

THE GOD OF AMAZING GIFTS

Printable Bible passages

Day 1: Best Gift Ever Psalm 63

A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

- ¹ You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water. (Psalm 63 v 1)
- ⁵ I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you. (v 5)
- ² I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
- ³ Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you. (v 2-3)

Day 2: The Greatest Giver Psalm 104

- ⁵ [The LORD] set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved ...
- ¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines;
it flows between the mountains.
- ¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst ...
- ¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.
- ¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth:
- ¹⁵ wine that gladdens human hearts,
oil to make their faces shine,
and bread that sustains their hearts. (Psalm 104 v 5, 10-11, 13-15)
- ²⁹ When you [God] hide your face,
they [all creatures] are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.
- ³⁰ When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground. (v 29-30)
- ³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD. (v 33-34)

Day 3: Thanks or No Thanks? Romans 1

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness. (Romans 1 v 18)

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. (v 21)

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator. (v 25)

Day 4: A Very Old Promise Isaiah 9

*² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned ...*

*⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government will be on his shoulders,
and he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9 v 2, 6)*

*Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time forth on for ever. (v 7)*

Day 5: What Sort of Giver? Luke 1

²⁶ God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God." (Luke 1 v 26-30, NIV 1984)

³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end. (v 31-33)

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God." (v 34-37)

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." (v 38, NIV 1984)

Day 6: Just What we Need Matthew 1 and 1 Peter 3

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit ...

²⁰ An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
(Matthew 1 v 18, 20-21)

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Day 7: Christmas Presence Matthew 1 and 28 and 1 Peter 3

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²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). (Matthew 1 v 20-23)

Jesus came to them and said ... "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age". (Matthew 28 v 18, 20)

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Day 8: How to Receive Luke 1

⁴⁶ And Mary said:
"My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". (Luke 1 v 46-47)

⁴⁸ "For he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name." (v 48-49)

⁵⁰ "[God's] mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation
⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty." (v 50-53)

Day 9: Out with the Old Luke 1

⁶⁷ [John's] father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
... ⁷² [He has remembered] his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

(Luke 1 v 67-68, 72-75)

Day 10: Joy that Lasts Luke 2

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." (Luke 2 v 8-14)

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (v 15-20)

Day 11: For the Whole Family Matthew 2

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" ...

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.
(Matthew 2 v 1-2, 9-12)

Day 12: Worth the Cost Matthew 2

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³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written..."
(Matthew 2 v 1-5)

⁸ He sent [the Magi] to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him" ...

¹² [After the Magi saw Jesus,] having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. ¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him" ...

¹⁶ When Herod realised that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. (v 8, 12-13, 16)

Day 13: Undeserved Ephesians 2

⁴ Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2 v 4-8)

It is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. (v 8-9)

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (v 10)

Day 14: The Gift of the Future 1 Peter 1

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. (1 Peter 1 v 3-4)

⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. (v 6)

Day 15: God With Us Galatians 4 and 5 and Ephesians 1

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." (Galatians 4 v 6)

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (Ephesians 1 v 17)

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other...
(Galatians 5 v 16-17)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5 v 22-23)

Day 16: Family Conversation Matthew 6

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'" (Matthew 6 v 9-13)

Day 17: Gifts for Today Matthew 6

⁹ This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven ...

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread." (Matthew 6 v 9, 11)

Day 18: When Gifts Don't Seem Good Romans 8

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8 v 28)

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (v 29)

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (v 31-32)

Day 19: Giving Like God Luke 6

³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6 v 30-31)

³² If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. (v 32-34)

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (v 35-36)

Day 20: Giving Up and Taking On Philippians 2

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2 v 3-4)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross! (v 5-8)

Day 21: Not Ours to Keep 2 Corinthians 5

¹⁸ [God] reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5 v 18-19)

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God! (v 20)

Day 22: Gifts for God's People 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord ...

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good ...

¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. (1 Corinthians 12 v 4-5, 7, 11)

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. (Romans 12 v 4-6)

²⁸ God has placed in the church ... apostles ... prophets ... teachers ... miracles ... gifts of healing ... helping ... guidance and ... different kinds of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12 v 28)

⁶ ... prophesying ... ⁷ serving ... teaching ... ⁸ encouragement ... giving ... lead[ing] ... show[ing] mercy.
(Romans 12 v 6-8)

Day 23: Giving that God Loves 2 Corinthians 9

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9 v 7)

⁸ God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (v 8)

⁸ God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times ... you will abound in every good work ... ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (v 8, 11)

Day 24: Giving Ourselves Psalm 86

¹⁰ You are great and do marvellous deeds;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name. (Psalm 86 v 10-11)

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name for ever. (v 12)

¹³ For great is your love towards me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead. (v 13)

Day 25: God's Christmas Gift John 3

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3 v 16)