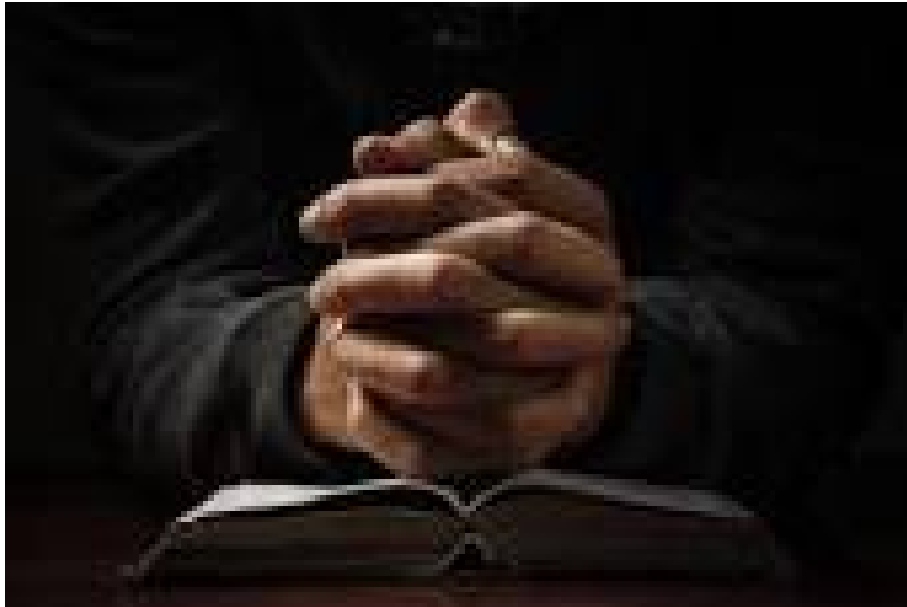


Comforting & Encouraging Scripture To Inspire Your Time Of Meditation & Fellowship With God For Preparing To Pray



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1 John 5:14-15**

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What Is Prayer?

To many people, prayer seems complicated, but it is simply talking to God. You know how to talk to your wife, your children, your waiter, and the policeman who is writing you a ticket for speeding - you can talk to God!!!

What Do I Say?

Praying is like talking to your best friend! It's easy to talk to someone when you know they love you unconditionally!

Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and make you new in Him! "Now turn from your sins and turn to God, so you can be cleansed of your sins" (Acts 3:19).

Tell Him your needs! "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you" (1 Peter 5:7).

Thank Him, for He died on the cross at Calvary for us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

How Do I Say It?

The Bible is very specific about how we call on The Lord in prayer. Matthew 6:5-15 says "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the

heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

The fewer the words you use to say what you need to say and the simpler the words you use to say it the better!!!

The shortest and yet most effective prayer in the entire Bible was said by Peter, a disciple of Jesus. He was out in the Sea of Galilee when he saw Jesus coming to him by walking on the water. Peter wanted to walk on the water too and he called out to Jesus to let him. Matthew 14:29-30 says “Come, said Jesus. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and took hold of Peter.

How Do I Approach The Lord?

With confidence and belief that He will deliver: “Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God’s presence, assured of his glad welcome” (Ephesians 3:12). “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it” (Hebrews 4:16).

With joy that He can deliver. “You have shown me the way of life, and you will give me wonderful joy in your presence” (Acts 2:28).

With expectation that He is going to deliver. “Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly” (Psalm 5:3). “I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray” (Psalm 17:6).

What The Bible Says About Prayer

Pray for each other. Jesus set an example for us on what to pray. He prayed for His disciples and for every generation to come that would follow Him. His prayer was that God protect and strengthen them as long as they were in this world. Jesus also prayed for those who would come to believe in Him through the Gospel message (John 17).

Pray with faith. “So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Pray with worship and reverence. “Exalt the LORD our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!” (Psalm 99:5). “‘Yes, Lord,’ the man said, ‘I believe!’ And he worshiped Jesus” (John 9:38).

You will know with confidence that God can hear you when you pray, so open that line of communication! Pray, knowing that no matter how far you roam, your connection with Him can never be lost!

