

Prayer for Illumination

**God, “Thank You!” – for what You’ve done; what You’re doing; what You’ve promised to do. Amen**

I Chronicles (selected verses)

Give thanks to the LORD, call on His Name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy in His dwelling place. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name.

Bring an offering and come before Him; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness!

**Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever . . . Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket.

Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling place for His Name and say to the priest in the office at the time, “I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us”.

The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God.

Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor.

Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.

So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that You, LORD, have given me”.

Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow before Him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

**Amen**