

Doorways to Grace:

25 Simple Everyday Prayers to Nurture Your Spirit



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Blessing for a New Year



Dear Lord,

We thank you for the brand new year that is before us, filled with promise and light. As we walk through the doorway of this new year, may we appreciate all that has gone behind us in our life, and look forward with bright anticipation, trusting that no matter what transpires, our faith in you will hold us secure as we rest in the palm of your hand.

Amen

Prayer for Love



Dear Lord,

We know that when one doorway of love closes, another opens. Thank you for this beautiful new love relationship in my life. May I put my best foot forward and fully be the person you created me to be, and honor and allow my partner to be the same. May we use compassion, understanding, and forgiveness over harshness and hardness in our dealings with each other. And may we appreciate that together, in union with you, we are better than we are alone.

Amen

The Promise of Spring



Dear Lord,

As we leave winter and pass through the beautiful doorway of the promise of spring, as the trees begin to show forth their ripe green buds and the flowers burst open with vibrant bright color, we are thankful. We drink in the beauty and feel the warmth of the sun on our face. We are grateful for your season of spring, of rebirth, and the fullness of life.

Amen

Easter Prayer



Dear Lord,

We rejoice in Easter, for it is our most glorious doorway of hope, given to us by you, through Jesus Christ's resurrection! We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we thank you for the gift of your son Jesus, come down to save all who turn to him, so that we might find fullness of life in you. May your Holy Spirit pour out upon us and bless us with redemption this Easter.

Amen

Prayer for Employment



Dear Lord,

I put my trust and faith in you to find the right job, Lord, where I can best use the skills and talents you have given me. I ask for your grace and strength as I pass through this doorway of uncertainty. Please help me to rely on you and not my own understanding, and give me courage to diligently do what I need to do in my job search. Please place right people and situations in my life path as I meet this challenge, and help me be ever mindful of others in the same situation.

Amen

Prayer for Children



Dear Lord,

Thank you Lord for the blessing of my children, who were a gift from you. As I walk with them through the doorway of their lives, may I always give them proper guidance and nurturing so their spirits are well-tended. And may I set a positive example in life for them, so that they grow up to respect their elders and others around them. Thank you Lord, for entrusting me with my wonderful children.

Amen

Prayer for Courage



Dear Lord,

I ask for courage as I pass through this difficult life doorway. I know that this situation only feels like a black passage, and that if I put my trust in you, you will turn my sorrow into gold. Please give me strength and courage to trust that you will not forsake me, and that I will shine forth with light and grace to others.

Amen

Forgiveness Prayer



Dear Lord,

I was wrong and I ask your forgiveness. Please help me to be strong and turn to you at all times for grace as I know that faith in your son Jesus is the only way I can be forgiven, cleansed, and redeemed. I give my wrongs up to you and ask you to release me from guilt, and to give me strength to turn towards you in repentance. And Lord, please help me to forgive others and give them grace just as you have forgiven me, so that one day I will walk through the doorway to your everlasting kingdom.

Amen

Peace in Our Home



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of my home and the peace and comfort it brings. For good smells coming from the kitchen, a warm bed at night, and my beautiful garden, I give you genuine thanks. Please help me to remember to take good care of my beautiful home, and to be gracious in hospitality to others as I invite them through my doorway to share our lives.

Amen

Marriage Prayer



Dear Lord,

I know I am so fortunate to be in this marriage, Lord, and I thank you for my wonderful mate. In union with you, we walk towards your doorway of eternity together within the bonds of holy matrimony, since marriage was a commitment ordained by you. Please give us grace to treat each other with love and respect and to build each other up so we can become better together than we would ever be apart.

Amen

Thanks for Simple Pleasures



Dear Lord,

Thank you so much for life's simple pleasures, for they are simply the best. A child's smile, cotton candy, and a day at the beach with sand between my toes are a delight. It's your simple pleasures that make life worth living each and every day and I feel joy in them. Please help me to not let myself get so busy that I fail to pass through the doorway of appreciating life's simple pleasures.

Amen

Prayer for the Workplace



Dear Lord,

I'm in a difficult employment situation right now Lord, and I know you hear my prayer. Please give me strength to go through this new doorway of my life with a positive attitude, knowing that right livelihood will come to me in due time, and in the way you know best. Please help me have patience in this situation and give me grace and courage to do whatever it is I must do to work through this challenge.

Amen

Prayer During Disappointment



Dear Lord,

I've had disappointing circumstances lately and I'm feeling blue about it, but I know too that my life is in your hands and that this must not be the doorway I was meant to pass through at this time. Please help me to remember that you have another plan in mind for me and it is more glorious than any I could have planned. Give me faith and grace to weather this disappointment with a positive attitude.