Scripture For Meditating In Preparation To Pray



**DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR TODAY,
YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW;
MY FAMILY, MY JOYS, MY SORROWS;
FOR ALL THAT MADE ME STRONGER.
AMEN.**



**DEAR GOD,
IN YOUR STRONG HANDS,
I PLACE MY LIFE TODAY;
CHOOSING TO DEPEND
ON YOU TO LIGHT AND
GUIDE MY WAY.
AMEN**

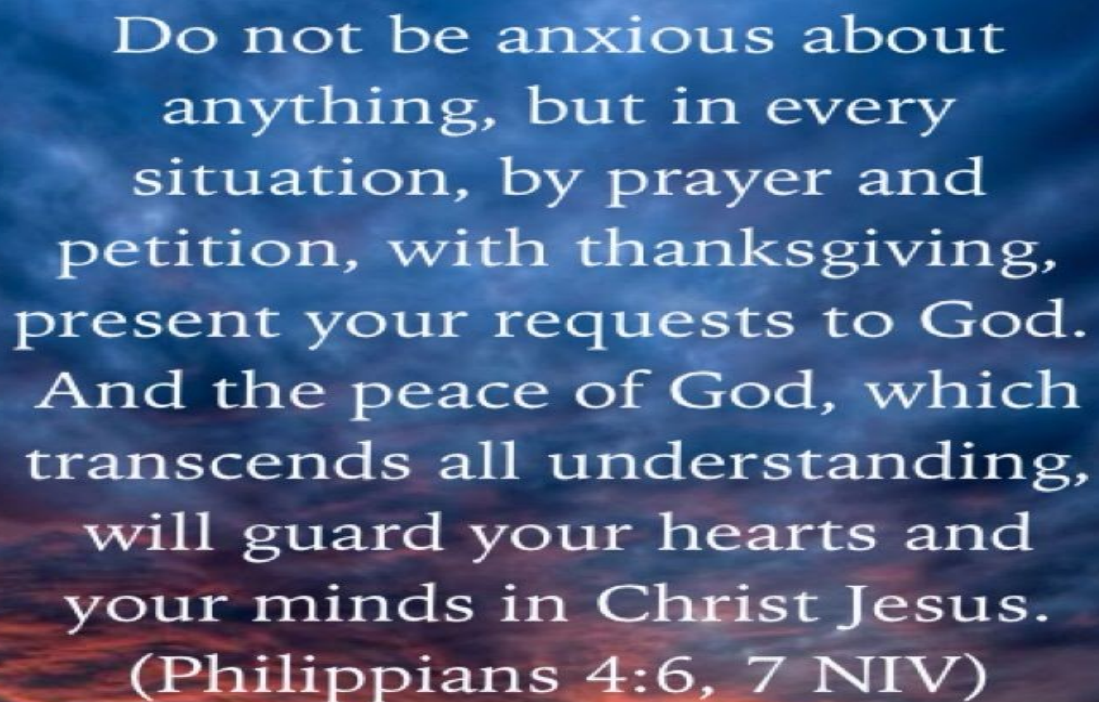




LET US THEN WITH CONFIDENCE
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HEBREWS 4:16

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Do not be anxious about
anything, but in every
situation, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which
transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6, 7 NIV)

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26 NKJV



**“Call unto me, and I will answer thee,
and shew thee great and mighty
things, which thou knowest not.”**

Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV)

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is from the west,
so far does he remove our
transgressions from us.*

