

21 Ways To Glorify God In 2021

Use these 21 challenging encouragements to prompt you to read the Bible passage listed and to pray through each of those scriptures. A sample prayer is provided but you, of course, are free to pray through them as you feel prompted. Each prayer comes directly from the passage given. Page numbers correspond to those in the Alive Church Life Transformation Bible (NLT). If you don't have one of these free Bibles, please ask and we will see that you get one

I will glorify God by:

1. **Living for Christ.** (2 Corinthians 5:15 (p.884)) - "He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them."
 - **Praying scripture:** Thank You, Jesus, for giving Your life for me. I have received this gift of new life. May I live it for You and not for myself. May I always put you first and foremost in everything.

2. **Choosing to serve the Lord.** (Joshua 24:24 (p.808)) – "The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God. We will obey him alone."
 - **Praying scripture:** God help me to make the daily choice to serve You rather than giving in to the manners and distractions of this world and its culture.

3. **Obeying Jesus.** (John 14:21 (p.823)) – "Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."
 - **Praying scripture:** "Lord, may I always obey You and your teaching as I demonstrate my love for You. I want to glorify You because I love You. Thank You for loving me."

4. **My humility.** (Philippians 2:5-9 (p.900)) – "You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names."

- **Praying scripture:** Jesus, You are amazing in that You chose to humble Yourself for me and because of my sin. Thank you that You didn't just stay in heaven and leave us alone, but You came to earth to take on the humility of humanity—even to the point of having the position of a slave and dying like a criminal. May I today have Your mind of humility as I trust You—the One who is the Name above all names!"
5. **Confessing of Jesus as Lord.** (Philippians 2:10-11 (p.900)) – *"...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*
- **Praying scripture:** God I give You glory by confessing and bowing before Jesus as Lord. May You receive glory through my humble confession and obedience to You.
6. **Confessing my sin.** (Joshua 7:19 (p.172)) – "Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, by telling the truth. Make your confession and tell me what you have done. Don't hide it from me."
- **Praying scripture:** God, I recognize that I am a sinner, so I hold nothing back as confess my sin to You. May You be glorified by my confession of Jesus as Lord—thereby establishing a relationship with You—and in my daily confession of wrongdoing as I seek to honor You and bring You glory every day of my life.
7. **Trusting in Him.** (Romans 10:9-10 (p.864)) – "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."
- **Praying scripture:** Jesus I thank you that You are Lord. I declare it! I know that God raised You from the grave. You defeated sin and death, You died for me! I believe in my heart all of this and that through Jesus I am made right with You. I was separated from You because of my sin. You have bridged the gap. I openly declare my faith in You as the Leader of my life—my Lord! Thank You for forgiving my sins. Amen.
- (Note: If you prayed this prayer and you are truly making this declaration for the very first time, please let us know so we can help you with your Next Steps. You can email steve@alivechurch.com and our Next Steps Team will be in touch.)*
8. **Praising God.** (Psalm 145 (p.478)) – *"I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness."* (Psalm 145:1-3)

- **Praying scripture:** Great are You, Lord! I exalt You, my God and my King. May I praise Your name today and forever. You are most worthy of praise, so I praise You right now! Your greatness cannot be measured. Great are you Lord!
9. **Giving thanks to Him.** (Luke 17:11-18 (p.799)) – *“One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.”* (Luke 17:15-16)
- **Praying scripture:** Lord, May I never forget to acknowledge Who You are and what You have done in my life. May I always come back to You with an attitude of praise and thanksgiving so that You are glorified. Help me remember You and praise You today.
10. **Ministering to others.** (I Peter 4:10-11 (p.936)) – *“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.”*
- **Praying scripture:** Father, thank You for gifting me and all of Your Followers with a variety of spiritual gifts. May I use mine well to serve others and, therefore, bring glory to You. Thank You for empowering me. May all glory and power be to You forever and ever. Amen!
11. **Proclaiming the Word.** (II Thessalonians 3:1 (p.909)) – *“Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord’s message (word) will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.”*
- **Praying scripture:** Dear God, may You be glorified in the proclamation of Your Word. No matter my profession or vocation I have a call to proclaim Your Word in my words and in my actions. May they glorify You.
12. **Maintaining moral purity.** (1 Corinthians 6:18-20) – *“Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.”*
- **Praying scripture:** Holy Spirit you live in me. I am Your temple. Help me live in a way that is honoring to you. May I always seek to honor and glorify You, Lord God, with my body and in all that I do. My body is not just a physical thing with no spirit or soul.

