

I was turning the pages of a book when a captivating image of a rose garden caught my eye. The image of dew-drenched flower petals glistening in the sun suddenly took me back to a congregational hymn from my childhood church: "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles.

I imagined I was sitting in the garden on a bench and began to sing the words to this song.

"I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses. And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He talks with me, and the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known."

The Bible references many garden experiences. Sacred events, such as the Garden of Eden, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden Tomb, have changed our world and enabled us to live transformed lives.

## The Garden of Eden

God created the Garden of Eden and placed the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, in it. They enjoyed perfect communion with God. However, due to their disobedience, sin entered the world leading to the separation between God and humanity. But God, in His love and mercy, created a plan that included the sacrifice of His Son Jesus, to restore our relationship with Him.

## The Garden of Gethsemane

After man departed the Garden of Eden, Jesus started His journey to the cross, eventually leading to the Garden of Gethsemane. It was there where Jesus prayed to God before His crucifixion on the cross. Jesus submitted to God's will, knowing that He would have to take on our sinful nature and sacrifice His life for us.

## **The Garden Tomb**

After Jesus was crucified and buried in a tomb, He rose after three days bringing hope and joy to the world. His resurrection enabled us to accept Jesus into our lives and rekindle our relationship with God. Today, we are blessed with the opportunity to have "garden experiences" as we convene with God. We can spend eternity with God, filled with everlasting walks and talks with Him.

Dear Father, thank You for the love You demonstrated in the gardens.

## pril 2025 Praise & Prayer Calendar

Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. Genesis 2:15 NASB

Seeing God in Everything

Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Genesis 2:7-25	The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. <b>Isaiah 58:11</b>		1 Praise God for creating us in His image	2 Praise God for giving us the breath of life	3 Praise God for all of His creation	4 Pray we realize God created us to fellowship with Him	5 Pray we realize God created us to fellowship with others
Genesis 3:22-24	6 Pray we realize since the beginning God has supplied everything we need	7 Pray we realize God knows what's best for us	8 Pray we will trust God's wisdom	9 Pray we will be obedient to the Lord and His word	10 Praise God for His love, grace and mercy	11 Praise God for not giving up on us	12 Praise God for His perfect plan to reconcile us back to Him
Matthew 26:36-46	13 Praise Jesus for the sacrifice He made for us	14 Praise Jesus for His compassion and humility	15 Praise Jesus for surrendering to the will of God	16 Pray we realize Jesus died so that we could live for eternity with Him	17 Give praises, because of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.	18 Pray we will be forever grateful for what Jesus did for us	19 Praise Jesus for being our Perfect Savior
John 19:41-42 John 20 1 Corinthians 15:4 1 Timothy 2:5-6	20 Give praises, Jesus rose on the third day with all power and authority	21 Pray that our loved ones who are not saved will accept Jesus into their lives	22 Praise God for keeping His promise and fulfilling the scriptures	23 Praise Jesus for being our Mediator, reconciling us to God	24 Pray we realize because of Jesus, we can live righteous lives	25 Pray we will realize how much Jesus loves us	26 Praise God for His divine plan and perfect timing in resurrecting Jesus, bringing salvation to the world
Revelation 21:1-4 Revelation 22:1-2	27 Pray we realize God is preparing heaven for our return back to Him	28 Praise Jesus for His journey through the gardens that led to our salvation	29 Pray we realize one day, all past hurts, sorrow, pain, and crying will cease	<b>30</b> Hallelujah! One day, we will be able to walk and talk with God for eternity	In the Bible, gardens beautifully symbolize God's provision, presence, and the promise of restoration. They reflect the splendor of creation, the depth of divine love, and the hope of eternal life with God. The next time you marvel at a beautiful garden, let it remind you of Jesus.		