

My sister lives in a gated subdivision. Upon entering, you must have the gate's code or call to be buzzed in to open the gate. To reach her house, you must travel through a series of twists and turns. When it is time to leave her home, you travel the same twists and turns to reach the gate to exit the subdivision. However, when leaving, a code or call is not needed. Just stop and wait; like magic, the iron gate will open on its own, allowing you to depart.

While waiting at the gate to return home one day, I thought about Apostle Peter's experience of an iron gate opening itself, allowing him to escape. Unlike my pleasant stay and anticipation of future visits, Peter fled from impending danger, not wanting to return.

King Herod apprehended Peter with the intent to execute him. Peter was shackled between two guards while additional guards were at the prison gate. The night before Peter was to stand trial, an angel of the Lord roused Peter and aided him in his escape. Peter's chains miraculously fell off his hands during the process. He followed the angel through the iron gate, which led him safely to the city.

Life's trials can have twists and turns, often making us feel trapped in a dark, suffocating cell with no way out. We wait, we pray, but the problem persists, growing more menacing. Our faith is tested in these moments, and we must hold on, trusting in God's power to do the impossible.

Waiting is not passive; it is an active choice to trust God's timing, wisdom, and purpose. In these moments of waiting and experiencing God destroying the chains that held us bound, we truly grasp the authority of His love, the trustworthiness of His promises, and the depth of His care for us.

Please wait at the gate—it will open.


Dear Father, thank You. As we wait, we know that Your arms open like a gate at the right time, beckoning us to come through.



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Praise & Prayer Calendar



Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 27:14 Isaiah 64:4 Lamentations 3:25		1 Praise God, we can be of good courage because He is our strength	2 Pray we will never underestimate the power of God	3 Pray we will trust God even when we do not understand His timing	4 Pray for growth and perseverance while waiting for our prayers to be answered	5 Pray we realize God sometimes uses the waiting process to mature us	6 Pray we know that God is in control of our future
	7 Pray that the longer we wait on God, the stronger our trust will grow	8 Pray as we wait, we will constantly communicate with God	9 Pray as we wait, we will not murmur or complain	10 Pray as we wait, we will not doubt God	11 Pray as we wait, we will seek God	12 Pray as we wait, we will meditate on God's word	13 Pray as we wait, we will praise and worship God
Isaiah 40:28-31	14 Pray we will never lose sight of the power of God	15 Pray we will not get weary while waiting on the Lord	16 Pray we will realize God understands everything we go through	17 Praise God, He gives us strength when we are weak	18 Pray we will wait on the Lord with anticipation	19 Praise God, His love is everlasting	20 Praise God, He is faithful in every season of our lives
Acts 12:5 Acts 16:24-26	21 Pray we realize there is power in prayer	22 Praise God for hearing and answering our prayers	23 Praise God for those who have prayed for us during our time of need	24 Pray we will faithfully pray for others during their time of need	25 Pray we will be fervent in prayer, trusting God will answer	26 Give praises, God wants to communicate with us daily	27 Give praises, there is no impossible situation for God
Psalm 100:4-5	28 Pray we will enter God's presence with thanksgiving	29 Give thanks for who God is	30 Praise God for His faithfulness	31 Praise God for His unfailing love from generation to generation	And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Psalm 39:7		