

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

Day 1 - Heavenly Father, I praise You that You have chosen to reveal Yourself. In Your creation, through the Holy Scriptures, through the Church and in our hearts, You make Yourself known to all mankind. If that were not enough, having spoken "through the prophets at many times and in various ways," You revealed Yourself through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. I thank You, Lord, that You want us to know You, and that You have made it abundantly possible for us to do so.

Day 2 - One God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we worship You as one in nature, attributes and glory. You are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable. You are all-wise, all-powerful, all-knowing, holy, just, loving, gracious, good and true. Everywhere present, yet not part of Your creation, there is none like You. How I adore You!

Thank You, O Lord, that in all Your perfection, needing nothing and dependent upon no one, You desire the worship of Your creation, beginning with me today. Thank You for giving me a heart to worship You, for You alone are worthy of my devotion.

Day 3 - Heavenly Father, You are God, who begins and ends all things according to Your own purpose and grace. You are the creator and sustainer of all things. You are the spiritual Father of all believers, You express Yourself in relationship with those whom You chose, binding Yourself by Your eternal promises. You are loving and long-suffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Thank You, Lord, Sovereign over my life with purpose and grace. Sustain me today. Give me grace to rest on Your promises, and may Your love and patience extend to me today, that I may grow in faith and dependence upon You.

Day 4 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, sinless and powerful to perform miracles, You are the only sufficient sacrifice for my sins. Dead, buried, and bodily resurrected as attested by the apostles and other witnesses, You ascended into heaven as the Glorified One who intercedes for believers, even me.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for revealing Yourself to me, that I may believe and experience Your salvation. Thank You for forgiveness undeserved, yet freely given, and redemption unexpected, yet thankfully received. Thank You for Your riches offered, which I wholeheartedly accept. May my life today be a thank-offering of joyful obedience in loving others as I love You.

Day 5 - Holy Spirit, our God who restrains sin in the world, who brings conviction and repentance, open the hearts and minds of people to turn from their false ways and false beliefs to trust in Jesus Christ and not themselves. Regenerate their souls to be born again. Move in the heart of _____, my _____ (relative, friend, coworker, etc.) that they may believe. Please use me and my experience in their life, and even provide an opportunity for me to share the truth of the gospel with them.

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

Day 6 - Spirit of our God, who permanently indwells every believer in Jesus Christ, filling them with Your power and gifts for service, please fill me today. O God, give me Your power to live in obedience to Your will. Teach me Your ways. Give me a heart to use all that You abundantly give as a gift of Your grace, to love and serve the world around me for Your glory

Day 7 - God of Wonders, whose Spirit enables the church to raise the spiritually dead to life, move in us to use our gifts for Your glory, to accomplish Your will throughout the earth. Holy Spirit who brings order from chaos, move in my disordered world to do the same. Triune God who is One and knows no division, bind us at Immanuel together in unity. You who alone are worthy of honor and glory, clothe us with humility, such that only You are exalted. May there be no hint of self-promotion in my life. Rather, may others see Jesus in me today.

Day 8 - Glorious Lord, who created the angels as ministering spirits, be glorified in all Your creation Thank You for the angels who serve believers throughout the world, many who are under oppression and persecution at this very moment Satan would attack the church and destroy it, tempting and deceiving all mankind to oppose Your sovereign purposes in the church and in the world We praise You, Jesus Christ, for having defeated the evil one. Please lead me in victory over the schemes of the devil and his angels in my life today. May Your ministering angels keep me and those I love from harm, so that we may live to walk in ways that exalt Your powerful name.

Day 9 - Our God and Creator of all things, nothing exists that You did not create. The heavens and earth and all that dwells therein exist by Your word, "Let there be...and it was" You directly created all plants and animals so that they would produce after their kind, filling the earth with life. All that You made was good, even very good. As for mankind, created both male and female in Your image, created from no other living thing, created "a little lower than the angels," filled with living breath from the Lord of Life, created to reflect Your goodness, Your love, and Your benevolent stewardship over all Your creation, I worship You in the perfection of Your creative glory.

Day 10 - Created in perfection, yet fallen in sin, how far I am from Your perfect plan, my only God. My original parents, deceived by the devil and enticed to become "like God," chose to disobey You, and so became most unlike You. And so we have sinned, every one of us, down to me today. I experience Adam's fall with every thought, word, action and attitude in my self-centered, ego-centric heart. I confess that I am not what I ought to be. Not in my nature, not in my deeds, and not in my affections. Most of all, not in the feebleness of my efforts to cover the nakedness of my sins with inadequate efforts, trying to convince the world unconvincingly that I'm not so bad. I am so bad. You know it and I do too. You are my only hope of salvation.

