

will come and see my glory. <sup>19</sup> "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. Isaiah 66:18-19

**The Lord desires the wicked to repent rather than be judged.**

<sup>23</sup> *Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign LORD. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?* Ezekiel 18:23

**God taught Jonah a lesson about His compassion for the Assyrians.**

<sup>9</sup> *But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."*  
<sup>10</sup> *But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"* Jonah 4:9-10

**The Lord will teach the nations and bring justice and peace between them.**

<sup>1</sup> *In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. <sup>2</sup> Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.* Micah 4:1-3

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# Scripture Prayer Guide Using the Word of God To Pray with God's Missionary Heart From the Old Testament 2

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## *From the Psalms*

**God desires to be glorified and praised among the nations.**

*Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.* Psalm 9:11

<sup>27</sup> *All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, <sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.* Psalm 22:27-28

<sup>8</sup> *Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."* Psalm 46:8-10

*Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.* Psalm 66:8

**Let the Lord bless Israel so the nations will praise Him.**

<sup>1</sup> *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah <sup>2</sup> that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. <sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup> May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Selah <sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.*

<sup>6</sup> Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. <sup>7</sup> God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. Psalm 67:1-7

### **The Lord wants the nations to declare His glory.**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. <sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Psalm 96:1-3, 7, 9-10

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Psalm 105:1

### **The Lord wants His name praised among the nations.**

<sup>2</sup> Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. <sup>4</sup> The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high. Psalm 113:2-5

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup> For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD. Psalm 117:1-2

## *From the Prophets*

### **Isaiah volunteered to go for God when he saw the holiness of God.**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For

I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:1-8

### **The Lord desires His Name and glory to be proclaimed among the nations.**

In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12:4

### **The Messiah would bring justice to the nations.**

<sup>1</sup> "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations....

<sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." Isaiah 42:1, 4

### **God invites the nations to turn to Him for salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. Isaiah 45:22-23

### **God wanted to use Israel as a light to the Gentiles.**

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— <sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:5-6

### **God desired His glory to be proclaimed among the Gentiles.**

<sup>18</sup> "And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they