

# Prayers for Children



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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Psalm 23

2.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet water,  
He restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
They comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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## The Lord's Prayer

3.

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

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## Prayers for in the Morning

4.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, in you I trust.  
Show me your ways, teach me your paths and guide me  
In your truth for you are my God my Savior.  
All day long my hope is in you. Amen

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5.

Now I wake and see the light. Lord you have kept me through the night.  
To Thee I lift my voice and pray that thou will keep me through the day. Amen

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6.

O help me, Lord, this day to be Thy own dear child and follow Thee.  
And lead me, Savior, by Thy hand until I reach the heavenly land. Amen

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7.

O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray. While from my bed I rise  
That all I do and all I say be pleasing to You throughout the day. Amen

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8.

The morning bright with rosy light has waked me from my sleep.  
Father I own thy love alone thy little one you do keep.  
All through the day, I humbly pray, that you  
Guard and guide my way. Amen

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9.

Now I raise me up fro sleep, I thank the Lord who kept me through  
The night and to Him I pray that He will keep me through  
The day. All which for Jesus ' sake, I say. Amen

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10.

O Lord, how majestic is your Name in all the earth.  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.  
Praise you for the sky above and the earth below.  
The birds in the air and the fish in the sea.  
O Lord, my Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth. Amen

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11.

Jesus, to Thee I pray, guide and guard me through the day.  
As the shepherd tends his sheep, Lord, me safe from evil keep.  
Keep my feet from every snare, keep me with Thy watchful care. Amen

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12.

In the early morning, with the sun 's first rays.  
All God 's little children thank, pray and praise.  
I too would offer thanks, Jesus my shepherd for thy tender pasture, for thy guiding care.  
And I would ask Thee, be with me this day, for fear that I wander  
From Thee and go astray. Amen

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13.

Jesus, gentle Shepherd, bless thy lamb today. Keep me in thy footsteps,  
never let me stray. Guard me through the daytime, every hour I pray  
Keep me from straying from the narrow way. Amen

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14.

Keep my little tongue today; keep it gentle while I play.  
Keep my hands from doing wrong.  
Keep my feet the whole day long.  
Keep me all, O Jesus gentle, Keep me forever your dear child. Amen

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15.

Jesus, keep me all this day. When at school and at play.  
May I do all things I ought, may I hate each evil thought.  
Help me love and trust in Thee now and through eternity. Amen

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16.

O blessed Lord, protect me and my dear parents graciously.  
With Thy strong arm be ever near to brothers and sisters dear.  
And all our loved ones in this land, protect them with Thy own right hand.  
From sin defend and keep me free, help me a Christ-like child to be. Amen

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17.

Whatever I do, things great or small.  
Whatever I speak, Your glory may I seek. I do all in Jesus' name.  
Take me by the hand and lead me by Thy grace today  
In paths of righteousness. Amen

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18.

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son,  
That you have kept me this night from all harm and danger and I pray  
That Thee would keep me this day from temptation and sin.  
That all my doings and life may be pleasing to you.  
For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul. Let Thy Holy  
Angel watch over me, that the wicked one may have no power over me. Amen

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19.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my in most being, praise His holy name.  
Praise the Lord O my soul who redeems lives from the pit and crowns them  
With love and compassion.  
The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
I give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His love endures forever.  
Praise the Lord O my soul.

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## Prayers before Bed Time

20.

Jesus, my Savior, lay Thy hand upon me, bless me and remember me. Amen

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21.

Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake. I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take.  
And this I ask for Jesus ' sake. Amen

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22.

Dear Father in heaven, look down from above.  
Bless papa and mama, and those whom I love.  
May angels guard over my slumbers and when  
The morning is breaking, awaken me. Amen

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23.

Now the light has gone away, Savior Jesus, listen while I pray.  
I ask Thee to watch and keep and to send me quiet sleep.  
Jesus, Savior, wash away all that has been done wrong today.  
Help me everyday to be good and gentle, more like Thee.  
Let my near and dear ones be always near and dear to Thee.  
O bring me and all I love to Thy happy home above. Amen

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24.

In my bed I here do lie: Heavenly Father, hear my cry.  
Keep me through this night and bring me safe to morning light. Amen

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25.

The day has come and gone, all thanks, O Lord to Thee.  
O Jesus, keep me in Thy sight and save me through the coming night. Amen

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26.

Jesus, my tender shepherd, hear my prayer. Bless thy little child tonight.  
Through the darkness be near to me, keep me safe till morning light.  
All this day Your hand has led me and I thank Thee for Thy care.  
You have warmed me, clothed me, and fed me.  
May my sins be all forgiven and bless the friends I love so well. Amen

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27.