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

Day 11 - Praise God who sent Jesus Christ to die for my sins! Praise the Son who obeyed where Adam did not. Praise the Son who obeyed where I did not! Salvation given, I am loosed from death and enjoy freedom as a free gift! By faith in Christ and Christ alone (no effort of mine for my aid), I believe in Jesus, and in belief, find saving rest. I believe in the death of Christ as full payment for my sins, satisfying the just requirement of God. I was dead, but am now made alive by You. I was a slave to sin, yet am no more. I was lost, yet now find myself set apart to a life of spiritual growth, ministry, love and good works. Lost no more! I have forgiveness for EVERY sin, and I rest SECURE in the reality of eternal life. There is nothing to do but to say THANK YOU to You, my Lord and my God, who sent Jesus Christ to die for my sins!

Day 12 - Heavenly Father and creator of all the families on the Earth, You created and blessed the family as the foundation of society. You made us male and female and You unite one man and one woman in marriage to create a family. You bless us with marriages to provide intimate companionship, purity in union, procreation, and the honor of reflecting the relationship between Christ and His Church. As Christ loves the church, so ought husbands to love their wives. As the church submits to Christ's loving leadership, so ought wives to do so to their husbands.

(If married) Lord, thank You for _____ (your husband or wife). Thank You for our marriage which belongs to You. May I fulfill my role and be a blessing to my partner, loving them as they ought to be loved.

(If unmarried, pray for the marriages close to you, along with any other prayers you have regarding marriage.)

Day 13 - Children are a gift from You, O God. Fully human from conception, our children bear the imprint of Your divine image. Thank You for the lessons we learn about You from our children, and for the joy, happiness, and hope for the future they bring to our lives. However, we know that they, like we, are corrupted by sin. They need godly parental modeling, training in the Scriptures, and discipline in love. Give us Your grace, O Lord, to be the kind of parents and adult examples we ought to be, caring for their physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs. Give them the grace to imitate our care for them, by becoming adults who care for and serve others. Give them grace to grow into adults who obey and respect authority, are good citizens, and champions for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Day 14 - Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Head of the Church. From the first Christians at Pentecost until that day when the trumpet sounds and You call the church, living and dead, to meet You in the clouds, be glorified in Your Church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church carries out Your work in the world: Worshipping, praising, and glorifying the Triune God by proclaiming the gospel of Christ Jesus to the entire world, by seeking You through earnest prayer, by equipping the saints to walk, serve and fellowship in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by keeping the ordinances You gave the Church. May I worship, praise, and glorify You today by doing my part in fulfilling the mission of the Church.

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

Day 15 - My Lord who was crucified, died, buried, and resurrected, I remember today the significance of Your life in mine, and my life in Yours. I praise You for my union with Christ. I am crucified with Him, yet I live, and that life is by faith. Remind me today that I am no longer a slave to the old ways and this old world. I am free! At my first faith I was immersed into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, baptized into the family of faith. May I live today what my water baptism symbolized: Your death for me, and my death in You; Your life in mine, and mine lived for You; Your resurrection accomplished, and my raising too! I am spiritually raised right now, but at the trumpet I'll hear a shout, "Come forth!" My flesh will knit once more to my soul, and I will give You glory for making me whole.

Day 16 - Lord God, who graciously gives, I praise You for Your lovingkindness, mercy, and generosity of love toward us, particularly me, who deserved none of it. So that we would never forget, You commanded us to share in the Lord's Supper, and proclaim Christ's death until He comes. Broken bread to remember a body that suffered for my sin, and a cup to drink and consider Your blood, it was shed to remove not only my sins, but the sins of the whole world. I take both knowing that I have first taken You as my Savior and Lord. I'm not worthy, yet You have made me so. May I live this day in a worthy manner, and may I always share in Your Supper until that day when I, with all Your Church, shares in Your great wedding feast.

Day 17 - Lord and Head of the Church, I thank You for Immanuel Bible Church. I praise You that, in Your wisdom, Your Body is expressed in local congregations. By Your sovereign will, You raised up elders and pastors with the responsibility to guard the purity of that which Your Scripture reveals about You and all other things. Thank You for these qualified men who shepherd Immanuel, loving our congregation and overseeing everything for our good. May they live lives deserving of honor, and may I encourage and recognize their work when I see it. Please bless them and their work to make Immanuel a church that really does build believers to Your glory, seeking You constantly, serving You faithfully, and sharing You boldly.

Day 18 - Faithful Lord, who always keeps Your promises, I look forward to the day when Jesus Christ will return in the air to take the church out of the world, that we might be with Him forever. Please make me ready for that, even today. Lord, I remember my loved ones who have died, believing in You, and am so glad they are already with You. Yet I long for the day when they will receive their resurrection bodies, that I might hold them again, hear their voice, and speak of our lives together. I thank You that, on that day, neither they nor I will ever die again. May I strive by Your grace to live in holiness, so that nothing in my thought, word, action or attitude would produce shame at Your sudden appearing, being motivated by the knowledge that You are with me, even now.

