

PRAY THE DOXOLOGIES

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Recently, I clearly heard the Holy Spirit say to me, “Pray the Doxologies.” So I set to the task of finding and making a list of doxologies in the New Testament.

What is a doxology? In the Christian church a doxology expresses praise to God. According to Merriam-Webster, “**Doxology** passed into English from Medieval Latin *doxologia*, which in turn comes from the Greek term *doxa*, meaning "opinion" or "glory," and the suffix *-logia*, which refers to oral or written expression.” [www.merriam-webster.com > dictionary > doxology](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/doxology)

When we think of the word “glory,” we think of God’s attributes, His nature, and His wonderful works. The Living God is glorious because of who He is. According to the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith, Question 4, “What is God?”:

“God is a Spirit, (John 4:24) infinite, (Job 11:7–9) eternal, (Ps. 90:2) and unchangeable, (James 1:17) in his being, (Exod. 3:14) wisdom, (Ps. 147:5) power, (Rev. 4:8) holiness, (Rev. 15:4) justice, goodness, and truth. (Exod. 34:6–7)”
<https://westminsterstandards.org/westminster-shorter-catechism/>

What are the benefits of praying the doxologies?

1. **Obedience.** Whenever we pray the doxologies of the Word of God back to God, we are obeying His commands to praise Him, to delight in the Lord, to extol Him, to ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name, to lift Him up, to bless Him, and to remember the Lord our God as Creator and Redeemer.
2. **Focus.** Whenever we pray the doxologies of the Word of God back to God, we focus our hearts and minds on the perfection of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. **Pleasing God.** Praying the doxologies of the Word of God can be done in confidence that we are pleasing the Lord; that He hears us, and builds our confidence in our relationship with Him. God is holy and sovereign, a covenant-keeping God who, for His covenant people, provides, protects, pities their frames and remembers they are only dust, preserves, empowers, grants peace, manifests His Presence, pursues His enemies, allows His own to progress in sanctification, and blesses. God fulfills His promises and prevents with His goodness.
4. **People, Places, Please.** Praying the doxologies puts life in order. It puts God in His place, people in their places. For example, the Living God has eternal dominion. We are to “tend the Garden” with a delegated authority, not to dominate and exploit, but to care for and nourish what is entrusted to us by our Creator.
5. **Strengthening the Church.** Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body of Christ. He has the pre-eminence. He is both Cornerstone and Capstone of the Temple made without hands. God the Father is the Vinedresser, Jesus is the Vine, and those in Him are the branches. Jesus is the Bridegroom and the invisible church is the Bride. Jesus is the Beloved; true believers are the beloved in Christ.

True believers in Jesus Christ are called to promote justice, preserve truth, protect the flock, and propagate the Gospel by means of preaching, teaching, and making disciples of all nations, in the power of the Holy Spirit, purposing to have unity in the bond of peace.

With these things in mind, let's join our hearts to pray the doxologies.

Lord God, we thank you for Your holy Word, for the atoning work of Jesus Christ on behalf of those for whom He died. It is our confidence that You will take these Scriptures and apply them as You please, to and for whom You please. So we come into agreement with the mind of Christ and the heart of the Holy Spirit in order to do the will of the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel

Rom 1:25 the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Rom 9:5 the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33–36 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! —For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? —Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 16:25–27 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

2 Cor. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

2 Cor. 11:31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever

Gal 1:4–5 our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Eph. 3:20–21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Phil 4:20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Tim 1:17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Tim 6:15–16 he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

2 Tim 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Heb 13:20–21 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Pet 4:11 To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Pet 5:11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

2 Pet 3:18 our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Jude 1:24–25 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Rev 1:5–6 To him who loves us and has freed [loosed] us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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