holy Place. God is with you, always! Read, listen, pray, and give thanks. A thankful heart opens the door of the troubled mind to Grace Greater than all Our Fear!

The Word of God for the People of God!

## **Thanks be to God.**

Read each verse. Yes, out loud!  
Reading out loud brings God's Word to Life. Give it the breathe of Life.  
Give it volume. Give it feeling.

Read the passage three times.  
Listen for a Word from God that stands out. Underline the word. It is God's gift to you. A seed of mercy, grace, and love is now planted in your mind.

## Psalm 42

**Longing for God and His Help in Distress  
To the leader. A Maskil of the Korahites.**

**1**

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.**

**2**

**My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?**

**3**

**My tears have been my food  
day and night,**



**while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”**

**4**

**These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,[a]  
and led them in procession to the house  
of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of  
thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.**

**5**

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help 6 and my God.**

A piece of purple cloth, a candle, a cross and a table with your Bible is all you need to create a sacred place in your home. Pray God's blessings upon these things. Amen, means God makes it so!

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen. Amen.

Listening to God's Word plants seeds of mercy, grace, and love in our minds. Prayer invites the Holy Spirit to empower God's word in and through our lives.

Prayer gets our Heads into our Hearts. Prayer requires Faith: As James says, Be not merely hearers of the Word but Doers.

Faith, however, has nothing to do with our power or opinion. Faith denies self-power and selfish-opinions to humbly ask the Father, "What do these Word(s) you planted in my mind mean to You? When God answers it is as if you have always known the truth of being a merciful, gracious Doer!



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# OUR PRAYER

The Lord be with You!

**And also with you!**

Let us prayer! (Faith knows we are never alone.)

**Name and Give thanks for each word you underlined in Psalm 42.**

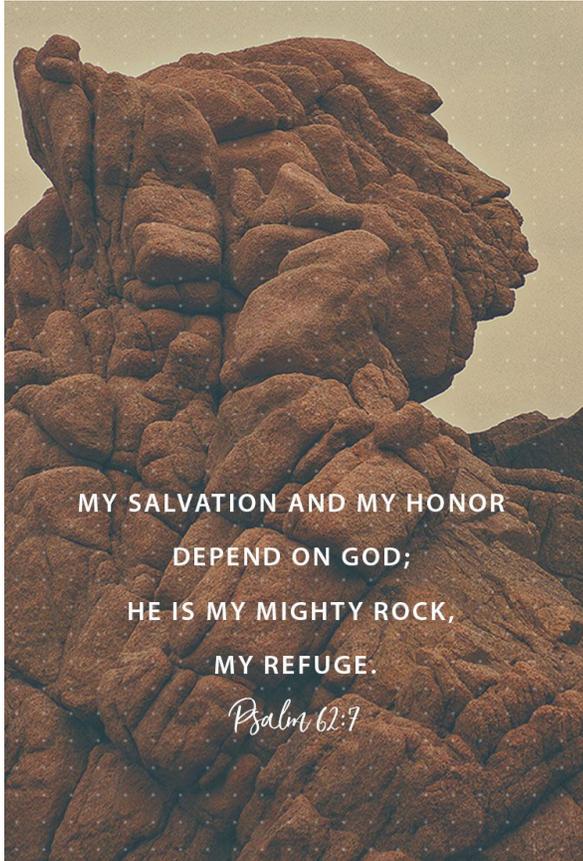
**Give thanks for Doctors and Medical Staff.**

**Give thanks for our Nation's Leaders. (Name them!) Now, ask God to give them a Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach our Leaders to be Hearers of God's Word and Spirit empowered Doers.**

**Give thanks for the people who care for your needs. The ones we may have over looked such as pharmacy, grocery store, UPS, Gas Station workers...**

