

Call to worship

Psalm 118 The Message (MSG)

118 ¹⁻⁴ Thank GOD because he's good,

because his love never quits.

Tell the world, Israel,

"His love never quits."

Swing wide the city gates—
the *righteous* gates!

I'll walk right through and
thank GOD!

This Temple Gate belongs to GOD,
so the victors can enter and
praise.

²¹⁻²⁵ Thank you for responding to
me;

you've truly become my
salvation!

The stone the masons discarded as
flawed

is now the capstone!

This is GOD's work.

We rub our eyes—we can hardly
believe it!

This is the very day GOD acted—
let's celebrate and be festive!
Salvation now, GOD. Salvation now!

Oh yes, GOD—a free and full life!
²⁶⁻²⁹ Blessed are you who enter
in GOD's name—

from GOD's house we bless you!
GOD is God,
he has bathed us in light.

Festoon the shrine with garlands,
hang colored banners above the
altar!

You're my God, and I thank you.

O my God, I lift high your praise.
Thank GOD—he's so good.
His love never quits!

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The Lords Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us debts,

as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Amanzi- Shaun Jacobs, Craig Sparks, Chris Dawson, Joshua Dabrowski

Verse 1

The river in a desert
The stream in a wasteland
He is the living water
Amanzi wempilo, Jesu
(Living water, Jesus)

Jesu Uyagcwalisa
(Jesus You fill me up)
You satisfy my soul

Chorus

uJesu Uyagcwalisa
(Jesus You fill me up)
You satisfy

Verse 2

I came to You thirsty
You filled me overflowing
'Cause You are living water
Amanzi wempilo, Jesu
(Living water, Jesus)

Matthew 21:1-11 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.^[a] ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Philippians 2:5-11 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Closing Prayer

We do need you. Lord, we need you now. We need you in our world and in our lives, particularly in these extraordinarily challenging times. We know that we can do without many of the things that we once thought were necessities, but without you we cannot live, and dare not die.

We needed you when sorrow came, when shadows were thrown across the threshold of our lives, and you did not fail us then. We needed you when sickness laid a clammy hand on ourselves and our loved ones, and we cried to you, and you heard. We needed you when bewilderment and confusion brought us to the place where we did not know where to turn. You showed us the right way. We needed you then, we need you today, and we will need you tomorrow.

We give you our gratitude for that constant sense of need that keeps us close by your side. Help us to keep our hands in your hand, and our ears open to the wisdom of your voice.

Speak to us, that we may hear you giving us courage for hard times and strength for difficult places; giving us determination for challenging tasks. We ask of you no easy way, but just your grace that is sufficient for our every need, so that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky, we may be enabled to overcome.

In your strength, who has overcome the world, we make this prayer. Amen.

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ,**

The love of God,

**And the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit,**

Be with us all,

Now and evermore.

Amen

***Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu
uKristu,***

Uthando lukaNkulunkulu,

***Nokuhlanganyela kukaMoya
Oyingcwele,***

Makube nathi sonke,

Manje kuze kubephakade.

Amen