



**Psalm 40**

God hears my cries and responds to them!

God lifts me from the mud and puts me on a rock!

God gave me a "new" song, a song of PRAISE,  
which causes others to WORSHIP Him!

The Lord's plans are too numerous for me to  
accomplish. God wants my service, not my  
sacrifice. God has marked me as His lifelong  
servant, since I have chosen to be His servant.

Lord, as a "good" servant, I should proclaim  
Your goodness, loyalty, salvation, love, and truth.

God's love and truth always protect me.

My own indiscretions and wrong choices are very  
great and their consequences are unavoidable.  
I am nearly immobilized by my guilt. Even in this  
I know that You will protect and sustain me.

The Lord will bring down those who might harm me.

Those who follow the Lord are happy, fulfilled,  
and joyous. They praise the Lord!

When I am weakest and most vulnerable,  
the Lord is the strongest and a helpful friend.



1 I waited patiently for the LORD. He turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of the sticky mud. He stood me on a rock and made my feet steady.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many people will see this and worship him. Then they will trust the LORD. 4 Happy is the person who trusts the LORD, who doesn't turn to those who are proud or to those who worship false gods.

5 LORD my God, you have done many miracles. Your plans for us are many. If I tried to tell them all, there would be too many to count. 6 You do not want sacrifices and offerings. But you have made a hole in my ear to show that my body and life are yours. You do not ask for burnt offerings and sacrifices to take away sins.

7 Then I said, "Look, I have come. It is written about me in the book. 8 My God, I want to do what you want. Your teachings are in my heart." 9 I will tell about your goodness in the great meeting of your people. LORD, you know my lips are not silent.

10 I do not hide your goodness in my heart; I speak about your loyalty and salvation. I do not hide your love and truth from the people in the great meeting.

11 LORD, do not hold back your mercy from me; let your love and truth always protect me. 12 Troubles have surrounded me; there are too many to count. My sins have caught me so that I cannot see a way to escape. I have more sins than hairs on my head, and I have lost my courage. 13 Please, LORD, save me. Hurry, LORD, to help me. 14 People are trying to kill me. Shame them and disgrace them. People want to hurt me. Let them run away in disgrace. 15 People are making fun of me. Let them be shamed into silence.

16 But let those who follow you be happy and glad. They love you for saving them. May they always say, "Praise the LORD!" 17 Lord, because I am poor and helpless, please remember me. You are my helper and savior. My God, do not wait.



Philippians 2:1-11

Being united with Christ can provide me with:

Encouragement

Comfort

Fellowship

Tenderness

Compassion

Love

Purpose

I can help make my spiritual mentor's joy complete by promoting a spirit of unity, love, and harmony among my Christian siblings.

As a matter of fact, my Savior is most pleased also when we as His bride, the church, act in a comely manner.

The major difference between the Body of Christ (the Church) and other organizations is the absolute unity of purpose which supercedes political and financial influence. If this is not true about today's Church, then the Church has failed both individually and corporately.

John 13:34 & 35 quotes Christ Himself, "...Love one another, as I have loved you... By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for each other."



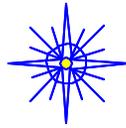
**1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.**

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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19 If you talk a lot, you are sure to sin; if you are wise, you will keep quiet. (NCV)

19 When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. (NIV)

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. (KJV)

19 Don't talk so much. You keep putting your foot in your mouth. Be sensible and turn off the flow. (TLB)

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1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish son is a grief to his mother. 2 Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But righteousness delivers from death. 3 The LORD will not allow the righteous to hunger, But He will thrust aside the craving of the wicked. 4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. 5 He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully. 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot. 8 The wise of heart will receive commands, But a babbling fool will be thrown down. 9 He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out. 10 He who winks the eye causes trouble, And a babbling fool will be thrown down. 11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. 12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions. 13 On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, But a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding. 14 Wise men store up knowledge, But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand. 15 The rich man's wealth is his fortress, The ruin of the poor is their poverty. 16 The wages of the righteous is life, The income of the wicked, punishment. 17 He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, But he who forsakes reproof goes astray. 18 He who conceals hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool. 19 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise. 20 The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, The heart of the wicked is worth little. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding. 22 It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it. 23 Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool; And so is wisdom to a man of understanding. 24 What the wicked fears will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted. 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation. 26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy one to those who send him. 27 The fear of the LORD prolongs life, But the years of the wicked will be shortened. 28 The hope of the righteous is gladness, But the expectation of the wicked perishes. 29 The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright, But ruin to the workers of iniquity. 30 The righteous will never be shaken, But the wicked will not dwell in the land. 31 The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom, But the perverted tongue will be cut out. 32 The lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked, what is perverted.



## Quick Reference Guide to DayPrimer for today:



- C Reflect on the wisdom of Solomon
  - Read the selected verse(s) from multiple versions
  - Remember the highlighted words
- C Sing to the Lord (if you can't sing, read and reflect)
- C Read God's Word
  - Psalm for today
  - Proverb for today
  - Bible study passage for today
- C Focus for a moment on the "key thought"
  - Remember the highlighted words
- C Pray very specifically
  - In prayer be: (in an appropriate attitude)
  - Include: (focus on certain aspects of prayer)
  - [ Praise God for His work in your behalf
  - \ Confess your wrong doings and not doings
  - Y Intercede for the needs of others
  - Z Petition God for yourself
  - ± Meditate about God's creativity
  - \_ Commit to God to do something specific

## Sing to the Lord

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comfort and our cares.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain.  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

