

# BIBLE VERSES

God created everything in this world. God redeemed us and made us His. He knows us intimately and loves us deeply. As God's creation and His people, we can turn to God to show us how to think and feel as He does.

What has happened affects each of us in different ways. Here are some places in the bible you might go to process the thoughts and emotions you might be feeling, and to hear what God has to say about them.

## **Afraid**

Psalm 27  
1 John 4:13-21

## **Anger**

James 1:19-21  
Ephesians 4:20-27

## **Anxiety**

Proverbs 3:1-6  
Matthew 6:25-34  
Philippians 4:4-9

## **Assurance**

Psalm 118  
Romans 8:31-39  
1 Timothy 1:12-16

## **Discouragement**

Matthew 11:28-30  
2 Cor 4:7-12  
Philippians 4:4-9

## **Expectations of Christian Leaders**

1 Timothy 3:1-7  
Titus 1:4-9

## **Forgiveness**

Ephesians 4:29-32  
Matthew 5:21-24  
Colossians 3:12-14

## **Guilt**

Romans 8:31-34  
Psalm 103  
Hebrews 10:19-25

## **Judging others**

Matthew 7:1-5  
James 4:7-12

## **Loneliness**

Psalm 25  
John 14:15-21

## **Sadness**

2 Cor 1:3-7  
Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Salvation**

Ephesians 2:1-10  
Romans 10:8-13

## **Sin**

Romans 6:19-23  
1 John 1:5-2:2  
1 John 3:4-10

## **Repentance**

Psalm 51  
Hebrews 10:11-14  
1 John 1:5-2:2

# PRAYERS

Because of Jesus' death on the cross, we can pray to God as our Father. In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches His disciples to pray prayers that praise and make much of God, which ask for God's will to be done, and which teach us to forgive and to depend on God.

When big things happen in life we often want to pray but don't really know what to pray for. Here are some prayer points to help you focus your prayers, and a few prayers you might want to say. (Lots of these are based on *The Valley of Vision* – a collection of Puritan Prayers)

## **Suggested Prayers**

Father God, right now I'm feeling lots of different emotions. Thank you that you are a trustworthy God and you care deeply about me. Thank you that I can give my emotions over to you and be honest with you. Thank you that you listen to me, care about me, and love when I'm real with you. God, I pray that you would help me to trust you more. I pray that when I'm feeling sad, I would turn to you for comfort. I pray when I'm feeling angry you would help me see how much you've forgiven me, and that you call me to forgive others. Thank you that you are in control and I can trust you. Amen

Lord, we thank you that you are our strength and our shield. When we feel weak and weary and helpless, we need you. Help us to trust you and call out to you. Thank you that you are at work to protect and preserve us as a church through this season. Guard our hearts, we pray, against the attacks of the evil one. Help us to find comfort in the promise of our Good Shepherd, Jesus, to lead us and carry us through this. Amen

Father God. You are so worthy of our honour and praise and glory. We are so sorry when we fail to worship you with all of our life. We pray that in the everyday we would live joyfully under the rule of King Jesus and that we would seek to live out His will for our lives in the big decisions and the small. Help us to forgive people when we feel wronged. We pray that you would keep us from sinning, help us to fight sin in our lives, and that we would resist the devil and run the race trusting you until Jesus returns or until death when you take us home. Amen

Heavenly Father, You are good beyond all thought and we are sinful, weak and blind. Give us a deeper repentance, a horror of sin and a dread of its approach. Help us to see how disgusting sin is, that we would hate it and run from it. Help us in every area of our lives to put down sin and humble pride. Save us from the love of the world and let us delight in being changed, shaped and moulded by you, even when it hurts. We praise you that you are a merciful God, abounding in love and forgiveness. Thank you for Jesus' death on the cross in our place to take the weight of our sin. Give us a deeper knowledge of you as Saviour, Lord and King. Make us Holy in speech, thought and action. Help us not seek the pleasures of this world. We praise you that you are a God of forgiveness and compassion. Amen

God, we have all fallen so far short of your perfect standard. We know that we are justified freely by the gift of grace given to us in Christ Jesus. Thank you that He has taken us from death to life. He has softened our hard hearts of stone so that we can know you, and love you, and joyfully live for you. We know so many people around us in the Illawarra don't know about the hope they can have in Jesus. We pray you'd make us bold to share Jesus with people you have put in our lives. We pray you would continue to use Salt Church to save people who so desperately need you. We pray you would help us as a church to have a heart for the lost. We pray you would help us to make an impact for eternity in this city. We pray Jesus would get the glory He so rightly deserves. Amen

## Prayer points

### For Each of Us

- Pray we'd be honest with God and work through our feelings with him
- Pray for the gospel of forgiveness to be strong in our hearts and minds
- Pray we'd be killing sin in our own lives. That God would help us to see how seriously He takes sin
- Pray we wouldn't doubt we're fully saved by Jesus as we trust him

### For Salt Church

- Pray for our leaders: Andy, Geoff and Tim. Ask God to give them wisdom to lead us well, and for them and their families to have good rest, energy, and strength.
- Pray for people who are particularly hurting, that we'd care for each other as a church and point each other to Jesus
- Pray for Dan, Renae and their girls (August, Brooklyn and Noël): that they'd trust Jesus, that God would strengthen their marriage, and that they'd love each other well as a family at this time
- Pray for Ellen: that she'd have a firm trust in God's forgiveness and love of her, and for wisdom as she makes decisions about the future

### For God's Glory

- Pray God would use even this situation to bring glory to Him
- Pray for people who are coming to Salt Church but who don't know Jesus, that these events won't turn them away for God but that they might come to see how precious forgiveness through Jesus really is
- Pray for the 350,000 people in the Illawarra, the vast majority of whom don't even know a Christian, let alone know Jesus – pray that we'd be spurred on by the good news of real salvation and real hope in Jesus so that we look to share our lives and the gospel with them
- Pray that we would be making much of Jesus in our own lives.