

Thomas Merton's prayer *American Trappist monk*

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following
your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please
you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I
am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart
from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead
me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow
of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my
perils alone.

Theme: Hanging in there
Bible: Psalm 42

The Covenant Prayer *John Wesley*

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom
you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for
you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your
glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Theme: Humility
Bible: Philippians 2:1-11



Famous prayers of the Christian faith

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The Serenity Prayer *Reinhold Niebuhr*

God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway
to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world as
it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things
right if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in
this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.

Theme: Discernment/acceptance
Bible: 1 Kings 3:1-15

St Patrick's Breastplate *Stuart Townend version*

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me and before me.
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in hearts of all who know me.
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger,
Christ in quiet and in roar.
Love, blessed Trinity of three,
Bound in unity
Who guides my journey.
I will arise with strength of heaven
Trusting in Your light
To guide my journey
Shine before me
Lead me home.
Power to guide me, might to hold me,
Wisdom teach me, watching o'er me.
Ear to hear me, hand to guard me,
Love to conquer every fear. Amen

Theme: Protection
Bible: 2 Kings 6:8-23

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi



Lord, make me an instrument of your 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
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal
Life
Amen

Theme: Going against the flow
Bible: Galatians 5:16-26