

# Collection of a.w. Tozer's Prayers - Volume 4

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*We need to cultivate a hunger for God, and be willing to be hungry and empty in order to be filled with Him.*

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**Topics:** "Prayer"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of speaking and preaching the word of God. He encourages the audience to have a renewed interest in the gospel and to actively work for the salvation of others. The preacher prays for a harvest of souls and urges the congregation to look forward and not backward in their faith. He also calls upon the Holy Spirit to bring life and power to their lives and to guide them in their journey with Christ.

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## Transcript

O Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, I know that we live in a world where perils and dangers are upon every hand. And life's plan is speeding, and judgment is coming, and Satan is busy. Ones are spurring themselves across the path, they're trying to prevent us from going ahead.

But we here, we come to you, and we want to know thee. And the power of thy resurrection shall bring thee made conformable unto thy death. And we want to know the beauty and wonder that is.

We pray to thee who requested prayer, O Christ Jesus, Christ Jesus. Thou who didst come in olden times in the form of a dove into fire. And thou who didst come to Peter and to the Moravians and to the saints of the wind.

And thou who didst come, O Lord, and taught them their gift. O withhold not thy glory from us. Who cries, show us thy glory, Lord, show us thy glory.

And teaches how to go on. Now grant, we pray, that this may be a good week, and if the devil makes it the worst week we've ever had, we'll have a naked intent and determination, and we'll calmly, quietly believe, even though darkness should settle over us, we'll know it's the cloud of unknowing, it's the dark night of the soul, the peace morning of the heart. And we won't be frightened.

For we know thou didst go through the garden and through the darkness and out of the darkness and into the tomb and out of the tomb and into the glory. So wilt thou lead these, and lead us, and lead this church.

And O we pray, bring us to a place where soon we may be under grace, spiritually prepared for a mighty outpouring of grace.

An outpouring that shall bring in reality that which everybody's talking about and nobody has. And we shall testament spirituality back to Book of Acts Christianity again. And may the out from us here there shall flow into the desert grave, and fire that shall touch churches and groups there.

And above all, please show us thyself, thyself, Lord, and show us thy glory. For thou passest by, and show us thy glory, so that all the glory of this world shall appear as ashes to that wondrous sight. This we ask in the holy name of Jesus.

Now as we close away, it seems as a little closer for us, the opening verse or two or psalm or two of that, what is it? We pray, make us hungry. I know it's a trouble with thy church, Lord, that we're not hungry. We have the thing because we have the text that tells about it.

We have the doctrine and think we have the object because we can describe it. We think we've eaten when we're dying of malnutrition. We think we're full when we're about to cave in from empty.

Oh, God, whet our appetites. Whet our appetites, we pray. Drive us, we pray, thee, like this, until we're dehydrated and our tongues are hanging out.

Until we run to the water brook, crash a drink, a drink. Oh, God, upset us, disturb us, perturb us, worry us, make us anxious, until we're through with ourselves. Until we open our hearts like the sun in the rain.

Until we open our vessels as the widow's vessels were opened at the top and were filled with oil. Oh, oil of God, come and fill us. And make us so hungry we can't live until we're filled.

This is Jesus' holy name. But nothing compared with the deep knowledge of God himself. You know him? You know him? You know this knowledge of God, nobody can argue out of you.

Nobody can argue out of you. They can come and point a fist, hand, or finger at you and tell you everything you're in the law commits. And unless you feel bad about it, but you still know you're no God.

They can come and argue with you and give you scripture to prove you're all wrong. And one day you can say, well, you're a pretty good expositor, but I happen to know God. You've got to be serious.

You tell them to prove I can't, and I never came to prove it. So we can know God for ourselves, that I might know him. So those things, some of you know that.

Some of you are flying through. I've gotten letters. I've gotten phone calls.

I have a hypothesis. And I know that some of you are finding the Lord in a new, rich, deep, and wonderful way. And I'm glad.

But how about the rest? Frankly speaking, I'd like to say, I'd rather say this way. We're going to find out if there are those who would say, I want you to remember me. The only, the only line you have is talking back to you.

