

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Scripture-Based Prayer Acts 4:23–37



**Col. 4:2, “Devote [προσκαρτυρέω, *proskartureo*-
to continue to do something with intense effort,
with the possible implication of despite difficulty
‘to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in’]
yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an
attitude of thanksgiving;”**

Acts 1:14, “These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”

Rom. 12:12, “rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;”

Acts 2:42, “And they were continually devoting [προσκαρτερέω, pres act ptcp] themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

1 Thess. 5:17, “Pray without ceasing.”

Prayer is that grace provision of the royal priesthood

whereby the Church Age believer has access and privilege to communicate directly with God;

the purpose of this communication is

to acknowledge our sin,

express adoration and praise to God,

give thanks,

intercede for others, and

convey our personal needs, petitions, and

conduct intimate conversations with God.

Acts 4:23, “And when they [Peter and John] had been released, they went to their own companions, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.”

Adoration:

This is the part of the prayer which focuses our attention upon WHO God is and WHAT He has done.

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

Acts 4:24, “And when they [their companions] heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, ‘O Lord, it is Thou who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them, [Ex. 20:11; Ps. 146:6].’ ”

Ex. 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

1 Chron. 16:26, “For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.”

Neh. 9:6, “You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.”

Psa. 121:2, “My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”

Psa. 124:8, “Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”

Psa. 134:3, “The LORD who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion!”

Psa. 136:5, “To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, for His mercy endures forever;”

Isa. 37:16, “O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.”

Jer. 32:17, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”

Psa. 146:1, “Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!”

Psa. 146:2, “I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.”

Psa. 146:3, “Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.”

Psa. 146:4, “His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Psa. 146:5, “How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God;”

Psa. 146:6, “Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;”

Who keeps faith forever;

God is FAITHFUL

Lam. 3:21, “This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

Lam. 3:22, “Through the LORD’S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

Lam. 3:23, “They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

justice (7a), *Who executes justice for the oppressed;*

Psa. 37:5, “Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Psa. 37:6, “He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.”

food (7b), *Who gives food to the hungry.*

**Luke 12:22, “Then He said to His disciples,
‘Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your
life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what
you will put on.**

**Luke 12:23, “ ‘Life is more than food, and the
body is more than clothing.’ ”**

release from prison (7c), *The Lord sets the prisoners free.*

Rom. 6:6, “knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Gal. 6:1, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free”

sight (8a), *The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;*

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

encouragement (8b), *The Lord raises up those who are bowed down;*

2 Cor. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

2 Cor. 1:4, “who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

love (8c), *The Lord loves the righteous*

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

protection (9a), *The LORD watches over the strangers;*

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psa. 18:3, “I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.”

support for the helpless (9b), *He relieves the fatherless and widow*

Psa. 71:3, “Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

Psa. 71:4, “Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.”

frustrating the wicked (9c); *But the way of the wicked He turns upside down*

Psa. 71:3–4

Isa. 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,

Isa. 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’ ”

Acts 4:25, “who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say, ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples devise futile things?

Acts 4:26, “ ‘The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ.’ ”
[Ps. 2:1–2]