



# THE GOD WHO HEARS HIS PEOPLE

## Scripture for Meditation: *Proverbs 15:29*

The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

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## Hymn of Prayer: *Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat*

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before His feet,  
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea,  
With this I venture nigh;  
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee,  
And such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed,  
By war without and fears within,  
I come to Thee for rest.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,  
To bear the cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners, such as I,  
Might plead Thy gracious Name.

John Newton, 1725-1807

## Hymn of Petition: *Your Mercy Flows*

Your mercy flows upon us like a river,  
Your mercy stands unshakeable and true.  
Most holy God, of all good things the Giver,  
We turn and lift our fervent prayer to You.

### Refrain:

*Hear our cry,* (echo) *O Lord,* (echo)

*Be merciful* (echo) *once more;* (echo)

*Let your love* (echo) *Your anger stem,* (echo)

*Remember mercy, O Lord again.*

(Repeat all)

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## Prayer of Corporate Confession

## Silence for Personal Confession

## Scriptural Assurance of Pardon: *John 15:16*

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

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## Offertory Hymn of Pardon: *Jesus Paid It All*

I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.”

### Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim,  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,”  
My lips shall still repeat.

Elvina M. Hall, 1820-1889

## Prayer of Blessing

## Scripture for Responsive Reading: *James 5:17, 18; I Kings 17:1; 18:1, 45*

**Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain,**

and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

**Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.**

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth.”

**And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.**

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## Hymn of Prayer: *I Asked the Lord*

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith, and love, and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek, more earnestly, His face.

‘Twas He who taught me thus to pray,  
And He, I trust, has answered prayer!  
But it has been in such a way,  
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour,  
At once He'd answer my request;  
And by His love's constraining pow'r,  
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry pow'rs of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried,  
Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?  
“‘Tis in this way, the Lord replied,  
I answer prayer for grace and faith.

These inward trials I employ,  
From self, and pride, to set thee free;  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,  
That thou may'st find thy all in Me.”

John Newton, 1725-1807





**Hymn of Intercession: *Before the Throne of God Above\****

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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CHURCH INFO

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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

- 8:45-9:30 am Family Bible Class
- 9:40-10:30 am Corporate Prayer Service
- 10:45-12:00 noon Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Shepherding Groups

\*A nursery is available for all services.

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I believe that spiritual as well as natural greatness depends in high degree on the faithful use of means within everybody's reach. . . . When a man is once converted to God, his progress in holiness will be much in accordance with his own diligence in the use of God's appointed means. And I assert confidently that the principal means by which most believers have become great in the church of Christ is the habit of diligent private prayer.

J. C. Ryle

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