Feeling you is bigger than you are. You do not feel maybe twice about it all, neglectfully, but you're God. You want to know what Paul means? You want to know what God has revealed in this, in this spiritual

defense down in the earth? And you say, Paul said, no, Mr. Posey, that I might have this spiritual courage, Paul, to rise and put behind me, under my feet, whatever it is, friendship, ambition, a plan, or gifts or victories or anything, a spiritual truth.

If you raise your hand, we will pray for you. Anybody here who would say, I do want to be spiritual. Put your hand up, say again.

Say, yes, I do. Do it. You want to know, yes, that's what I see.

Do it. You want to, yes, yes. Yes.

God put a hand in his garment. Now that's how they respond. Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was with you in the beginning. We thank you, Lord Jesus, that when you come to me, we'll go back to the beginning. As Paul and Dr. Moses, Dr. Abraham, Dr. Adam.

We go back to the beginning. Come, light of heaven and earth. One day we'll see the Father.

See you, Lord Father. He requested for us now. In the name of our son, Jesus, we pray, Father, that thou wilt take these people, and these older ones, and lead them in these houses.

Lead them through ways that may be rough and hard and painful and chastening, but lead them until all is behind them, and everything's behind them, and they put behind them everything, everything, what they're proud of and what they're ashamed of, and what victories they've had and the defeats they've had, and the mistakes they've made. Oh, take these people and teach them how to look forward and not backward. And, you know, Father, when you talk about these things, and some come because they feel that they'll be good if they can swallow, or they'll touch, they can memorize, or some one little tip they can do.

Oh, Lord God, it is not thus we see. But rather by the cultivation of the knowledge of God, by faith and humility and prayer and trust and confidence and obedience, and trust in the Lord, and at last the mountain top appears in view, and up out of the mist we come to the sunlight. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come with all, I say to you. Come. When we pray to you, we say, God, we pray for you.

We pray for all of you. When we pray, Lord, to come, we didn't request a prayer for anything, but to come up this night without fear and salvation. And we pray for all the churches that are coming to bring their service to you probably within a half an hour or so.

Bless them all, Lord, and grant these churches that every month may have churches, and that every couple of months and every harvest we come from heaven. That there be victory in the church of Jesus Christ this night to the glory of the Father. And in this way we ask this thing from Jesus.

Thank our Lord. Dear Heavenly Father, we have no doubt of what Thou hast done for us, but we pray that Thou would open our eyes to behold, and our hearts to understand and feel, and our spirits to see and penetrate, to all the glory that Thou hast brought to us. We may receive into our own souls and lives.

We pray that Thou will help us, that we may hear the voice again today, that voice that created all things, that voice that raised the dead, that voice that speaks, and men are clean, and that voice that will someday untune the sky. We pray that Thou will help us to hear it. Father, we're both unworthy to speak

and to hear, but we come by grace alone, through faith.

And that not of ourselves, it's Thy gift to us. Will Thou make us, we pray Thee, to speak worthily, enable us to hear worthily, O Lord, this hour. For Christ's sake, amen.

Father, we pray Thy blessing upon what's been said. Being human, Lord, maybe some things were said that shouldn't have been said. Expunge them from our minds.

Everything that was true, impress them upon our minds. May we go out from here humbly glad we're Christians, humbly glad for our fathers who taught us the Bible, for our fathers who translated the Bible for us, for our fathers for us, for our fathers who wrote expositions and commentaries and devotional books and beat our hearts on in a day of pollution and pornography. Great God, we thank Thee for all the good men, we thank Thee for every worshiping saint.

We thank Thee for Wesley, who wrote these great hymns, and Grant, and Watts, and Montgomery. We thank Thee for that fountain of all hymnology, David, who now gets to stand and say, O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. God help us today.

As we go out from here, we pray we may go to all the beauties that are about us, but appreciate him as Christians, seeing him not as pagans, but seeing him as Christians, birds and trees, worshiping the God who made the birds and trees. Amen. Father, we pray, bless thou this truth.

O God, thy mercies are abundant, mercies full and free, and have they not, O God, found out me? We thank thee for thy mercies, thy many abundant, full mercies. Now we pray that thou wilt help us to lean back and trust and not be afraid, hate sin and love righteousness, flee from iniquity and follow after godliness, but always know that in all that we do, mercy is around us like the air underneath us, as the earth above us as the stars. We live in a merciful world to serve a merciful God, and live and strive, being in the abundant mercies of the triune God.

