

Poems, Prayers & Promises



1 I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

3 When I called, you answered me;
you made me bold and stouthearted.

4 May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.

5 May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

6 Though the LORD is on high,
he looks upon the lowly,
but the proud he knows from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes,
with your right hand you save me.

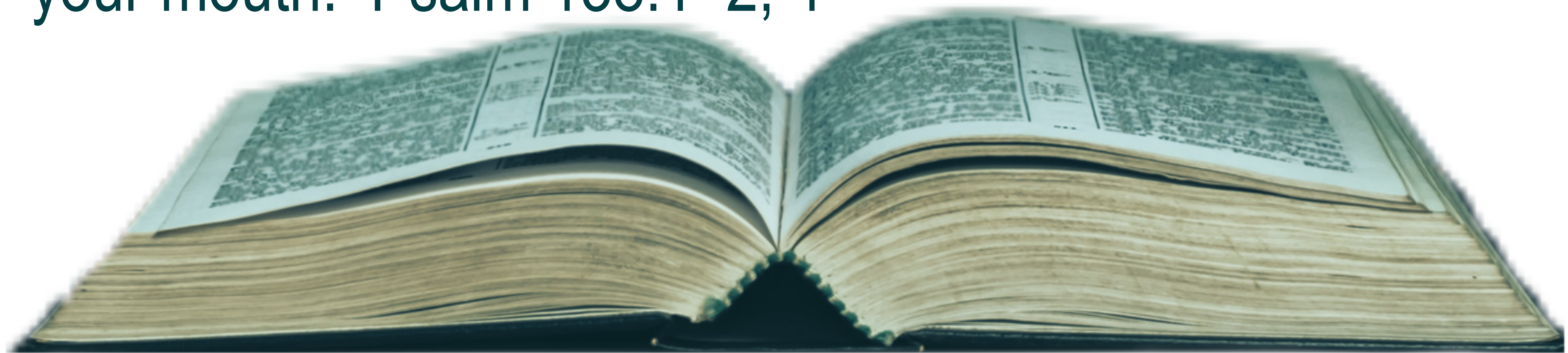
8 The LORD will fulfill [his purpose] for me;
your love, O LORD, endures forever —
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm 138

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise



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before the “gods” I will sing your praise.² I will bow down
toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your
love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all
things your name and your word...⁴ May all the kings of the
earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of
your mouth. Psalm 138:1–2, 4



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16–17



Causes For Gratitude to God



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Psalm 138:2, 8



And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD,
the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to
anger, abounding in love and faithfulness...

Exodus 34:6



When I called, you answered me; you made me
bold and stouthearted.

Psalm 138:3



May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. ⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

Psalm 138:4–5



Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar.

Psalm 138:6



Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with
your right hand you save me.

Psalm 138:7



The LORD will fulfill [his purpose] for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever — do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm 138:8



- ◆ God's love and faithfulness
- ◆ Answered prayer
- ◆ The growth of God's Kingdom
- ◆ God's care for the lowly and resistance of the proud
- ◆ God's preserving Presence in our troubles
- ◆ God's future faithfulness

Applying the Word



Modern “gods” That Destroy Gratitude & Joy

- ◆ Consumerism & advertising - greed & dissatisfaction
- ◆ Photoshopped and curated lives - envy over people and lives that are not real
- ◆ News & social media - doom scrolling disaster & conflict
- ◆ Busy-ness and hurry - no time to enjoy and reflect

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Our Thanksgiving Table

