

A 47-day Immersion in God's Love

Week Four

A Meditation Guide for Practicing the Loving Presence of God

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Day 22

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

You chose to love me before I had any interest in loving you, in fact, when I was your enemy.

I love because you first loved me. (*1 John 4:19 personalized*)

Day 23

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

In love, you meet my need for strength, ability, and skill.

I praise you that I can do everything through you who gives me strength, that your power is made perfect in my weakness.

(*Philippians 4:13 and 2 Corinthians 12:9 personalized*)

Day 24

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in CONDITIONAL AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

Your unconditional love graciously gives me what I do not deserve. Your conditional love rightly requires everything I have in response, which is the best, most worthwhile life I can possibly live.

You died for me, that for the rest of my life I might no longer live for myself but for him who for my sake died and was raised. (*2 Corinthians 5:15 personalized*)

Day 25

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

You created me for a love relationship with you marked by mutually intense delight and desire. You love me with affection, emotion, union, with eyes that see beauty in me.

You rejoice over me with gladness and delight in me with singing.
(Zephaniah 3:17 (CSB) personalized)

Day 26

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

As an act of love you have chosen to know me in a special way.

I have found favor in your sight, and you know me by name.
(Exodus 33:17 personalized)

Day 27

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

Just as you humbled yourself to wash the disciples feet, so you humble yourself daily to watch over me and provide for all my needs.

I praise you, Jesus, because you came not to be served but to serve, and to give your life as a ransom for me. *(Matthew 20:28 personalized)*

Day 28

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

I could not save myself. The power of sin in me, and the power of Satan and demons, and the power of evil in the world, were more than I could overcome. I was completely powerless to erase my guilt before God my Judge. But in my helpless place, you had more than enough power to come in love and rescue me.

I praise you, O God, because day by day you save me in your steadfast love! *(Psalm 31:16 personalized)*