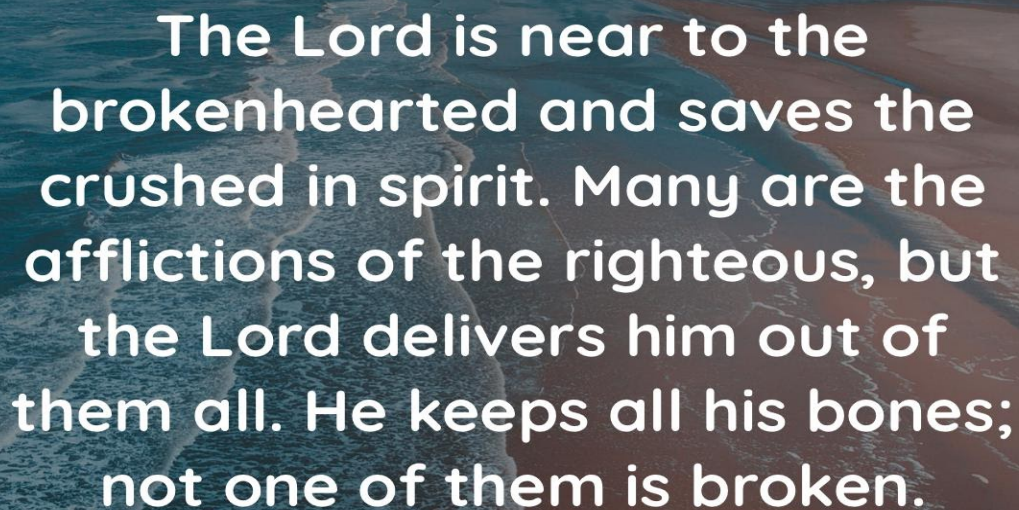
-Psalm 103:12





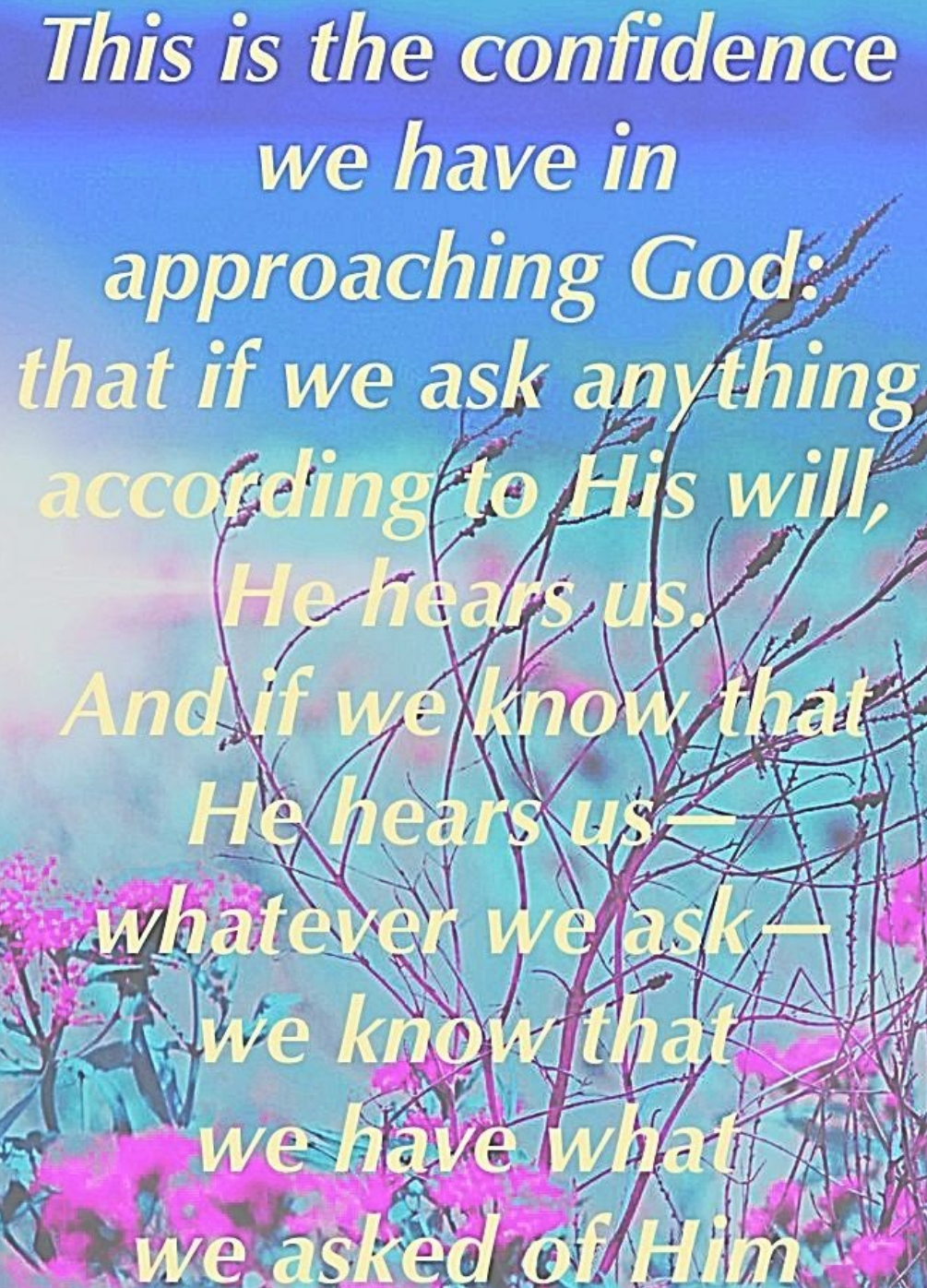
1 PETER 3:12

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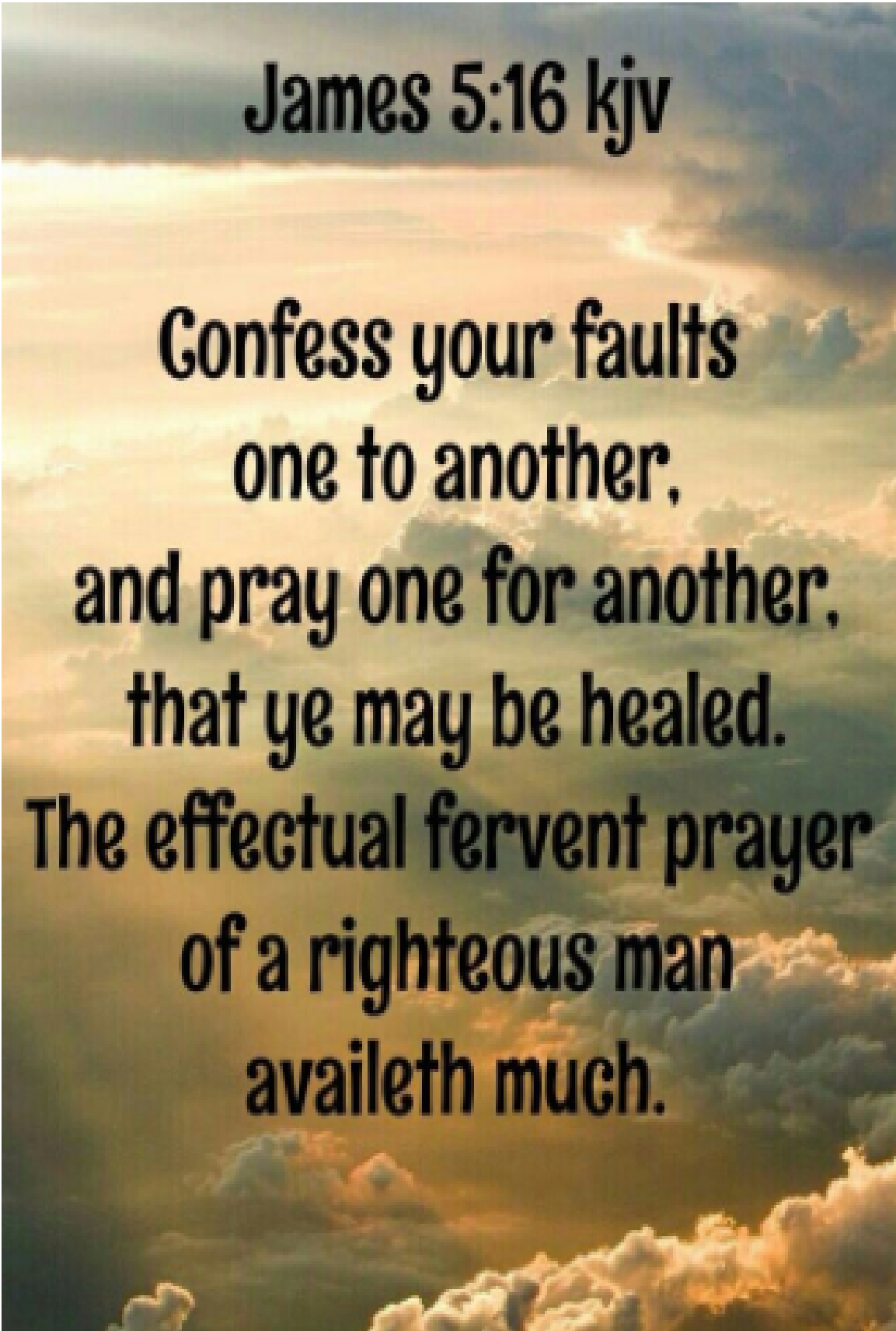
The Lord is near to the
brokenhearted and saves the
crushed in spirit. Many are the
afflictions of the righteous, but
the Lord delivers him out of
them all. He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

