

A 47-day Immersion in God's Love

Week Two

A Meditation Guide for Practicing the Loving Presence of God

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Day 8

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in COMPASSIONATE, SYMPATHETIC LOVE.

You are “the Father of compassion” (2 Corinthians 1:3, NIV).

When I suffer, your heart is moved with pity. You stretch out your healing hand and touch me. (Mark 1:40–42 personalized)

Day 9

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in HEALING LOVE.

You heal my body, soul, and spirit.

In steadfast love you send out your Word and heal me. (Psalm 107:20 personalized)

Day 10

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in AFFECTIONATE LOVE.

You are never cold or mechanical. Rather, you love me with feeling and heart.

The greatest affection I can experience is “the affection of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:8).

Day 11

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in FAITHFUL LOVE.

You are loyal and true to your covenant partners. You keep all your words. You stay with me. You never leave me or forsake me.

Your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

(Lamentations 3:22–23 personalized)

Day 12

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in PATIENT LOVE.

You are slow to anger. You forbear with my sins, weaknesses, and failings. You wait for me to grow into your likeness.

I praise you that your love is patient. (1 Corinthians 13:4 personalized)

Day 13

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in GENTLE LOVE.

You are not rough, abusive, or oppressive with my soul.

I praise you, O Lord, that I can come to you when I labor and am heavy laden, and you give me rest. I take your yoke upon me, to learn from you, for you are gentle and lowly in heart, and in you my soul finds rest. For your yoke is easy, and your burden is light.

(Matthew 11:28–30 personalized)

Day 14

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in JEALOUS LOVE.

You zealously protect our relationship from all competitors.

Because you are jealous for my love and devotion, I tear down every idol and altar to false gods in my soul. (Exodus 34:13–14 personalized)