**Give thank for God's presence with people you know in the Hospital, Nursing Home, Sick, Lonely...**

# CONSERVING BELIEFS



## The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our  
Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried;\* the third  
day he rose from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at  
the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us build our lives on the rock of salvation. Conserve your beliefs. Deny yourself! Humble yourself like Christ to walk in the power of God's mercy and grace. Confession means to face our sin, name it, and claim it. Drop the blame, guilt and shame. This is how the Spirit leads us to deny ourselves. Then we wait, and pray with expectation, till God through Jesus Christ feeds us The Fruit of the Holy Spirit's love, peace, patience...with self

My soul thirst for God. My soul thirst for life. Life flows from God in the same way breath sustains my physical body; so the Holy Spirit sustains life-eternal in God.

If the above statement confuses your mind and troubles your heart, do not be alarmed. Simply acknowledge how the statement troubles your mind! Confession names fear, claims it, and faces it. Only then will our heads enter our hearts to be lead in prayers of forgiveness.

For example: My mind questions the phrase, 'the Holy Spirit sustains eternal-life.' I believe John 3:16. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son and whoever believes, in Jesus Christ, has eternal life. I believe! But my mind insist that eternal-life is a future event. I have been taught that I cannot participate in the promised eternal-life until I die, and face judgment. Surely, you see how my mind continually holds me accountable to the Law of Moses. But I want to flow Christ!

During this pandemic fear rises within me. My mind often asks a guilt laden, shameful question? "Robert, 'Your tears have been your food day and night.' Where is your God? Is God punishing you? (Maybe this is too much transparency, but I would be lying if I denied such temporary doubts creep into my mind.)

My heart rises to the occasion. My heart hungers for mercy. My hear cries, "Robert, remember the last time we gathered in the sanctuary. The hymns satisfied my hunger. The prayers and liturgy comforted the mercy-pangs in my heart. O, if I could only join the procession but not now it is too dangerous. I might infect my neighbor with the virus? How shall this hunger to share empathy and compassion be fed?

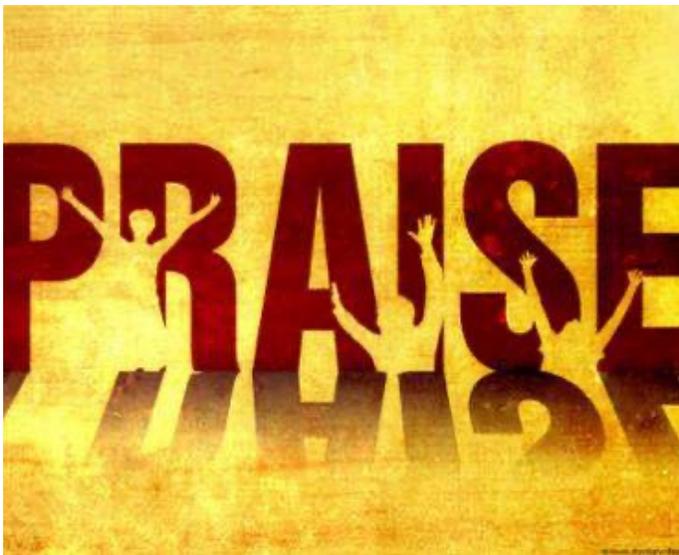
After much prayer! Following many Confessions of my heart and mind something beautiful happens. With my head in my heart a new question arises. This new question comes from the coalition of my heart and mind: “Why are you cast down O my soul?”

My mind hungers to be right and good. My heart hungers for mercy, community, and love. But my soul? My soul thirst. My soul thirst for God, the living God! So, how do I drink?

Lift up your hearts! Humble your head! Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**37** On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, **38** and let the one who believes in me drink. As[k] the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart[l] shall flow rivers of living water.’” **39** Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit,[m] because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7)

You know how to breathe life giving oxygen that sustains the body. Since God created your physical body to autonomically breathe; how much more willing is the Father to teach your heart and mind to breathe in the Holy Spirit to quench the thirst of your soul.



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

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