

Life is like a box of Chocolates

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28**



In 2024, consumers spent \$25.8 billion during the Valentine's holiday. Candy ranked number one as the most popular gift, and buyers purchased 58 million pounds of chocolate candy in one week.

Reflecting on this massive consumption of chocolate candy, I could not help but recall Tom Hanks's famous phrase from the movie Forest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get."

This simile beautifully captures life's unpredictability. Just as you cannot know for certain the flavor inside a piece of chocolate until you bite into it, you cannot always foresee what life will bring until you experience it. Sometimes, what's inside might be to your liking, while other times, it might not be.

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty. **Jeremiah 15:16**

We may not always know what life has in store for us with its uncertainties; however, our all-knowing God does. God invites us to taste the goodness of His word. When we partake of His word, we can trust what we are going to get. We get His love, compassion, provision, and guidance. Each serving fills us with hope, peace, and fortitude as we embrace God's plan and as He navigates us through life's unforeseen twists and turns. His promises are a constant in our ever-changing lives.

How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! **Psalms 119:103**

Dear Father, we thank You for Your word. When we open the Bible, we know we're going to get something good inside.



God's Love



God's Promises



God's Faithfulness



God's Grace



God's Mercy



God's Strength




God's Peace

February 2025

Praise & Prayer Calendar



Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><i>"My Mama always said you've got to put the past behind you before you can move on."</i> Forrest Gump</p> <p>Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. Philippians 3:13</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Pray we realize that trusting God's word brings us fulfillment</p>
<p>Psalm 34:8 Jeremiah 17:7-8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pray we will see God's goodness through His word</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Give praises, God is good to us at all times</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Give praises; God is faithful to His word</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pray we will place our hope in the Lord and not man</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray we realize God wants us to spend time with Him and His word daily</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Give praises, God provides us with the guidance we need when facing challenges</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Give praises, God can calm our anxious thoughts</p>
<p>Hebrews 12:2 Romans 8:29-31</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pray we will keep our eyes focused on God</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Give praise, Jesus endured the cross so we could be victorious in Him</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Give praise, God will finish the good plan He started in us</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pray we put our faith in God and never quit</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pray we realize Jesus takes joy when we trust Him at all times</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray we recognize God has a plan and purpose for our lives</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pray we realize God never promised that life would be easy but that He would be with us from start to finish</p>
<p>2 Corinth 4:18 2 Corinth 5:7</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pray we will not focus on the things of this world but pray about them</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray we realize that the things of this world are temporary</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pray we will look beyond the present and focus on God, who knows our future</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pray we will have patience and not lose hope</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pray we will walk by faith and not by what we see</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray we will place our confidence in God, not our ability</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Give Praises, God's love is eternal</p>
<p>Isaiah 26:3 Philippians 4:6-8</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pray we realize peace comes from God</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pray we will keep our minds on Jesus</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pray we will turn our anxieties into prayer</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pray we will turn our worries into worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pray we will meditate on those things that please God</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Give thanks to our sovereign, faithful, and caring Father</p>	 <p>Oh, Taste and see</p>