

# Praying the Psalms

A prayer  
offered  
after reading  
Psalm 111

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**Praise be to You, my Lord!  
Great are Your works, O my God.**

**Therefore ...** because You are with me, I will delight in the beauty of my home. I will enjoy the gifts which You bestow. I will rejoice in the silvery morning dew and the orange evening sunsets. I will lift my eyes to the majesty of Your mighty mountains and drink in the splendor of Your blue sea waters. I will rejoice and be glad.

In the company of Your people, You give us cause to rejoice, for Your righteousness and Your love are proclaimed and sung.

**Therefore ...** Your love fills my life. I will give thanks with my whole heart, not only when life is easy and I am on the mountaintop with a great company of believers, but when life is difficult or ordinary and I am on the plain, performing my daily tasks or telling of Your righteousness and love to those who know You not.

You have shown us, Your people, Your redeeming power by saving us with the precious blood of Your Son. With Your enduring presence You have made Your home in my heart.

**Therefore ...** I can do all when You strengthen me. I will praise You in the morning. I will praise You in the congregation. I will praise You when I'm lonely. I will praise You while I work or eat or wash my hair. I will praise You for making me a part of Your family. I will praise You for giving me a heart for LWML — to work in Your mission field with the mite offerings I give, with the prayers of my heart, and with my hands and feet as I actively seek You and Your will.

You have made me Your child, an inheritor of Your kingdom. You are faithful and just. Your Word endures forever and does not change.

**Therefore ...** because You made me to walk in mission with You, I will trust You with my whole heart. I will walk in faith even though stumbling blocks lie in my path or dangers threaten me. I will work for You in faith, even when I'm afraid to speak or act, for You are with me. Your power is greater than any of my fears.

Holy and awesome is Your name!

**Therefore ...** because You live in me, I will praise You, my Lord and my God. I will seek You with my whole heart. I will crave Your wisdom for my life. I will trust You to give me understanding and discernment while on my mission walk of love with You. Thank You for giving me so many opportunities to practice giving away what You so freely gave to me.

I am nothing without You.

**Therefore ...** with You I am what You planned; I am something. I am somebody. I am Your wondrous work! Thank You for Your salvation, Your love, and Your peace. Praise be to You forever! Amen! *Q*