Your Love is Better Than Life

Psalm 63: My Soul Thirsts for You

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
7 for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

9 But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

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Praise: from Revelation 1:5-6
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from Holy Scripture	
1 John 4:7	Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
1 Corinthians 13:4-8b	4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends.
1 Peter 4:8	Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
Psalm 13:5	But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

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Prayer	
Philippians 4:6-7 *"6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*	Everyone should offer up something or someone they are thankful for. Everyone should offer up a request.
The Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:5-15*	Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
Benediction *2 Corinthians 13:11*	Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

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Hymns & Songs

One	The Love of God [Frederick Lehman]	**Three**	What Wondrous Love Is This [Keith & Kristyn Getty]
Two	How Deep The Father's Love For Us [Stuart Townend]	**Four**	I Love You, Lord [Laurie Klein]

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The Love of God

ONE

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.
O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

TWO

When years of time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race--
The saints' and angels' song.
O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

THREE

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.
O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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What Wondrous Love is This

[Verse 1]
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

[Verse 2]
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down beneath God righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

[Verse 3]
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing

[Verse 4]
And when from death I free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I free, I'll sing on
And when from death I free, I'll sing His love for me
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on

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I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
Oh, my soul, rejoice!

Take joy my King
In what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear

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Family Worship Helps

- Family Worship Guides: How We Use Them blog post

- Print the Psalm, Verses, & Prayers pages for everyone, so everyone can read & pray together.
- You do not need to print the Hymns & Songs and Helps pages for everyone.
- You can put everyone's printed pages in a sheet protector, or even laminate them, to help them hold up throughout the month.
- Pull up videos on YouTube before beginning, if you are using them, to avoid ads You can make a playlist for the month, if that is easier. Links & QR codes are available to pull up videos quickly.
  - We might listen to the YouTube video on the first day, if necessary, and sing acapella the rest of the days.
  - Sometimes, I learn the song acapella ahead of time, if we don't already know it, so we don't have to bring up the video during our Family Worship time.
- Decide how to rotate through Scriptures and Hymns & Songs each month.
  - Option 1: Choose one passage from Scriptures and one song from Hymns & Songs each week. Repeat those each day of Family Worship that week.
  - Option 2: Rotate through all of the passages from Scriptures and all of the songs from Hymns & Songs each week.
  - If you choose Option 1, here is an idea for months with a fifth week: Choose a favorite hymn from church or repeat a song from earlier in the month.

- In addition to the passages in the Scriptures section, be reading through the Bible together as a family. You can do this with a story Bible for young children. You can do this reading at a separate time.
- When you are finished with this month's Scripture passages, write them on a notecard, or put them in a binder, to save them. Review two or three per week at dinner time to keep them fresh.

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