

GOD IS UNSTOPPABLE

What might happen if you turned your attention to God the very first thing in the morning? What might happen if you were to talk with God and share your heart and give God your day and yourself?

Good morning, Lord. Thank you for another day and thank you that you are waiting to meet with me this morning. Help me to pray now. Thank you, Lord.

PRAISE HIM

Job 42:2 (ESV) I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

To thwart something simply means to prevent it. This verse tells us that there is *nothing* and *no one* that can stop our God from accomplishing his plans and his purpose.

Praise God this morning that he is *unstoppable*.

*God, I praise you this morning because you are **Unstoppable!** I look to you with great hope this morning because nothing can stop your purpose and plan.*

Tell God what it means to you that he is *Unstoppable!*

CONFESS AND REPENT

1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

This is a prayer of confession that has been adapted from a very old prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. Forgive me according to the finished work of Jesus on the cross. And empower me today that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

GIVE THANKS

This verse was written by King David, the king who took down Goliath.

Psalm 145:5-7 (ESV) On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

You have an amazing God that has done wondrous works in your life. Take a moment and declare back to Him *how great He is*. Think about yesterday for a moment; think of two of the blessings God brought into your life. _____

Now, thank God for them, and let him know how great you think he is.

REQUESTS

Matthew 7: 11 (ESV) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven **give good things** to those who **ask** him!

God loves to give good gifts to his children when they ask! Ask God today to bring some more good into the world today; in particular, in relation to the COVID-19 situation that we are in right now.

Ask God to bring health **to those who are sick**. If you know anyone by name, pray for them now.

Also ask God to protect our **healthcare workers**. If you know anyone by name, pray for them now.

Ask God to protect the **vulnerable**. If you know anyone by name, pray for them now.

Ask God to give **insight** and **wisdom** to those working on a **vaccine** for COVID-19. If you know anyone by name, pray for them now.

Ask God to use this situation to strengthen your hope in him and to find your peace and joy in him, and not in your circumstances.

*God, please remind me that **my hope is in you**. Help me find my **peace** and **joy** in you today.
Thank you!*

This day is not ours. We are not ours. Jesus bought us with a price and *we belong to him! We are his. And he longs to use you and me to do good works in this world in his name.*

He made you! And if you have put your trust in Jesus to be your Savior, he saved you, in part, so that he could do more good through you in the world. Take a moment and turn your day and yourself over to him this morning.

Gracious God my Savior, I acknowledge that this day is yours and not mine! I want to start this day asking you to use me to bring more good into the world today. I acknowledge that my life is not my own anymore, you bought me with the precious blood of Jesus, and now, I belong to you. Help me to choose to obey you in every choice, every word, and every action today, Lord. Thank you. Amen.

Now, you are encouraged as you continue in prayer this morning to maybe spend some more time praising our *unstoppable God*. Maybe there are a few more things you want to spend time confessing and repenting about this morning. Maybe there are a couple more things from yesterday that you just want to say “thank you” to God for. Maybe you just want to pray and share more of what’s on your

heart this morning with him. Enjoy the remainder of your time in prayer this morning as you engage with your *Unstoppable God!*

As you continue in prayer consider continuing to **praise, confess & repent, give thanks, or share** what is heavy on your heart.

GOD NEVER CHANGES

Begin your prayer time with God this morning by telling him where you are at this morning; how you are feeling and what you are thinking. Just be honest with him this morning. Reveal to him what is on your mind and in your heart this morning as you go to him in prayer this morning.

PRAISE HIM

Focus on this attribute of God; something that is true of him, of his character and his nature.

Malachi 3:6 I the Lord *do not change*.

God never changes. He does not in any way ever change. And that is an amazing thing! That means he continues to be who he has always been; that the circumstances around you or the things happening in the world don't change who God is. So right now, take a few moments to thank God that he does not change.

Tell God what it means to you that *he never changes*.

GIVE THANKS

Psalms 9:1 I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

Think back to yesterday and find two things that you can thank God for today. Thank Him for those two blessings from yesterday now.

REQUESTS

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As you continue in prayer, now move to a time of prayers of asking. God hopes that you would trust in him; that you would trust him with your life and trust him with these requests.

Ask God to fill you with joy today, so that through the power of the Holy Spirit, you would spill that joy out to the people around you; whether that would be your family, friends, neighbors, people that you will be in contact with. Ask God to fill you with his joy that you might overflow.

Then offer requests to him. Trust him with the things in your life that are burdensome or troubling or the things you are thinking about this morning.

YIELD

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

So, this is Jesus saying that if you are going to follow me it's going to mean that you are going to have to give up everything else. You must be willing to put everything else aside; that's what it takes to follow Jesus. As you yield, consider this prayer today.