~ Psalm 34:18-20 ESV



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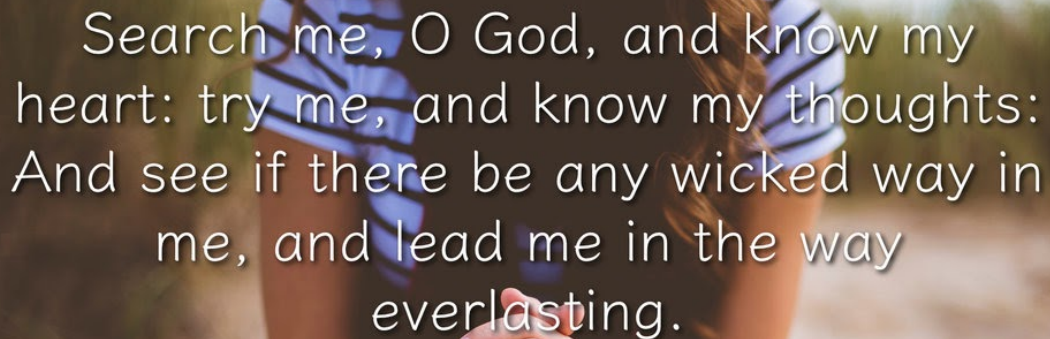
James 5:16 kjv

**Confess your faults
one to another,
and pray one for another,
that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer
of a righteous man
availeth much.**



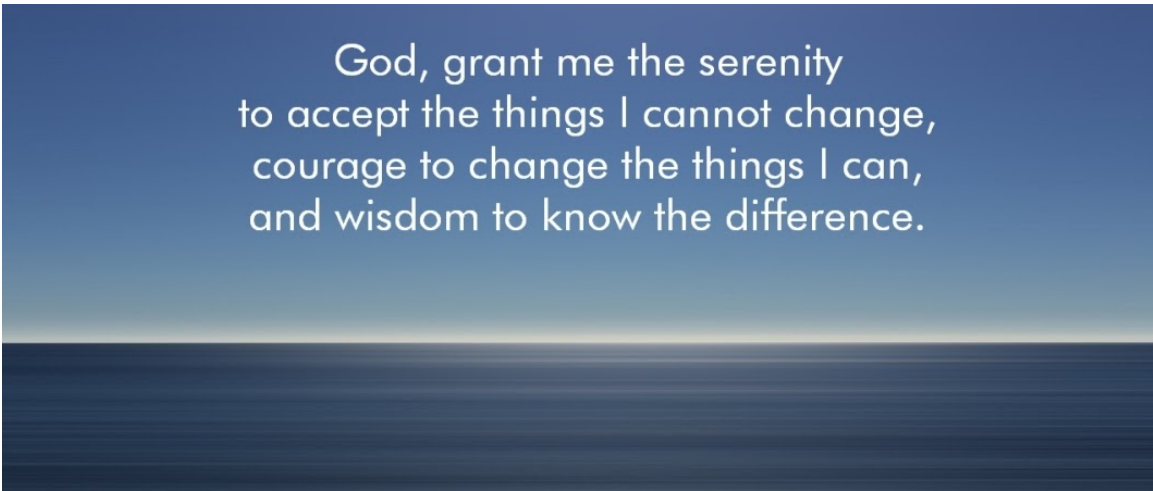
Lord

*Give me strength in my weakness.
Give me faith in my fear.
Give me power in my powerlessness.
I'm trusting You.
AMEN*



Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

-Psalm 139:23-24



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.

