

Hymns of prayer

Praying through the songs that hold our faith

These cards help us pray through the words of hymns that have shaped, carried and comforted us across the years. Hymns are memory, scripture, story and worship and when we pause with them slowly, they become prayer.

1) Choose a hymn card

Pick one that speaks to you today, or select at random.

2) Read the hymn line slowly

Let it breathe. Notice what feelings, memories or truths rise in you.

3) Sit with the reflection question

Think, journal, or share with others if you're in a group.

There is no pressure to speak, silence is welcome.

4) Pray the short prayer

Speak it aloud or hold it quietly in your heart.

You can add your own words as they come.

Optional extension for deeper reflection

Instead of choosing a printed card, you may prefer to work with a hymn of your own choosing.

- *Select a hymn you like*
- *Sit quietly with one line or verse*
- *Notice what part of it stirs your heart today*
- *Shape that thought into your own prayer*

Sometimes the hymns we carry becomes the prayer we need.

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Be Thou My Vision

Hymn Line: “Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart...”

Reflection: *What guidance do I need from God today?*

Prayer: “Lord, be my vision, shape my thoughts, my steps, my future.”

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn Line: “Morning by morning new mercies I see...”

Reflection: *Where have I seen God’s mercy this week?*

Prayer: *“Faithful God, open my eyes to Your mercy every morning.”*

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Abide with Me

Hymn Line: “Hold Thou Thy
cross before my closing eyes...”

Reflection: *Where do I need to feel God close to me today?*

Prayer: *“Abiding God, stay near, steady and comforting as breath.”*

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Amazing Grace

Hymn Line: “Through many dangers, toils, and snares...”

Reflection: What difficult things has God carried me through?

Prayer: “God of grace, thank You for saving and sustaining me.”

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How Great Thou Art

Hymn Line: “O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder...”

Reflection: *What fills me with awe at God’s creation today?*

Prayer: *“Creator God, awaken wonder and praise in me again.”*

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Take My Life and Let It Be

Hymn Line: “Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.”

Reflection: How might I offer my time to God in the coming week?

Prayer: “Here I am, Lord, take my time, my gifts, my life.”