Graciously grant us, we pray thee, property and to apply it to our hearts, and we give thee praise through Jesus Christ. Forgive him, Father, O forgive. He knows not that by his, by me, he lives.

Father, we pray thy blessing upon the word given. We pray that thou wilt help us, that our faith might mount up like an eagle, stretch its broad wings and soar so high that nothing can pull it down. And as the eagle can look upon the sun, we pray that we may look upon thy holy sun at the right hand of the majesty, and that we may be grateful to the point of cheers and tenderness that he who was God and very God of very God gave himself and hung on yonder tree.

Bless us as we receive of the Lord's Supper. In Christ's name, amen. O our kind Father, we pray thee, thou hast not left us in our sins.

Thou hast thought of a way for us. Thou hast planted in Christ Jesus thy Son, our Lord. Thou hast worked it out by blood and tears and groans and death and the miracle of resurrection and the wonder of ascension to the right hand of the throne.

Thou hast sent the Holy Ghost to say everywhere throughout the world he that believeth on him shall not perish. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. O we thank thee, heavenly Father.

The time is running out, and it's later than we know. And then thou hast warned us gently and carefully to be careful what we do with this message. Be careful lest we take too much for granted.

To be careful lest the devil get the seed, lest the cares of life take the seed. Lest we be Christians only in name and have a name that we live but be dead. My God! It would be better that we should perish from the naked slopes of the Baleen Valley than from the rich precincts of Toronto.

Better that we should die pagans cutting off the necks of chickens to try to appease some bestial God than to die Canadians and Americans and Englishmen and Scotsmen who heard from their childhood this wondrous message but have let it go. O God, what do we say to thee in that time? What answer can we have from the Baleen naked savage men smeared with pig grease and clay who stand up and say we never heard it? But who here can say it? O God, we've heard it and we've heard it and we've heard it until we're bored with it. God, forgive us.

Give us a new something, a new baptism of interest, a new, a new athletic of fresh interest in the things of the gospel. O God, we pray with all help to friends here tonight. Lord, we pray for those who are well saved, that they might become so keenly concerned for others that aren't saved that they would continue to work for their salvation hard and struggle and pray and labor until one by one they're gathered in.

Grant, we pray, our God, that there might be a harvest of souls at Avenue Road. We're overdue, Lord. It's long overdue.

But, God, we're not giving up. We expect to see it. We expect to see it further.

We expect thee to give us a harvest. We expect to see young people and brought in and older people. We expect to see the new faces and hear new voices and see the travail of thy soul, O Lord.

We expect this. For thou art God. And because Jesus Christ thy Son said if we wanted anything, ask in his name and you'll give it to us.

Because that's why the gospel is being preached. That's why we're here. So, we expect to see it, God.

We don't believe that thou dost speak to men lamely or say anything to anybody carelessly. We believe that without a fake promise, that promise is as good as gold. So, we're expecting, Father.

We're expecting thee to do it. O Lord, round the margins, our relatives, our friends, our neighbors, people all around here that are not here tonight, but they can be here and they can be brought in and they can be one. We pray, O God, fall on the churches.

Fall on this church. Fall on our people. We pray with a new affluence of love for men that we may not depend on the word from the pulpit only, but that we might supplement that word with earnest soul-winning efforts.

Now, come on us, Father. We're looking for help, O God. But once more, we remind thee that we have for this church a vision of a strong, Bible-based, morally right, solid, vigorous, active, loving church that the people will feel when they come in here that surely the Lord's in this place of truth.

The Lord may be slow, but we believe it'll come. Now, as I said first, the little sprout, and then the stalk, and then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. So put us through those stages fast, Lord, because we need the corn, and we need it fast.

We need it soon. Pray, God, meet us for testing day. We pray thee for any tonight that are not committed, that have been, the Holy Ghost has found them somewhere.

They're among the rocks or on the wayside or among the thorns. The Spirit of God has found them, we pray thee, that they might come out from there and be good ground and receive the truth into honest hearts and bring forth truth with patience under perfection. We ask this in Christ's name.

Now, let's sing this number, please. What number is it?

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