Lord, today I am completely yours. I give you everything and I give up everything to follow you. Because everything in this world means nothing compared to knowing you.

You are encouraged to continue in prayer. You may want to go back and spend some more time in praise or in thanksgiving. You may have some more things that you want to ask of God. You may have more that you want to yield to God.

As you continue in prayer, consider continuing to praise, confess and repent, give thanks, or share what is heavy on your heart.

THE LORD IS GOOD

Prayer is such an incredible gift from God. It is the most powerful thing that we get to do and share in our relationship with him. Prayer can be life changing for you and life changing for the people in your life.

Before you get started, you are encouraged to take a moment and reflect on what you are going to say this morning as you speak to God. Let this be a time that you can clear your mind and be prepared mentally and emotionally to speak to the God of the universe.

PRAISE HIM

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that *the Lord is good*; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

This means that God is *so good* that no one can deny his goodness. You are invited to pray this:

*God, I praise you because you are **good**.*

Take a few moments and continue telling God what that means to you, that he is so good.

GIVE THANKS

1 Chronicles 29:13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Take a moment and think of two things from yesterday that were good that God did for you. Take a moment and give God thanks for those two things.

REQUESTS

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

As you ask for God to work today, do so knowing that he *does* hear you? As you are praying, think about these things:

What are you asking God for? _____

What are you asking God for your family today? _____

What are you asking God for your friends and your neighbors today? _____

What are you asking God for your city, your community, and your nation today?

YIELD

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

In this time of surrender, pray this prayer:

Lord, today I submit myself to you. Because you alone can keep me from the evil one.

You are encouraged to keep praying this morning. Maybe there are some other needs and concerns or maybe there is just some extra space you want to spend today thanking God for his goodness and who he is.

You are also encouraged to continue now to pray for a few more needs in these areas: Family, Friends, Work, Church, Yourself.

Thank you for making prayer a priority in your life. We know that it has the power to change your life and the lives around you.

GOD IS THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING

How would you fill in this blank: Today I am feeling _____.

And how would you finish this sentence: Today, my mind is focused on _____.

Those two things that you put in there, that is how you are really doing today. God wants a real relationship with you, so God *wants* the real you. You are encouraged to start your prayer time this morning by saying good morning to God and sharing where your emotions and your mind is this morning.

Good morning, Lord. Today, I am feeling _____. And my thoughts are dwelling on _____. Thank you that you care. And now, as I seek to interact with you this morning, help me to pray. Thank you, Lord.

You have brought the real “you” to God this morning. Now turn and look upon the reality of who *He* is.

The Bible paints a picture for us of who the real God is; and we find just a facet of that reality in the very first verse in the Bible.

PRAISE HIM

Genesis 1:1 (ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

God is the creator of everything! As you look around – all the beauty in creation – He made it all! You see the vastness of the universe; the infinitely microscopic detail in all that he made. All of it is his handiwork, even you.

Praise our designer, our creator this morning.

God, I praise you, because you are the Creator.

Tell God what it is about his creation that **inspires awe** in you today.

CONFESS AND REPENT

As we look at the awesomeness of our God today, it clarifies, as we look at ourselves, that we don't measure up to his greatness; we don't measure up to his perfection.

Romans 3:23 (ESV) ...for all have **sinned** and **fall short** of the glory of God.

So be honest today and just admit your short comings and your sin to God. Take a moment to confess and then turn away from that sin with his help today. Offer up this prayer to God now.

God, I admit I have sinned against you in my mind, with my mouth and in my actions and what I have failed to do. I have not loved you or those around me with my whole heart. Forgive me and lead me in your way today. Thank you, Lord.

GIVE THANKS

Psalm 75:1 (ESV) We **give thanks** to you, O God; we **give thanks**, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

As you continue in prayer this morning, give thanks to God for those who are serving us right now.

Thank God for:

The medical personnel who serve us.

The first responders in our community.

Those doing the jobs that keep our electricity on and our water running.

The unknown people that he is using to bless your life today.

Thank God for taking care of you today.

REQUESTS

There is an old quote that simply says: "When man works, man works. When man prays, God works." – (Author Unknown)

Why is that a big deal? *Because God can do anything!*

Matthew 19:26 (ESV) ...With **man** this is **impossible**; but with God all things are **possible**.

Ask God to move today in the lives of those in need. Ask God to:

Give encouragement, strength and endurance to those suffering from illness, grieving the loss of a loved one, or suffering from economic hardships.

Ask God to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, our Prince of Peace.

Ask God to give us opportunities to be a blessing today to someone else.

YIELD

Hebrews 2:10 (NLT) God, **for** whom and **through** whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory.

God didn't just make everything. He made everything for himself! That means you and me; he designed you and created you for himself.

