

We seek God's special blessings: presently, even now. God is Ready, Willing, Able to bless His children – even now.

Every child of God needs blessings: for good health; for prosperity; for enlightenment, inspiration, knowledge, and wisdom; for peace, harmony, and understanding; for guidance and protection; for God's love, grace, mercy, compassion, and charity, etc. – for one's temporal and spiritual well-being.

Did you know that the righteous blessings being sought by a child of God are already granted in Heaven? We just need to learn how to claim God's blessings and gifts (James 1:17, Moroni 10:18) that are already 'earmarked' for us.

By example, the Lord Jesus Christ taught His disciples regarding prayer – in JST Matthew 6:10-11, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thine name, **thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven...**" At another occasion the Savior declares the following words – in Matthew 10:7, "...**The Kingdom of heaven is at hand...**" The children of God need to develop a mindset (a paradigm) that indeed the kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15) is at hand: here, now, today, at this very present time. Our Heavenly Father being omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent, already knew well in advanced the blessings-gifts we need for every phase and facet of our life to be triumphant over life's challenges; hence, in heaven, the blessings-gifts are ready and specially packaged (each gift is uniquely packaged with Heavenly Father's personal touch for each of His children) for immediate delivery – already pre-approved by God, the Giver of perfect gifts. Thus, God's **will** be **done on earth as it is done in heaven!** Are you/we ready to receive God's goodness in your/our life?

The love of God is manifested in His Only Begotten Son – Jesus Christ: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life (John 3:16-17). The Great Redeemer Jesus Christ already atoned for our sins (Romans 5:11,21; Mormon 9:12-13; Moroni 10:32-33; Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 John 2:2; John 17:all).

The Great '**I Am**' is a **present God** – the '**God of Now**' in present-tense; His name is not the 'Great I Was' (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58; 3 Nephi 15:5). The Savior Jesus Christ was/is a Miracle worker as much as a Master Teacher-Great Rabbi of the Truth.

Briefly, the Good Lord (and through His servants) prescribed what and how to realize God's blessings:

- **Faith**

- True faith unto salvation is anchored in Jesus Christ – 2 Timothy 3:15; Alma 25:16.
- Christ the Lord is the author and finisher of Faith for all believers/saints – Moroni 6:4; 1 Peter 1:7,21; Hebrews 12:2.
- '**Now Faith**', the present-tense Faith, is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen – Hebrews 11:1; Alma 32:21-22. The Lord taught *to Believe is to See* (**believe comes first before** harvest of blessings) – John 11:40; Mark 9:23. **Now Faith** is a true Faith that the Heaven recognizes and brings to pass for fulfillment – Faith is a requirement to please God – Hebrews 11:6; Lamentations 3:24-26; Ether 12:4,6.
- The messengers of heaven – the ministering angels – deliver gifts to recipients by the name-authority-power of Jesus Christ – Matthew 28:18; John 3:35; 3 Nephi 17:24; 3 Nephi 19:14-15; 1 Peter 3:22.
- **Faith is nurtured and developed by hearing the words of God** – Romans 10:17; Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16.
- A mountain (a great challenge facing one's life) can be removed (or overcome) by exercising faith – Matthew 17:20; Ephesians 6:16. The 'Red Sea' that is blocking your path toward progress can be parted having faith in God, invoking God's words / instructions (note, the 'Rod' symbolizes the word of God) – Exodus 14:16, 22; 1 Nephi 11:25.
- Many wondrous miracles came to pass by reason of True Faith being exercised – Hebrews 11: 2-35, Daniel 3 & 6
- Receive the kingdom of God like a little child, eagerly expecting God's blessings-gifts – Luke 18:17.
- Harken unto the words of God; ask the Father in the name of Jesus the things you stand in need; Doubt not, but Be Believing – Mormon 9:27, John 14:14.
- Note: Conversely, the world teaches that *Seeing is Believing* – exactly the opposite on what True Faith is. The Good Lord rebukes those who seek signs and wonders **prior** to exercising faith/belief in Him – the faithless (full of doubts) men and women will not receive signs and wonders (for blessings) from God.
- The saints, the true believers, having faith – signs and wonders (for blessings) will follow their good works – Mark 16:17; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Mormons 9:24-25; Matthew 11:28.

God Cares

One's Prayer of Faith might include ...

Our Dear Heavenly Father,

- I thank Thee for Thy great love and care, mercy, patience, grace, compassion, and charity upon us.
- I thank Thee for our Savior Jesus Christ, Thy only Begotten Son, who atoned for our sins, and in whose name we can return into Thy presence; and through Him we receive the blessings of resurrection, salvation, and eternal life – for indeed, Thy blessings and healings come by the name-authority of Jesus Christ, Thy Son.
- I thank Thee for the companionship and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- I thank Thee for Thy eternal words we read in the scriptures, and for Thy bounteous blessings.
- I pray for special blessings be upon the sick, the afflicted, the needy, and the sorrowful.
- Also, I pray for those organizations and individuals that are actively involved in helping the less fortunate, and that they will continue to have the means and the desire in doing much good.
- I forgive those who have trespassed against me – past, present, and future.
- I seek forgiveness for all my sins.
- I seek Thy blessings: Indeed, I have cast upon Thee all that concerns me.
- I thank Thee for the guardian-ministering angels whom Thou has appointed to watch over us.
- I pray for heaven on earth – to enjoy Thy goodness – presently, even now.

Let Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Bless, O my soul: our Heavenly Father, the Almighty God, the Great Redeemer Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost – the Testator and Revelator of all Truth. All glory be Thine forevermore. I Thank Thee O God, Praise Ye the Lord. I Believe, I Receive in Jesus Christ, amen.

