

SEPTEMBER 15-21

"Hallowed Be Thy Name" Prayers of Adoration

MONDAY 9/15

1 CHRONICLES 16:23-36

The people of God, and all the earth, are called to sing to the Lord, to declare his glory, and to ascribe to him the honor due his name. David's song reminds us that adoration begins not with what God has done for us, but with who God is: the Creator, the Judge, the King who reigns forever. When we lift our voices in praise, we join the chorus of heaven and all creation in exalting the greatness of God. Adoration draws our hearts upward, shifting our focus from ourselves to the majesty and holiness of the One who rules all things.

1. How does recognizing God's greatness shape the way you approach him in prayer?

2. What can keep you from giving God your full attention and adoration every day?

HABAKKUK 3:16-19

The Prophet Habakkuk concludes his prayer not with despair over the hardships he foresees (for God's wrath is coming), but with worship and trust in God. Even when the fig tree does not blossom and resources fail, he chooses to rejoice in the Lord and find strength in God, not in his own circumstances. Adoration in prayer does not depend on our circumstances, but from the unchanging character of God. When life seems empty or difficult or even futile, praising God becomes a declaration of faith that he is still worthy, still sovereign, and still our salvation.

- 1. How does focusing your prayer on adroation (giving praise to God) help you keep your faith steady when life feels uncertain or empty?
- 2. Are there areas in your life where you need to choose praise over complaint?

WEDNESDAY 9/17

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

Right from the very beginning of this letter to the Church at Ephesius, Paul's prayer of blessing exalts God for every spiritual blessing given in Christ. From before the foundation of the world, God chose us, adopted us, redeemed us, and lavished grace upon us in Jesus. Adoration here overflows from gratitude for God's eternal plan and his immeasurable love. When we praise God in this way, we acknowledge that our lives are part of his greater purpose to unite all things in Christ. Adoration lifts our prayers beyond daily concerns and into the vast vision of God's saving work.

- 1. How does knowing you were chosen and loved by God before creation lead you to adore him? Why does it matter to you?
- 2. Which blessing described in this passage speaks most deeply to your heart today, and why?

Jude closes his letter with a doxology (a liturgy of praise to God) that magnifies God's power and glory. He praises God for being able to keep us from falling and to present us blameless before his presence. Adoration here is recognizing that not only is God mighty, but also God is ever faithful and sustaining. When we praise God in this way, we acknowledge that our security and perseverance are not dependent on our strength but on God's limitless power and grace.

- 1. In what areas of life do you need God to "keep you from falling," and how can adoration shape your perspective there?
- 2. How can you make adoration a regular part of your response to God's sustaining work in your life?

FRIDAY 9/19

PSALM 8

The psalmist marvels at God's majesty in creation and the honor that God has given humanity as caretakers of his world. The psalmist's adoration flows from awe at the heavens, the moon, and the stars, yet also from the intimate way God notices and cares for us. True prayer of adoration recognizes God's greatness and vastness in the universe while rejoicing in his nearness in our daily lives. If it matters to you, it matters to God. This balance of wonder and gratitude draws our hearts into a worshipful perspective that shapes how we live.

- 1. When are you more likely to offer prayers of adoration to God?
- 2. How do you experience God's authority over all creation and how does that impact your decisions and your priorities?

SATURDAY/ SUNDAY 9/20-21

MATTHEW 6:9-13 REVELATION 5:11-14

In Matthew we read how Jesus teaches the disciples to begin prayer by honoring God's name and kingdom. The book of Revelation presents a heavenly vision where every creature praises the Lamb, an image of Christ, declaring his worth and sovereignty. Both passages highlight that adoration is central to our relationship with God: it sets the agenda of our prayer life, reminding us that God's glory and rule come first. By echoing heaven's worship, our prayers become aligned with God's eternal purpose and vision.

1. Why should adoration in prayer be the first priority and not simply an afterthought? Who really benefits from our prayers of adoration?

2. How do (or how could) your daily prayers echo the kind adoration of God expressed in the passage from the book of Revelation?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

(Revelation 5:12)