

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
so that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness from doing it.  
Grant that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Augustine of Hippo [354–430]



Grant us space, Lord within this busy day to simply rest a while in your presence,  
whether in the heart of the countryside, the comfort of a café chair,  
the bustle of a busy street, or wherever we might be – that we might practice the gentle art of listening.

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Speak to us, Lord, as we draw near to you. Still our restless thoughts and calm our active minds.  
Quieten our spirits to hear your gentle voice.  
Open our ears to hear of your love; open our hearts to perceive your will.  
Give us your grace to heed your words and follow where you lead.  
Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.



As we adventure with you today be the compass that guides us  
the light that shines on our path the only one we follow.

As we adventure with you today be the word that encourages the hand that reaches out each time we stumble.

As we adventure with you today let us glimpse our destination and appreciate the places through which you lead us.

As we adventure with you today be the strength we need to follow  
and as the day draws to a close let us rest in your embrace. Amen.

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Let us make our way together, Lord; wherever you go I must go:  
and through whatever you pass, there too I will pass.

Teresa of Avila [1515–82]



Loving Lord, we pray for your direction when we struggle to find the way ahead.

Guide us through the maze of life's options; the conflicting opinions, wavering loyalties.

Give us strength to ignore the temptation of selfish distractions along the way.

Give us wisdom to not only shun the bad but to find the best amidst the good.

Guide us along your path of life to a future filled with purpose.



Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me.

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How shall we worship our God? We have heard what the Lord requires of us.  
Leave empty talk and pride behind. We must walk the walk. Prepare to step out in faith, even into troubled waters.  
Only God knows where we might need to go. Do not be afraid.  
Jesus will guide our steps along the way, teaching us to walk humbly, to love boldly, to serve God  
with body, soul, mind, and strength. Let us pray for the humility and courage to follow where the Spirit leads.  
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Almighty and loving God, take our faith, weak though it is.  
Kindle the sparks of life within us and fan a new flame within our hearts.

And so may we set out with renewed purpose, resolved to live and work for you,  
in the assurance that you are with us, now and always.

Great is your faithfulness, from one generation to another. Thanks be to God. Amen.  
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Lord, give us faith to serve you as we follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before.

May we continue to be a people who honour and worship your name. Lord, make us people of faith.

May we continue to be a people who seek and follow your will. Lord, make us people of faith.

May we continue to be a people who reach out to the world with your love. Lord, make us people of faith.

God of every generation, help us, in our time, to continue the work of your great commission.  
To gladly share the love of Christ and to build your Kingdom on earth. Amen.



We want for nothing if we journey with our God, his footsteps leading, his hand to steady if we should fall.

We want for nothing if we listen to our God, his gentle whisper breaking through the storms of life.

We want for nothing if we rely upon our God, his grace enough to bring healing into broken lives.

We want for nothing in the service of our God, in blessing others through our lives so we are blessed.

We want for nothing in the worship of our God, his Holy Spirit the comforter will satisfy our souls.  
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