Amen

Prayer for Pets



Dear Lord,

Thank you so much for our wonderful pets. They love us unconditionally and for that we marvel and are grateful. Please help us to care for them in a loving and compassionate way and so to give them back all the love that they give us. Remind us that as their caretakers, they depend on us to take good care of them as they walk beside us through the doorways of life.

Amen

Prayer for Healing



Dear Lord,

I ask for the gift of healing through the power of your Holy Spirit. My body and soul feel weak right now, but I know that your love and light can heal my body, mind, and spirit, and that my healing may come through you in a way I have no knowledge of. I give my healing need up to your care, and ask that I may accept your will for my life.

Amen

Meal Blessing



Dear Lord,

For this food before us Lord, we are grateful and praise your name. It nourishes our bodies so that we can do the things we want and need to do and serve others as well. We give thanks for those who harvested the crops that led to this feast and ask that you bless them. Help them know that we appreciate their efforts, and may they walk through doorways that lead to happiness.

Amen

Thanks for a New Baby



Dear Lord,

We know the wonder of your creation in this new little life. How precious to see this baby's beginnings and the promise of something wonderful through your marvelous hand. Give us grace to love and nurture this child as he or she walks through the doorway of life. May we ever be mindful of this new baby's tender spirit as well as its sweet smiles. Help us to set a good example as this baby grows of how to be a loving person.

Amen

Moving Day Prayer



Dear Lord,

The moving truck comes today Lord, and I'm filled with both dread and anticipation. I hope we've made the right decision for this time in our life. I ask for your grace that our earthly possessions arrive safely at our new destination and I give thanks for the wonderful friends we've made here, and the new ones we've yet to meet in our new city. Please remind us that you are with us, no matter where we live, and that we can always count on you to ease us through the doorway of our eternal home with you.

Amen

Gardener's Prayer



Dear Lord,

You know how much I love my garden, Lord, and that its beauty sustains my spirit. Thank you for giving us the beauty of colorful flowers, climbing vines, and fresh succulent fruits and vegetables. I marvel at your handiwork and the vast array of beauty. Thank you for giving me eyes to appreciate my garden's loveliness, and help me to share what I grow with love with others. May all who pass through the doorway of my garden be inspired by your bountiful creation.

Amen

Travel Blessing



Dear Lord,

I ask for your hand of providence to guide me as I make this trip. Give me grace to know that you are with me no matter where I may roam. When I am gone, please watch over my loved ones in my absence, and reassure them that you are keeping them in your care. Thank you Lord, for the opportunity to travel through this doorway to a new destination filled with possibility and adventure.

Amen

Prayer for Sleep



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the blessing of sweet sleep. I remember to recite your 23rd Psalm when the cares of the day threaten to overtake me and I cannot fall into a deep sleep. Please remind me that you are with me and are holding me in the palm of your hand while I rest through the night. Thank you for giving me sweet dreams as I pass through the doorway of day into night.

Amen

Time of Transition



Dear Lord,

Thank you for your hand on my life during this time of transition. I know the plans you have for me are for good and I ask for your grace and strength to handle the uncertainty with a positive attitude. Help me to remember your ways are higher than my ways and plans, and to surrender my will to yours as I pass through this doorway into the promise of a wonderful future.

Amen

Writer's Prayer



Dear Lord,

I praise you and thank you for giving me the talent of writing. May I remember to serve others with my words and to build up and create happiness for others through my gift. Lord, I thank you so much for the ability to craft positive written messages through your inspiration to me, and may my words help others pass through one doorway of life and into another with grace and love.

Amen

Thanksgiving Prayer



Dear Lord,

Praise your name for this blessed Thanksgiving Day! For this bounteous food, loving family, good friends, and all the positive people who have walked through the doorway of our life, we are very thankful. May we have your grace to be not only mindful of others who are less fortunate, but also to serve them with our own bounty, just as you have blessed us.

Amen

Christmas Prayer



Dear Lord,

As we end this year we are grateful for the most precious gift of your son, our savior Jesus Christ. For we know that in this tiny humble baby born in a lowly manger, all things become possible for us if we but believe in him and let him walk with us through all the doorways of our life as our Lord and savior. We marvel at your hand in bringing us grace and power to serve you and others through such a small child. We bow at your knee in gratitude, dear Lord, and we rejoice for this blessed gift! May we be inspired by the Holy Spirit to tell others that he is available to all who call his name.

Amen

About the Author



Kathryn Bechen is a freelance writer who specializes in writing about home & garden and professional organizing and for businesses in those industries. She has recently combined those writing passions together with her Christian faith to write ***Doorways to Grace: 25 Simple Everyday Prayers to Nurture Your Spirit***. Each prayer is illustrated with colorful photos of beautiful doorways that Kathryn has photographed all across America as she travels with her husband, Steve.

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