Additional Key Scriptures to help Develop One's Faith

2 Nephi 27:23 DC 35:2,8-9 Mormon 9:11,21 Hebrews 2:4	For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles... When you call and believe '9:11' script recorded in Mormon (and other scriptures), you will have a direct contact with the God of miracles.
Mark 10:27	...for with God, all things are possible.
Jacob 2:18-19 Matthew 6:33 Psalm 24:all	But before you seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God. And after you have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them for the intent to do good – to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted.
1 Peter 5:6-7 1 Peter 3:12	Cast all your cares (small things, big things, & impossible things – beyond your current capacity to help yourself) upon God, for He cares for you.
Mark 11:24 Moroni 7:26 Mormon 9:21 John 15:7	The Lord Jesus Christ said: Whatever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and ye shall have them.
Luke 11:9-10 Psalm 20:5 Jeremiah 29:11-13 Philippians 4:19 Alma 9:26	Ask and ye shall Receive; Seek and ye shall Find; Knock and it shall be Opened. The Lord has plan to give you what you desire/expect, including peace. Pray unto Him, and He will hear you; Seek God with all your heart, and He will be found.
2 Tim 1:7 Hebrews 13:6 1 John 4:16,18	For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power... (the power in Christ Jesus) ...The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear... God is love; there is no fear in love...
Acts 2:21 Psalm 18:1-6,32 Psalm 27:1,14	Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. ...God is my strength, and maketh my way perfect The Lord is my light and my salvation...
Luke 1:37	For with God nothing shall be impossible.
Psalm 46:10	Be still, and know that I Am God

Every truth seeker will seek the Savior Jesus Christ: for Christ the Lord is full of grace and truth, He who gives light to every soul that is born on earth. As followers of Christ, we are to progress line upon line, precept upon precept, from grace to grace, from glory to glory – to be perfected in Christ, and in time, to be ushered into the glorious presence of God the Father. John 1:14; 1 John 1:5; 2 Nephi 2:6; (DC) Doctrine & Covenants 84:45-46; DC 98:12; 2 Corinthians 3:18; DC 93:20.

Here and now, it is imperative to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; for without faith, we cannot please God. Since faith comes by hearing the words of God, we need to become very familiar with God's living words – we need to become students of the scriptures, and more: we need to liken (live) the scriptures in our everyday life. To receive enlightenment, the Holy Ghost must become our constant companion: the Holy Ghost will teach us the truth of all things – He bears witness of the Father and the Son, and even all truth that are necessary for our salvation.

The only way to increase faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is to know Him personally, per individual person. The path to righteousness (discipleship) as prescribed by the Savior starts with a baptismal covenant – being born again (Mosiah 18:5-17; John 3:3-5; Mormon 7:10): a baptism by water signifies acceptance of Jesus Christ in one's life – taking upon the name of Christ – be a witness for Him, having one's sins completely washed away; a baptism by Fire and of the Holy Ghost signifies living a life of holiness, godliness, and righteousness – having one's body as a temple of God. As one enters the strait-gate (baptism), one embarks a life-long journey within a straight-narrow path that leads to eternal life: two great commandments are to be lived in one's everyday life (Matthew 22:36-40): love God and love others as one's self. To love God means to keep His commandments (John 14:15; John 15:10; 3 Nephi 15:10; 3 Nephi 18:14; 1 John 2:5). To love others means to live the pure religion (James 1:27; 1 John 1:2-7; Mosiah 18:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; James 2:26; 3 Nephi 12-14 chaps; Matt. 5-7 chapters) – caring for others, especially the poor, the needy, the sick, the afflicted – all those who are in need.

Aside from God, the individual person is the only one that can truly gauge (judge) one's faithfulness in Christ Jesus. Today, presently – even now, take an honest assessment of your own 'faith-meter' – how does it read? If not all, most of us would find room for improvements or would require a major realignment – recommitment. The living words echo the following directives for one's life: holiness, godliness, righteousness, faithfulness, obedience, love & charity, repentance & forgiveness, light & truth, compassion, mercy, service, thanksgiving, alms-giving, honesty-integrity, study & live-liken the scriptures, prayer & fasting, & devotion. Since time is precious, spend time for self-/family-improvement – press forward in the straight and narrow path to life eternal. Develop a true personal relationship with the Savior Jesus Christ: know Him, seek Him, invite Him into your life – invite Him into your home. Expect Him to visit you in His person – He will do so. Indeed, the Savior lives and loves us – He cares for us.

May the Love of God continue to grace your life. May the Light of Christ continue to shine upon you. May the Lord's Holy Spirit continue to shower you with enlightenment, comfort, and peace – and endow you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

“God's eyes have never become dimmed with age; His ears have never become dulled with the years; His arms have never been wanting in strength, nor have His footsteps ever faltered. He is not changed; He is still the same, immortal, immutable, invincible, approachable, loving, merciful, caring, charitable God, in all ages. He makes a commitment of Himself to me and you – indeed, God is faithful. What a gift, what an offering, what a measureless, boundless condescension of the infinite God to give Himself.” – **Recipients of God's Goodness**

Hear ye all people, the Lord our God the Lord is One, Praise Ye the Lord. And let All glory, honor, power, praise, dominion, and majesty be Thine forevermore O God. Hallelujah and Hosannah unto the Most High God, our Heavenly Father, the Almighty, and unto the Great Redeemer Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Messiah, the Mediator-Author and Finisher of our Faith-our Advocate with the Father, the Great Healer, the Good Shepherd, and unto the Holy Ghost, the Testator and Revelator of all Truth. Thank Thee O God, Praise Ye the Lord. I Believe, I Receive in Jesus Christ, amen. Mormon 7:7; 2 Nephi 31:21; Doctrine & Covenants 20:27-28; 1 John 5:7; John 17:21-23; John 10:1-5,27-30.

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