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

Day 19 - Righteous and holy God, who will judge the world, even in Your judgment I praise You that You always keep Your promises. Long ago You promised Abraham, David, Solomon, and the prophets that Israel would be a nation, ruled by their Holy and Eternal King, forever. Yet we do not see this today, Lord. Israel has rejected Jesus Christ, their Messiah. Your Word predicts a regathering of Israel under the rule of Christ, a period of tribulation that will bring many to faith in Christ, and fulfill Your promises to unite Israel and Judah under Your sovereign rule. You alone, holy and righteous and true, are worthy to pass judgment over the world. I thank You that I have escaped eternal judgment and condemnation, and ask that You would give me the boldness to speak of Your mercy to others, that they may escape it as well.

Day 20 - "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Our King, it is without question that You are sovereign over the whole universe. And I bless You that You have not turned Your face away from a world in rebellion. Sin is deep in the human heart, and it is sobering. Your word predicts that, following a period of tribulation, You will return and establish Your kingdom on earth. You will rule in righteousness over all the earth, bringing peace for a thousand years. Yet even then, under Your benevolent rule, Satan, when released, will lead many astray, those born under Your reign but not born again. Praise to You that You will be, as always, victorious.

My King, be sovereign even over my heart today. Banish the wickedness that still resides there, that my life may declare Your majesty over all, especially me.

Day 21 - "Your throne O God, is forever and ever." Dead in their unbelief, and raised in their unbelief, Your Word predicts the unbelieving dead will stand in resurrection bodies to face Your White Throne and confess the truth that their name is not written in the Book of Life. They will be judged according to their deeds, and bodily be cast into the Lake of Fire. How horrible is the thought, O Lord, reminding me of how pure, holy and righteous You really are. Either by the cross, or by the fire, I praise You that all sin has been, or will be, answered.

Yet Your patience even now is great, and Your longsuffering with sin and evil has been beyond measure, withholding judgment so that many may believe. How much greater will the centuries of Your patience, mercy and grace be shown on that day! Please call my friends and loved ones (name them as you pray) to Yourself, O Lord, that they might not stand in judgment and condemnation. Give me the boldness and confidence to be used in Your saving grace toward them.

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

Day 22 - God of the consummation, who consumes me with the thought of Your sovereign plan, devised before the foundation of the world, how happy we shall be in Your presence forever! To dwell in new heavens and a new earth, enjoying perfect and everlasting fellowship with the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To be with believers of every dispensation, from Adam to those of the Millennial Kingdom, all proclaiming Your goodness throughout all the earth. To be fully human as You created man to be, working, loving and worshipping in our bodies, souls, spirits, minds, wills, emotions. No curse. No sin. No sorrow. No death. Life and light and truth shall be the rule. To know more fully Your perfections, having all eternity to see them on display in Your rule over all the heavens and the earth. This will be glory indeed!

Knowing, O Lord, the glories You have prepared for me, may I use Your grace to live that way today? Help me to walk in truth and love, to worship You by the indwelling Spirit. May Your life in me be evident as I obey You in my work, in my relationships, and in my very heart and soul.

Day 23 - Precious Redeemer, who shed Your blood for me, help me to live in a manner that befits a follower of Jesus Christ. May I read Your Word today, seeking to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. May it speak to me, and stir up in me a great love for it! May I be obedient to the Word, walking in the power of the Spirit of God, being enabled to show to the world (and myself) the fruit of His work in me.

Day 24 - Father, who is holy and separate from all that is sinful, may I be separated from the world today, separated “to” You. Give me the desire and the power to abstain from the lusts within my own body. Help me to recognize temptation to become conformed to this world. Spirit, be at work in me to recognize the deceptions of Satan and this world system, and please remove from me the desires and attraction to the world. Please make its pleasures, its practices, and its profits abhorrent to me. Rather, give me to seek pleasure according to Your will, for You have granted much that pleases me. Lord Jesus, may the practice of my life conform to Your ways, for You have given me much good work to do. And may I depend on You for praise and acceptance, knowing that some may appreciate Your goodness in me. Yet You, not I receive the glory for it.

Day 25 - Loving Father, help us to love one another. May it be sincere, without any hypocrisy; truthful, yet with discretion May we be aware of the needs around us, and may it be our practice, as one body at Immanuel, to help one another when they need it. Please give us the discipline to pray for one another, fervently and faithfully. Even now I think of _____ (the name of a friend or family member), who is struggling with _____. Please be strong on their behalf, and give them grace to persevere and see Your hand at work. Grant that our unity may be evident to all, within and without the church, and may we make it our goal to preserve that unity, living in peace with one another, refraining from bitterness, wrath, clamor and any evil speaking of each

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

other. Help me purge that from my actions, attitudes, and speech; in my interactions at home, work, and here at Immanuel.

