

Prayers of the Heart

In popular culture the “heart” is the reference point for our emotions or sentimentality. But in Scripture, both Old and New Testament, “heart” refers to our innermost self. It is the place where our hidden thoughts, feelings, loves, and desires assemble. The word is used approximately 1000 times because God views us from the inside out.

Choose several Scriptures to consider in prayer this week. Invite God to search your heart, and to create a humble, pure, unified, believing heart.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” (Deut. 6:5; See Mark 12:29-33)

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...” (2 Chron 16:9)

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me.” (Psalm 51:10)

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. (Psalm 51:17. See also Isaiah 57:15)

“Search me, O God, and know my heart.” (Psalm 139:23)

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34)

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Col. 3:15)

“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” (Hebrews 10:16)

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance of faith... (Hebrews 10:22)