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Our Prayer

BY KALICIA MORRISON

Dear precious heavenly Father,

We come before You with thankfulness in our hearts for the many blessings You have given us. We thank You for the Sabbath day, which You have created for us to lay aside all the burdens of our week and to simply sit at Your feet to learn from You.

Often, when we come to Your feet, we have more petitions than praises. When we send a thank-you card to someone, the whole purpose of the card is to show appreciation — not to ask for more! So Lord, today, right now, this is our thank-you-card prayer.

We don't want to ask anything; we only want to praise You for blessing us with the privilege to know Your truth, and for the opportunities You continue to give us to share Your truth with those around us. We thank you for this community of believers, for our loved ones, and for the extended family we have through the blood of Christ. We rejoice in Your willingness to send Your only Son to give us the opportunity to one day cast our crowns at Your feet. Lord, we all are looking forward to that soon-coming day when we will stand blameless in Your perfect presence.

Father, Your plan of salvation will ever be our theme of study! Thank You for speaking to us, personally, through Scripture, for providing us with the weapons necessary to fight against principalities of darkness. Thank you for sending angels to invisibly battle for us.

Lord, You are so good to us! The psalmist declares, "*Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order*" (Psalm 40:5 NET). You think of us, and bless us so often that we can't

even count these in order because You work simultaneously! You are amazing, God!

There is no other artist who paints two masterpieces every day — one with sunrise and one at sunset. There is no other doctor who can heal simply by speaking! Lord, we are grateful for all of the incredible healings in our congregations and families throughout this past year. We thank You in advance for the healing You will bring to those among us who are ill. Lord, we mourn with those among us who are suffering loss, but we praise You for the comfort, peace and hope You give, even now. Lord, *You* are *worthy* to be praised. There is none like You! You are the *only* true and living God!

As we come before You with different pasts and experiences, we praise You for creating each of us to be unique. Still, no matter how different we are, we can all agree that *You* deserve praise and our deepest devotion!

Now, Lord, I know I said we didn't want to ask for anything, but we do want to ask for one thing: Please, God, help us appreciate and praise You more! We come reverently before You in the faithful name of *our* Saviour and Mediator, Jesus. Amen.

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