

A 47-day Immersion in God's Love

Week Five

A Meditation Guide for Practicing the Loving Presence of God

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Day 29

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

Your love purifies me and makes me holy both in redeemed status before you in Christ and in my actual conduct. Because you love me, you keep purifying me in my thoughts, motives, words, and actions. You love me too much to leave me in moral filth.

I praise you, Lord, because you loved the church and gave yourself up for her, that you might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that you might present the church to yourself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (*Ephesians 5:25–27 personalized*)

Day 30

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

I am the unworthy beneficiary of a generous-hearted God. You gave me your love not because of my merits or loveliness, but solely because of your desire to do good.

Glory to you, for you are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (*Exodus 34:6 personalized*)

Day 31

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

You will never leave me or forsake me if I will not forsake you. You have promised your love to me in countless, generous ways.

Thank you, Jesus, that you entered a new covenant with me through your blood. (*Luke 22:20 personalized*)

Day 32

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

Because your love is discerning, you know perfectly what brings the greatest goodness to me. You know what is best for me.

I praise you, O God, that your love abounds with knowledge and all discernment, so that you approve what is excellent for me, making me pure and blameless for the day of Christ. (*Philippians 1:9-10 personalized*)

Day 33

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

You treasure your children more than any mother cherishes her child or than people cherish their own human body. Your love is a spa for the soul.

I praise you, O Lord, that you nourish and cherish me. (*Ephesians 5:29 personalized*)

Day 34

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

The greatest satisfaction my soul can have comes from experiencing your love. You made me for yourself, for divine love, so my soul is thirsty until I feast on you fully.

I praise you, O Lord, that your steadfast love is better than life. (*Psalms 63:3 personalized*)

Day 35

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

I praise you, God, that you are a truth-seeker, a truth knower, a truth teller. You are light and bring all things into the light. You hate lies and love truth. You are the truth.

Thank you, Lord, for enabling me to know you in truth, as you really are, and love you in truth. Thank you that your truth abides in me and will be with me forever. Thank you that your grace, mercy, and peace are with me as I hold to both truth and love. (2 *John 1:2-3 personalized*)