

# Prayer Calendar

## September 2020

### *Songs of Praise*

Scripture is filled with songs of praise and calling to God's people to sing their praises to God in all circumstances. Most of the Songs of Praise come from the Psalms, the bible's hymn book, however there are many Songs of Praise in the Old and New Testaments. May you sing with joy to the glories of God and may you hear God singing into love and joy into your soul. Included are links to praise songs from the United Methodist Hymnal and Modern Worship Songs. May you be blessed in the hearing and singing of spiritual songs.

### **Tuesday, September 1**

*Luke 1:46 | My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...*

~ Holy God, the story of Jesus opens with a mother's song rejoicing in your glory. May we sing with joy for our unexpected blessings. My blessings today are \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Wednesday, September 2**

*Luke 1:78-79 | By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

~ Lord, Zechariah joined in the song of hope for the gift of his son, John and the mighty work you will do through him. Today we give thanks for the work you are doing in and through us to give light and bring peace.

## **Thursday, September 3**

Music in My Mouth | Ken Medema

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F00gm2vgYGU>

Loving God, we will sing Love's stories like a bird on the wing, there will be music in our mouths and music in our souls!

## **Friday, September 4**

*Luke 2:28-32 | Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word...*

~ Holy God, we can trust your word to be true, as Simeon trusted you and sang with joy for the new hope for everyone. We sing with joy for God whose action is always love and compassion for all people.

## **Saturday, September 5**

*Psalms 95:1 | O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

~ Loving God, we sing to you, with the ancients, our joy, for you are our rock and foundation to all life. With you we are not afraid.

## **Sunday, September 6**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty |  
United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 64

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHrNNM23p8>

~ Holy God, I sing this ancient hymn of praise to you with all the voices of the saints.

## Monday, September 7

*Ephesians 5:20 | ...giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

~ Lord Jesus, you know times are hard and we are discouraged. Help us remember to give you all thanks and praise even in these moments not for the hard times, but that you are in it with us and we are not alone.

## Tuesday, September 8

*Psalms 71:23 | My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.*

~ Lord God, I remember when my heart was so hard and my will was so strong, before I remembered your love and care for me. Today, I sing this song of praise  
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## Wednesday, September 9

Hymn of Praise | Gaither Vocal Band

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kivDxsLYLPs>

~ Gracious God, we hold all things with open hands, our homes, our lives, this great land, our gifts, possessions and our days, we lift to you in grateful praise.

## Thursday, September 10

*Psalms 98:1 | O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.*

~ God of Praise, you have done marvelous things in my life and I am truly grateful. I can sing a new song of faith and practice for you have shown me a better way.

## **Friday, September 11**

*Psalm 16:11 | You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy. . .*

~ Gracious God, I am grateful for the path of life and the joy of life in you. Help me pay attention today to where you are at work and follow you.

## **Saturday, September 12**

*Psalm 16:4 | Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

~ Lord Jesus, I know I do not have to have a beautiful voice to sing your praises for you hear me with compassion and love. Even when things are difficult, I can find joy and sing your praises in ordinary moments.

## **Sunday, September 13**

Bless the Lord, O my soul | Modern Worship Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwlT8JjddM>

~ Psalm 103:1 | Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

## **Monday, September 14**

*Psalm 16:7 | Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.*

~ Creator God, even nature sings your praises with the voices you gave it. Help me listen today to the praise songs of the earth and all creation.

## **Tuesday, September 15**

*II Chronicles 5:13 | It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

~ Lord of All, it must have been glorious to hear the beauty of the singers and instruments singing and playing in praise of your holiness. Today I sing praises to you in my own voice, "For you are good, O God, your steadfast love endures forever!"

## **Wednesday, September 16**

In Christ Alone | Celtic Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kvFtXphmMU>

~ Lord Jesus, may you grow more and more in my heart so that I may be like you.

## **Thursday, September 17**

*Psalms 57:7 | My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.*

~ Glorious God, your love for us is steadfast and so in response I will be steadfast in my love of you. As I sing a song of praise today, I remember your love for me.

## **Friday, September 18**

*Psalms 57:8 | Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.*

~ Lord Jesus, as I awake and a new day begins, I will open my eyes in thanksgiving and offer praise on my lips. For each new day offers a gift of your unfailing love and grace.

## **Saturday, September 19**

*Psalm 57:9 | I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

~ God, Today I will remember to give thanks to you in every conversation and in every circumstance. For you are with me and always present through your Holy Spirit. I give praise to you and not to myself.

## **Sunday, September 20**

When In Our Music God is Glorified | UMH 68

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdaOy6Aqi38>

~ Alleluia! We sing with all creation, all tongues, all truth and love!

## **Monday, September 21**

*Ephesians 5:19 | ... as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts....*

~ Jesus, when the world is hollering at one another, help us to sing the words of faith and love with joy.

## **Tuesday, September 22**

*Psalm 101:1 | I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing.*

~ Lord, we sing many songs of praise to you, and today I sing of your steadfast love and justice to all people. May we praise you by offering justice to all who suffer from injustice.

## **Wednesday, September 23**

Be Thou My Vision | UMH 451

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihJAJA4ibEs>

~ Lord of our hearts, be our vision and our best thought by day and night.

## **Thursday, September 24**

*Psalm 16:4 | Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.*

~ Lord of All, how wonderful to celebrate persons who can play instruments and sing. Thank you for their gifts and I am so glad to sing with them in praise!

## **Friday, September 25**

*Psalm 40:3 | He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.*

~ Lord, as you lead us out of sadness and depression, away from the fears of the day, help me sing a new song of trust, faith and praise. Take away all fear of you and leave only devotion and love as I sing out in what wonders you have done on my behalf.

## **Saturday, September 26**

*Colossians 3:16 | Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.*

~ Holy God, I am so grateful you have given me a voice to sing your praises. I sing, these days, by myself, but you hear me.

## **Sunday, September 27**

Sing Gently | Eric Whitacre | Virtual Choir with over 17,000 people from all over the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnULYfJHKIO>

~ Precious Jesus, we join our voices as one to sing gently praise and thanksgiving for your love.

## **Monday, September 28**

*Luke 2:14 | Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!*

~ Holy One, the angels are singing the joy of the birth of the Christ child. May today, we remember the child who came so that we might know you and give praise and thanksgiving in joy.

## **Tuesday, September 29**

*Psalms 100:2 | Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.*

~ Lord of All, hear my song of faith and gladness, for I know you are singing into my heart first.

## **Wednesday, September 30**

*Psalms 27:1 | The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

~ Lord, I confess my sins to you today and know you will be faithful to forgive me.



# Thursday, September 31

Priestly Benediction | Numbers 6:24-26

The Blessing Zimbabwe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA1tVs7VNcY>

The Blessing United Kingdom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtlI3mNj5U>

~ Gracious God, we bless one another and sing with one voice the prayer, the blessing and the love you give to us.

This prayer calendar is designed to aid you in your daily life of prayer.

**Read the scripture** for the day over and over, out loud if possible. As you read, listen with an “ear of the heart” to a word or phrase that strikes you.

**Reflect on that word or phrase** asking yourself the question: “What is God saying to me through this word or phrase at this time?” Spend time in silence with this scripture mulling it over in your mind and heart.

**Allow God to speak to you in the silence.** Offer a prayer out of your reflection.

**Thank God** for whatever you received in the silence of your prayer and take that with you through your day.



