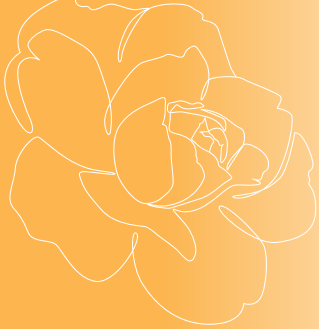



A Prayer for God's Provision in Difficult Times

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Sometimes the needs in our lives seem to mount up high. Maybe you're waiting, or have been praying for help, for a breakthrough. Maybe you feel like it's been slow in coming, or that you can't see a way out of your current situation. Maybe the needs seem to far outweigh the reality you're living in. You've lost hope, feel alone in the struggle, and the weight of stress seems too hard to keep shouldering.




Whatever the need—physical, spiritual, financial, emotional, relational—God's truth reminds us that He's got “this thing,” whatever it is, that concerns you.


He is fully able to provide what we need. We can trust Him with our future, with our family, with our lives.

His word for our hearts today:

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

Breaking it down, that means:

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- “And my God will meet (supply, provide for, accomplish, complete)
 - all your needs (necessities, tasks)
 - according to his glorious (bright, majestic, splendor)
 - riches (wealth, abundance) in Christ Jesus.”



Our God, who created the entire world and designed you and I with such purpose and intent, can provide, will provide, out of His richness, fullness, wealth and treasure, for every single need we have. He gives favor. He lines up our pathways to be in the right place at the right time. He miraculously accomplishes so many things for us every day that we may not even be aware of. And He will bend over backwards just to give to us out of His abundance. Whether we realize it or not.

Because He loves us.

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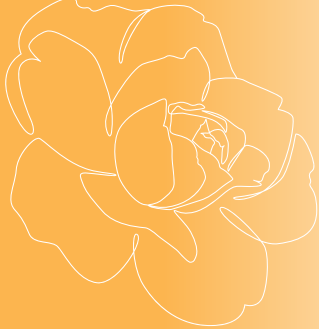
Dear God,

Our world is hurting and broken right now. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, please comfort them in their grief and loss, cover them with the peace of your presence, as only your Spirit can do.


We know that in whatever we face, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Thank you that you remind us throughout your Word, we never face life's battles alone, but you are always with us. Whispering calm. Speaking peace. Bringing rest to our souls.

Many of us are finding ourselves in desperate need right now Lord. Some have lost jobs. Some are separated from loved ones due to sickness, distance, or quarantine measures. Others are facing uncertainty over the future, the burden of illness, and hardships beyond our own ability to control.


In it all, we thank you that no situation is too far out of your control to provide. For you are Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides. We thank you that you own it all and hold everything in your hands. Nothing is too difficult for you. We thank you that you know our needs before we even ask, before we even come to you. You're aware of all that concerns us, and you have a plan. You hold the provision, you have the solution. You alone can move mountains to make a way for your children. We ask for your answer, in your timing, in your plan, to be given for every need that weighs our hearts down.



Forgive us for doubting you, for worrying, and for trying so hard to work everything out on our own. Help us to trust you more, help us in our unbelief. Forgive us for picking back up what we already determined to lay down at your feet. Give us the ability to trust you more, give us a heart that finds rest in your presence. Give us your wisdom, godly discernment through your Spirit, and please help us to remember that it's only found in you alone. We choose to recognize and believe that you are able to accomplish far more, to do far greater, than we even thought possible.



Thank you that your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Thank you that you care for us and that the peace of your loving and strong presence guards and protects our hearts and minds in you. Thank you that we never have to walk in fear or live in constant worry and stress. We're so grateful for your voice that breaks through even the greatest difficulties swirling around us, whispering, "Peace, be still."



We thank you in advance for your miracles, for paving out pathways, opening doors, and for every gift and provision to meet our needs. Thank you for the abundance of blessing and goodness you have already stored up for those who love you. We trust you this day, and every day, and are so grateful for your power and joy that fills our lives. Thank you for teaching us to be content in all circumstances. We love you Lord, we're leaning on you, and pressing in close to listen to you today.


In Jesus' Name,
Amen.



12 Verses of God's Reminders That He Promises to Provide for Our Needs

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19


"And 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." 2 Corinthians 9:8



"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread." Psalm 37:25




"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air: They do not sow or reap or gather into barns—and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:25-27

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly." Psalm 84:11



Verses to Remind Us That God Promises to Provide for Our Needs


“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:31, 33



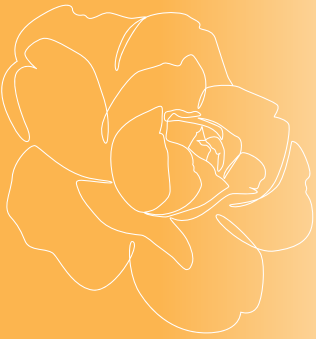
“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

“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?” Romans 8:32



“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:1-6




We could never out-give the richness of God over us. Because His provision is never based on us. It's based on His character, and He is Jehovah-Jireh, the One who provides.

I am resting there today. Right in the middle of His abundance.

I hope you are too.

Grace.



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