It is Your home. I belong to You because You bought me with the high price of the life of Your Son, Jesus. Help me flee from all sin—especially sexual sin. In Your name, I pray and live. Amen.

13. **Sharing the Good News of Jesus.** (2 Corinthians 4:7 (p.884)) – *“We continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, “I believed in God, so I spoke.” We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. All of this is for your benefit. And as God’s grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. (2 Corinthians 2:13-15 (p.884))*
 - **Praying scripture:** Sharing the gospel of Christ, seeing people turn from sin to the Savior . . . this most certainly glorifies You, Lord God. Help me to tell my story of faith in You to those with whom I come in contact. May Your grace reach more and more people through me and what You have done in me. You raised Jesus from the dead and You will raise me, too. Help me share that Good News so more and more come to You and You receive more and more glory.

14. **Bearing spiritual fruit.** (John 15:8-9 (p.824)) – *“When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.”*
 - **Praying scripture:** Jesus, I know that You are the Vine and I am a branch. Help me stay attached to you through obedience. I am Your disciple. Help me remain in Your love as—through You—I produce fruit in Your name. Thank You for loving me as the Father has loved You. Be glorified in all I do.

15. **Boasting in the Cross of Jesus.** (Galatians 6:14 (p.894)) – *“As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died.”*
 - **Praying scripture:** God I know that I have nothing to boast about on my own, but I have plenty to boast about when I am boasting about You and the cross on which You chose to give Your life for my sins. My interest and hope are not in the things of this world but completely based on You and Your work on that cross. All glory to You!

16. **Suffering.** (1 Peter 4:14-16 (p.936)) – *“If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people’s affairs. But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!”*

- **Praying scripture:** This is one that's not much fun to pray, Lord. But I know that Jesus, You suffered the ultimate shame when You went to the cross to pay the debt for sin that I owed. I owed it but You paid it! You suffered for doing good. May I consider it an honor to suffer in Your Name. Your spirit rests on me and in me. May You be glorified through any hardship I may face.

17. **Praying.** (John 14:13 (p.823)) – *“You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.”*

- **Praying scripture:** Thank You, Jesus, for this promise. May I never forget that the key is to pray “in Your name” so that I am praying in lockstep with You. May my praying in the will and for the will of Christ glorify You.

18. **Preserving unity.** (Romans 15:5-7 (p.868)) – *“May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.”*

- **Praying scripture:** Lord, we are Your Church. We represent You in who we are and in all we do. You have been patient with me and with us. You give us the patience and encouragement to live in harmony as Your people. May we live fittingly as Followers of Jesus. We are striving to be like-minded in Christ, with One Voice for One Purpose so that You will receive honor and glory. And may we never forget You, the One Who holds all of it together.

19. **Living as a Child of the King.** (1 Peter 2:9 (p.935)) – *“...you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”*

- **Praying scripture:** Father God, thank You that I am Your very own possession. I am a child of the King! I am part of a chosen people—a royal priesthood. I can come directly to You without the need of a priest or middleman. May the privilege You have given me cause me to show others Your goodness so that they too can experience being in the Royal Family—not based on birth or marriage but based totally in You! Thank You for calling me out of the darkness and into Your marvelous light.

20. **Remembering.** (1 Corinthians 11:24-26 (p.877)) – *“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it. For every*

time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again."

- **Praying scripture:** Lord, what a powerful graphic illustration of Your sacrifice You have given us in Communion. Thank you for giving Your body and Your blood—Yourself—for me! As I take the elements, help me remember what You did then, and what You do in my life now. You made it possible for us to be reconciled with God through Your sacrifice. You were the priest making the sacrifice and You were the sacrifice itself. All glory to God for your indescribable gift that I remember right now.

21. **Serving.** (Mark 10:45 (p.771)) – *"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

- **Praying scripture:** Jesus You were the ultimate example of being a servant. You had every right to demand to be served, yet You chose to serve. Thank you for doing that, because had You not carried out your serving mission to give Your life as a ransom for us, then I would still be lost in my sins and separated from God. May I adopt Your attitude of serving so God is glorified.