

AWAITING THE MANGER — *Ocieanna Fleiss*



PRAYER CARDS

for Ordinary Days

A collection of Scripture, prayer,
and quiet practices for the heart.



Print, cut, and keep what you need.

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PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS



1. DOWNLOAD YOUR FILE

Download the PDF file to your
computer.



2. PRINT

Print on 8.5 x 11 inch (US Letter) paper
with landscape setting.
For best results, use cardstock or
heavy paper.
Select “Actual Size” or 100%
in your print settings.



3. CUT

Use scissors or a paper cutter
to cut along the edges of each card.



4. USE & ENJOY

Keep the cards for yourself or share them
with someone who needs encouragement.




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HAGAR'S CRY

When I'm feeling neglected and alone.



I will seek the lost, and I will bring
back the strayed, and I will bind up
the injured, and I will strengthen
the weak.

EZEKIEL 3:16A



Hagar's story is in Genesis 16



PRAYER



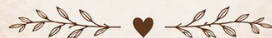
O God who sees,
thank you for coming to rescue me
from the desert of my sin and misery.
Thank you for never leaving me
even when I am treated as if
I'm worthless. Thank you for being
my strength when I am weak.



PRACTICE



Be comforted by the knowledge
that he sees you.




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LEAH'S PRAISE

When I'm feeling unloved.



Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.


PSALM 42:11



Leah's story is in Genesis 29.



PRAYER



Jesus, lover of my soul,
help me value your love above all other loves.



PRACTICE



Nothing in this world fills the emptiness
in our hearts--only God's love has this power.

Today, recognize and release your wants
and longings for earthly things.



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HANNAH'S JOY

When I long for joy.



Behold, when the sound of
your greeting came to my ears,
the baby in my womb
leaped for joy.

LUKE 1:44



Hannah's story is in 1 Samuel 1:2-11

PRAYER

Lord God, refresh in me
the freedom to unburden my heart to you.
When sorrow overwhelms me,
by your mercy, replace it with joy.

PRACTICE

Bring your sorrow to God.
Cry out to him.
His joy will come.



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NAOMI'S SON

When I long for answers that don't come.



You have turned for me my mourning
into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth;
and clothed me with gladness.

PSALM 30:11



Naomi's story is in the book of Ruth.

PRAYER

Father of my soul,
keep my heart from bitterness.
Help me trust your love.

PRACTICE

We don't understand why heartbreak
must enter our lives, and when it does,
trust can dry up like fields in a famine.
Remember God's gentle love,
and take heart, confident that
his lovingkindness never fails.



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FOREVER SHEPHERD KING

When I'm living as my own shepherd.



You were straying like sheep,
but have now returned to the Shepherd
and Overseer of your souls.

1 PETER 2:25



Find David's song in Psalm 23

PRAYER

Shepherd of my soul, let worship
arise from my own heart.
Like the sheep David shepherded,
let me follow you.
Like the lambs David guarded,
let me rest in your protection.
And make me, dear Father,
ready to act as your hands and feet
in defending the vulnerable
and providing for the needy.

PRACTICE

Crawl into your Shepherd's arms,
confident in his committed care for you.



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ELIJAH'S PROVIDER

When I'm weary



Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me, for I am
gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest
for your souls.

MATT. 11:29



Elijah's story is in 1 Kings 18-19

PRAY

Gentle Jesus,
I am weary from the long journey
of this life. Feed me, touch me,
whisper to me your love,
that I may be renewed
to serve once again.



PRACTICE

When your journey is
too great for you,
cry out to him.
He will gently care for you.



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ISAIAH'S PLEA

When I need forgiveness



Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall become like wool.

ISAIAH 1:18



Read Isaiah 6-7

PRAYER

Preferring to stay hidden in the false safety of my self-deceiving lies, I perceive only the faintest shade of my sin. Search my heart, O God, and grant me courage to grapple with my own darkness. Jesus, Please cleanse my lips with the burning coals of your sacrifice, that I may sing “holy, holy, holy” to the only one worthy of praise.

PRACTICE

Ask God to reveal your sin to you and enter the painful yet fruitful process of repentance, knowing his great love washes you as white as snow.

