



“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalms 6:11 (ESV)

“The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught. **Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder;** the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.”” Isaiah 29:13–14 (NIV)

“For the wages of sin is death...” Romans 6:23a (NIV)

“...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23b (NIV)

““Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.” Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

HOW WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

1. WE RESPOND BY SINGING OUR PRAISE

“Sing out your thanks to the Lord; sing praises to our God ...” Psalms 147:7 (NLT)

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will come to you in a thick cloud, Moses, so the people themselves can hear me when I speak with you. Then they will always trust you....” On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram’s horn, and all the people trembled. Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently. As the blast of the ram’s horn grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God thundered his reply.” Exodus 19:9, 16–19 (NLT)

“Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.” Psalm 66:1–2 (NIV)

2. WE RESPOND BY CONFESSING OUR SINS

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8 (NIV)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

“He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:14 (NLT)

3. WE RESPOND BY PRAYING FOR OTHERS

“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.” 1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

• Who do you pray for?

• Friends and family

“Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

• People in authority

“Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.” 1 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

• People who don’t like you

“But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!” Matthew 5:44 (NLT)

4. WE RESPOND BY RECEIVING COMMUNION

5. WE RESPOND BY GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO HIM

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!” Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

6. WE RESPOND BY ASKING OTHERS TO PRAY FOR US

“Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.” James 5:14–15 (NLT)

“Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder...” Isaiah 29:14 (NIV)

Prayer of dedication: Jesus I love the beauty and heart of God that you came to reveal. Because of you I am drawn to God. I believe your suffering on the cross has eliminated the barrier between myself and God caused by my sin. I declare my love for you today. Amen

Prayer for those searching for the truth: Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. As I weigh the cost of following you, free me from my fear and my overwhelming feelings. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me up to the reality of all that you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen