

A 47-day Immersion in God's Love

Week Six

A Meditation Guide for Practicing the Loving Presence of God

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Day 36

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

In love, you offer the priceless gift of knowledge and wisdom in all the subjects that matter most. To receive your teaching is to get counsel from the wisest, best-informed person in the universe on how to live my life in the best possible way for the greatest possible happiness and everlasting glory.

I praise you, O God, that you will instruct me and teach me in the way I should go; you will counsel me with your eye upon me; for your steadfast love surrounds me as I trust in you. I determine that I will not be like a horse or mule, animals without understanding that must be curbed with bit and bridle. (*Psalm 32:8-10 modified and personalized*)

Day 37

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

You never relate to anyone in a way that compromises or violates righteousness and justice.

I praise you, O God, for you practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things you delight (*Jeremiah 9:24 personalized*). I praise you that Scripture says of the Messiah "A throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness" (Isaiah 16:5).

Day 38

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

You enjoy being with me. You enjoy simply being together.

I choose to walk with you, O God, as child with Father, as friend with friend, (*Genesis 5:24 personalized*) for truly my fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ and with his Holy Spirit. (*1 John 1:3 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 personalized*)

Day 39

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in the fatherly Abba love that HOLDS ME TO YOUR BOSOM.

With you I enjoy the intimacy of absolute trust.

I praise you, Heavenly Father, that you hold me close. You embrace and kiss me (*Luke 15:20 personalized*).

Day 40

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in the fatherly Abba love that GIVES MY DAILY BREAD.

You gladly provide me with money, the ability to work, and the revenue streams that sustain me with food, shelter, clothing, and more.

I praise you, Lord, that you will supply all my needs according to your glorious riches in Christ Jesus (*Philippians 4:19 personalized*)

Day 41

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in the fatherly Abba love that ANSWERS MY REQUESTS.

You delight to answer my prayers in accordance with your will. You want to give me what I ask. Answered prayer is central to how you want me to experience your love.

I praise you, Lord, that when I ask you for bread, you will not give me a stone, or if I ask for a fish, you will not give me a serpent. I praise you that you know how to give good gifts to your children who ask you. (*Matthew 7:9-11 personalized*)

Day 42

I thank you, O God, that you are with me in the fatherly Abba love that is ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT ME.

You care about every aspect of my life, large and small. Every good thing that matters to me matters to you, and much, much more. You feel sympathy, compassion, and a willingness to help in whatever way fits your benevolent purposes.

I praise you, Lord, that I can cast all my anxieties on you, for you care about me. (*1 Peter 5:7 personalized*) I praise you that “you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.” (*Psalms 139:1-5*)