The day is done, O God the Son. Look down upon thy little one.  
O Light of Light, keep me this night and surround me with your presence bright.  
I need not fear if Thou are near, Thou are my Savior, kind and dear. Amen

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28.

Forgive, O Lord, Thy dear Son, the ill will this day I have done.  
That with the world, myself and Thee before I sleep at peace may I be. Amen

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29.

Watch over a little child tonight my blessed Savior from above.  
And keep me till the morning light within Your arms of Love. Amen

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30.

Lord, send me sleep that I may live, the wrongs I've done this day forgive.  
Bless every thought, deed, and word I've rightly done, said, or heard.  
Bless relatives and friends near and far away. Teach all the world to watch and pray.  
My thanks for all my blessings take and hear my prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen

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31.

At the close of everyday, Lord, to Thee I will kneel and pray.  
Look upon your little child, look in love and mercy.  
O forgive and wash away all my naughtiness this day. Amen

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**32.**

Lord, another day has passed and I come to thank Thee for Thy care.  
Forgive my faults in work or play and listen to my evening prayer.  
Thy favor gives me daily bread and supplies all my needs.  
Safely now I rest my head preserved and guarded be Thee. Amen

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**33.**

All praise to Thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings beneath Your mighty wings. Amen

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**34.**

O Lord God, I pray Thee, for Christ's sake, forgive me whatsoever  
I have done wrong this day and keep me safe all the night while I am asleep. Amen

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**35.**

I thank Thee my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son.  
That You have graciously kept me safe this day; and I pray Thee that  
You would forgive all my sins where I have done wrong.  
Graciously keep me this night for into Thy hands I commend myself; body, soul, and mind.  
Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

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## Prayers for Meal Times

**36.**

Abba, Jesus! Amen

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**37.**

Abba Father, bless this food for our everlasting good. Amen

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**38.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest and let Thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen

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**39.**

Be present at our table Lord, be here and everywhere adored.  
Thy creatures bless and praise Thee, may we feast in paradise with Thee, Amen

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**40.**

God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food, Amen

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**41.**

Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the world so sweet.  
Thank you for the birds that sing. Thank you God for everything. Amen

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**42.**

Lord, bless this bunch, while we munch our lunch. Amen

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**43.**

Lord Jesus Christ, You blessed the five loaves and the two fishes.  
Bless this food we share. Place your peace in our hearts and your  
Love in our lives. Amen

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**44.**

Grant us Thy grace, O Lord, that, whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do,  
We may do it all in Thy name and to Thy glory. Amen

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**45.**

Heavenly Father great and good, we thank Thee for this daily food.  
Bless us even as we pray, guide us and keep us through this day. Amen

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**46.**

We thank Thee heavenly Father for every earthly good.  
For life, health, and clothing, and for our daily food. Amen

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47.

Heavenly Father accept our thanks for this food and for all  
Thy blessings, through Jesus Christ. Amen

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48.

Accept, O Lord, our thankful praises for all Your goodness  
You did bestow. May it increase our faith and lead us closer to You.  
May our godly lives sing you praise, that every deed and word prove  
We trust and own our Father's love. Amen

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49.

O Lord, we thank You for our daily bread. May it strengthen and refresh our bodies.  
And we pray Thee nourish our souls with Thy heavenly grace, through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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## Prayers for Healing

50.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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51.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen

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52.

Lord, help me to feel better. Amen

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53.

Jesus, Redeemer, have mercy upon me! Amen

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54.

Tender Jesus, meek and mild,  
Look on me, a little child,  
Help me, if it is Thy will,  
To recover from all ill. Amen

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55.

I am weak but Thou are mighty, help me Abba Father. Amen

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56.

Dear Father, help me believe that all things work together for good to them  
That love God. Amen

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57.

Dear Father, your child is sick. Look upon me in tender mercy,  
And if it by Thy will, raise me up and grant me health and strength. Amen

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58.

Lord Jesus Christ, my best Physician, I come to Thee and pray that You will  
Look upon me with tender mercy and make me well. Amen

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59.

Lord Jesus, look down from heaven upon my mama (papa, brother, sister) and soon make  
Them well again. Thou can do all things; hear my prayer O Lord. Amen

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60.

Heavenly Father, I ask that you visit me on this day of sickness. I know that  
You are kind and good and all things work according to your will.  
Help me to bear my illness and grant that I may soon recover  
Through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen

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## General Prayers

61.

Come dearest Savior, take my heart and let me never depart from Thee. Amen

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62.