Give your day and yourself to God right now. I exist FOR God, not FOR myself.

God, you made me, I didn't make myself. You made me for yourself. I want to live my life for you today. I will be tempted to make it about myself, about my desires, and about my preferences. Help me to push that aside and live to put a smile on your face today. In Jesus' name. Amen!

You are encouraged to continue to spend a few more minutes in prayer with God. Maybe praising him, maybe confessing and repenting of a few more things, maybe giving some more thanks to him, or asking for a few more things that are on your heart. Maybe you just need to spend a few minutes sitting quietly in his presence. As you do, remember this: God is enjoying every minute of this time with you.

As you continue to pray, you may want to consider...

Praising,

Confessing and Repenting,

Giving Thanks,

Asking for a few more things on your heart,

Or just being quiet in his presence.

GOD IS WITH ME ALWAYS

PRAISE HIM

Matthew 28:20 (ESV) “And behold, I am **with you always**, to the end of the age.”

That’s Jesus speaking. And Jesus says, no matter where you are, *I am with you*. Whenever you feel alone, *you are not*. Whenever you feel like you are isolated, the truth is your *God is with you!*

Let that draw you closer to him this morning and draw you into a conversation with him this morning.

God, thank you that you never leave me alone. Thank you that you are with me even now. I praise you because you are always with me!

Tell God what it means to you that he is *always* with you.

Now, tell God how this is going to affect the way you live today.

CONFESS AND REPENT

Psalm 139: 23-24 (ESV) Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts. And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Take a moment and follow David’s example and ask God to:

Search you and to point out to you if there is anything in particular that grieves him as he looks in your heart and in your thoughts, and then ask him to lead you in a different and better direction.

*God, search my **heart** and **mind** and reveal to me anything that **grieves** you.*

Whatever the Lord brought to mind, go ahead and specifically mention it to him and let him know you agree with his judgement on it. There might be a few things.

Ask God to **forgive** your sins, through the work of Jesus our Savior on the cross.

Now as you continue to pray, ask God to lead you in a different and better direction in this new day.

YIELD

The direction God wants to lead you in today, that new and better direction, is in the footsteps of Jesus.

1 John 2:6 (ESV) Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

The way that Jesus lived is the perfect example for how you are to live your life. If you have trusted in Jesus as your Savior, there is something inside of you that longs to live like Jesus; to follow Jesus.

So, express that desire to God and ask him to help you to live that way today.

God, I want to live like Jesus today. Give me the eyes of Jesus, the heart of Jesus and the hands of Jesus; that I might see, and care, and give of myself to be a blessing today. Today is your day, and I give myself to you and to your ways right now. Thank you for leading me in a new and better direction today. Amen.

GIVE THANKS

Colossians 3:15 (ESV) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

How peaceful is your heart this morning? No matter what you are facing, no matter what you are feeling, you can choose to let Christ's peace rule in your heart, letting it be the one that is in charge in your heart today. When things arise and seek to unsettle you today, and rev up your anxiety, the peace of Christ inside of you can say, "Nope.... I'm good in here. I'm not fretting, I'm not worrying, I'm trusting in Jesus to be everything I need today, that He is my hope today and that gives me a peace that triumphs over anything else that is trying to drag me down today."

And then it says very simply "and be thankful". The peace of Christ ruling in your heart. And to have gratitude towards our Lord and Savior. Express your gratitude to him today.

Thank Jesus this morning for his calming presence within you.

Thank Jesus for the peace he gives us in a peace-less world.

Thank Jesus for walking with you through whatever you are going to encounter today.

REQUESTS

Jesus's words in the Lord's prayer, as he is teaching his disciples how to pray:

Matthew 6:11 (ESV) Give us this day our daily bread.

Jesus is telling us that it's okay to ask for our daily needs, but more than okay, that we *should be asking for our daily needs!* He wants us to ask for our daily needs from him.

Ask him now for your needs. Walk through these 5 categories and for each one, pray for one need that comes to mind for each.

Family...what is one need that comes to mind? Ask God to meet that need. _____

Friends...what is one need that comes to mind when you think of your friends? _____

Work...what comes to mind about the need in your life when it comes to work? _____

Church...what is one need that comes to mind when you think of your church family? _____

Yourself...what is one need that comes to mind about you today? Ask God to meet that need now.

Now there are many more things I am sure that you could pray for this morning. So, as you continue to pray right now, that is what I invite you to do. To pray for a few more needs in each of those areas.

When you have done that, take a minute or so and just sit in the presence of your God this morning, enjoying him. Remember this, that as you continue to pray, God is loving this time with you.

Continue now to pray for a few more needs in these areas:

Family, Friends, Work, Church, Yourself