Day 26 - Lord, all that I have comes from You. My personality, education, skills, talents and experiences, my relationships, body, mind, emotions, health, strengths and weaknesses – they all belong to You. Thank You for the financial resources to live, and the means to provide for myself and others. If that were not enough, You have given me Your Holy Spirit, who gives spiritual gifts for the blessing of others. You are indeed, the God of generous gifts. I acknowledge that I deserve none of it. You give because it pleases You to do so. Develop in me the joy of generosity.

Grant, O Lord, that I may be a good steward of that which You have given. Whatever I have is Yours, 100% of it. May Your Spirit move me to share a portion of that with others, particularly as I invest in Your work here at Immanuel and around the world.

I recognize that the most important gift You have given me is my very life. May it be used to glorify You. Please let me not forget the importance of assembling with other believers, spending time with them in ministry and worship, encouraging them TODAY.

Day 27 - Jesus Christ, Living Word, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, You are the gospel. Not a system, not a plan, not a strategy, You are the message. This is the faith worth living for and dying for, that the object of all things, including all my affections and loyalties, is You. As God, You reveal the Triune God, that we might know God. Thank You for the Scriptures, that revelation which communicates what “holy men of God” received, so that every generation might know You as they did.

Give me a passion to know the Word, to know the essentials of the Christian faith, and to develop skill in presenting them clearly to a lost generation. Give me a hunger for the Bible, since I cannot know You truthfully unless I see the truth with my own eyes, as You Yourself explained it. May I avoid all vain and idolatrous imaginings about You, and strive for the truth that You have chosen to reveal about Yourself.

Day 28 - Lord of the Harvest, give us eyes for the lost world around us. Open my eyes to see those in my home, my office, my neighborhood, in the activities of life, who desperately need You. How lost I would be without You! Empower me with a life that testifies to Your resurrection, and equip me with the proper words to speak of my faith. Help me to be more concerned about what You think than what others think. Most of all, help me to love them as You do, to sincerely appreciate Your grace in their life to this point. (Take a few moments to consider the gifts God has given to them, and thank Him for those gifts.)

Thank You, Lord, for the many missionaries that Immanuel supports. Thanks that they have dedicated themselves to serve You vocationally, often at great cost to themselves physically, financially, relationally, and even to their own personal security. Please provide for our need so

PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

31 Days of Prayer Based on The Immanuel Statement of Faith
Bob Hartman, 2010

that Immanuel may continue to support missionaries and short term missions teams as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.

Day 29 - From everlasting to everlasting, You are God. In our world in constant change, You are our constant, our pole star, the one on whom we depend. I am shifting sands. You are a rock. Heaven and earth shall change, but You cannot change, for You are perfect from before the beginning, and have no need for change. You absolutely do not evolve. You get no wiser with the years, for You are the standard of wisdom. You alone, in all Your creation, are fixed, and so You alone, in all my world, are to be trusted.

Your character is absolutely moral and good and You are what You are. You hate sin – anything that contradicts Your perfect standard. Who and what You are has no need to improve, vary, grow or change. Truly You are true, who speaks and judges truthfully over everything in Your creation. I need not understand it in order for Your wisdom and ways it to be nonetheless true and right. Your sovereign will never changes, yet Your hand is moved by my prayers. Such a marvelous mystery, and such an encouragement to pray, help me depend more on You today.

Day 30 - Majesty belongs to you, O God. There is none in heaven or on earth like You. You are great and unlike me in every possible way. You are without beginning or end and beyond the confinement of Your creation, yet You created it all to reflect Your goodness. Your glory is so great that even in corruption, the creation still reflects some of Your beauty. Yet it describes You only in shadows. The sun in all its brightness cannot compare to You. The canyon for all its grandeur cannot plumb the depths of any single perfection in Your character. The vastness of the oceans cannot encompass Your limits, for You have none. You are awesome, and I worship You, my great God.

Day 31 - Almighty and Gracious God, when I consider Your personal care over every detail of the universe, working all things according to Your will, dependent upon nothing and needing the counsel of no one, I marvel at Your unsearchableness. To say I am nothing in comparison – even that would be exalting myself! Who am I that You should consider me at all? I think far too little of You, while You know every beat of my heart. So today Lord, whose Spirit abides with me in all my doings, please give me Your grace to walk in the awareness of Christ Jesus my Lord, thinking as He would think, speaking as He would speak, and acting as He would act. Let others see the God I love in me today.