Jesus, tender Savior, thou has died for me. I am thankful in my heart to  
Thee. When the sad, sad story of Thy grief I read, make me very sorry for  
My sins indeed. Now I know you live and plead my case before Thy Father.  
I am very thankful in my prayers to Thee. Soon I hope in glory at Thy side  
I stand. Make me fit to meet Thee in that happy land. Amen

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63.

Lord Jesus Christ, to us attend. Thy Holy Spirit to us send. Amen

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64.

Lord, teach us how to keep Thy day and lead and bless us all the way. Amen

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65.

Lord, open my heart and ears to hear Thy Word to draw me near.  
May your word penetrate my heart. Amen

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**66.**

On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow.  
The power is Thine alone to make it spring and grow. Amen

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**67.**

Blessed Lord, let Thy blessing go with me today and grant that I may be  
Obedient to my parents and teachers and that I may learn with  
Pleasure whatever I am taught. To Thy great honor and glory, Amen

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**68.**

O most gracious God, let me never forget the many good things that I have heard this day  
But let them abide in my heart so that I may amend my life, that I may be able to give a good  
Account of it to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, when He comes to judge the  
World at the last day. For whose sake I ask all blessings, and to whom be glory  
Forever and ever. Amen

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**69.**

Almighty God, Thy Word is cast like seed onto the ground  
Now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruit abound. Amen

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**70.**

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord  
And possess, in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford. Amen

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**71.**

My God, accept my heart this day and make it always true to You.  
That I may not stray. Anoint me with Your heavenly grace.  
Adopt me for Your own, that I may see your glorious face  
And worship at Your throne.  
May my thoughts and words be pleasing to you Lord.  
I offer my life in service to You Lord. Amen

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72.

Lamb of God, I look to Thee; Thou shall be my example.  
Thou are gentle, meek, and mild, Thou was once a child.  
Lord I pray for an obedient heart, one that is merciful and kind.  
Let me have Thy loving mind.  
Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb, in Thy gracious hands I am.  
Make me Savior, what you are and live within my heart.  
I shall then show my praise and serve Thee all my days.  
Then the world shall always see Christ, the holy Child, in me Amen

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73.

Jesus, help my eyes to see all the good you send to me.  
Jesus, help my ears to hear calls for help far and near.  
Jesus, help my feet to go in the way that Thou will show.  
Jesus, help my hands to do all the things loving, kind and true.  
Jesus, may I helpful be, growing everyday like Thee. Amen

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74.

Be near to me Lord Jesus! I ask Thee to stay close by me forever  
And love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there. Amen

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75.

Jesus, from Your throne on high, far above the bright blue sky;  
Look on us with loving eye, hear us holy Jesus!  
O Lord, be with us everyday, in our work and in our play.  
When we learn and when we pray, hear us holy Jesus!  
May we grow from day to day, glad to learn your holy way.  
Ever read to obey, hear us holy Jesus!  
May we ever try to be, from our sinful tempers free.  
Pure and gentle, Lord, like Thee, hear us holy Jesus!  
Jesus, Son of God most high, who didst in the manger lie.  
Who upon the cross did die, hear us, holy Jesus! Amen

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76.

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, for all Thy benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

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77.

To everything there is a season,  
a time for every purpose under the sun.  
A time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
a time to kill and a time to heal ...  
a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn and a time to dance ...  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to lose and a time to seek;  
a time to rend and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;  
a time to love and a time to hate;  
a time for war and a time for peace.

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78.

Bless me Lord, this night I pray,  
Keep me safe till dawn of day,  
Bless my mother and my father,  
Bless my sister and my brother,  
Bless each little girl and boy,  
Bless them all for heavenly joy.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

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79.

O God!

Refresh and gladden my spirit.

Purify my heart.

Illumine my powers.

I lay all my affairs in Thy hands.

Thou art my Guide and my Refuge.

I will no longer be sorrowful and grieved;

I will be a happy and joyful being.

O God! I will no longer be full of anxiety,

nor will I let trouble harass me.

I will not dwell on the unpleasant things of life.

O God! Thou art more friend to me than I am to myself.

I dedicate myself to Thee, O Lord. Amen

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**Psalm 139**

80.

1 O LORD, you have searched me  
and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue  
you know it completely, O LORD.

5 You hem me in—behind and before;  
you have laid your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, [a] you are there.

9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10 even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"

12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place.  
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

16 your eyes saw my unformed body.  
All the days ordained for me  
were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to [b] me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand.  
When I awake, I am still with you.

19 If only you would slay the wicked, O God!  
Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

20 They speak of you with evil intent;  
your adversaries misuse your name.

21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD,  
and abhor those who rise up against you?

22 I have nothing but hatred for them;  
I count them my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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