Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.—Revelation 4:11 ESV

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." —A.W. Tozer

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¹Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh. —Philippians 3:1-3 ESV

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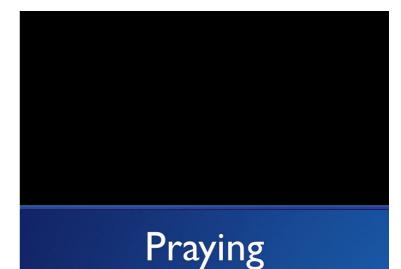
⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him,

not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death.—Philippians 3:7-10 ESV

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We do not come to worship or gather as worshippers to impress God or improve ourselves, but to express the gratitude and joy of God's grace active and effective in our hearts.



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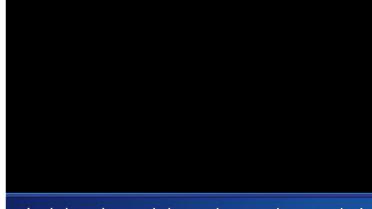
High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV

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⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 4:6-7 ESV



And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.—Acts 2:42 ESV

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"We don't pray to get God's attention; we pray in response to

God's invitation.'

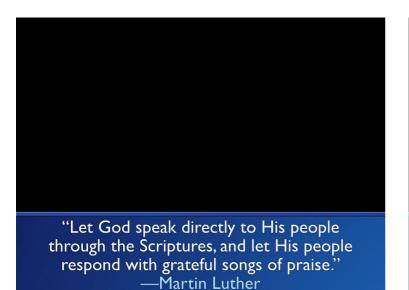
⁷And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. —Matthew 6:7-8 ESV

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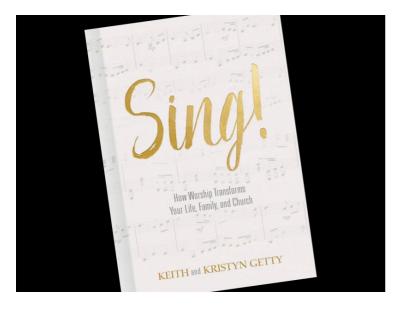
About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.—Acts 16:25 ESV

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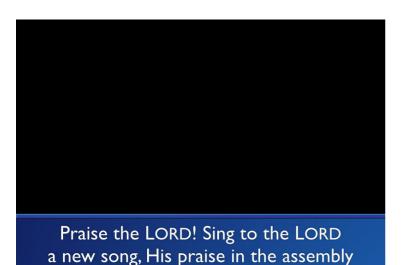
"There is no part of worship life more in need of reformation today than congregational singing." —Ligon Duncan

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"To sing is written in our DNA; it's part of God's design. Our desire to make musical instruments to accompany our singing is as old as our desire to fashion tools to aid us in our daily work. Throughout Scripture and through history, we see God's people using this gift of song to praise Him, the Giver of it." —Keith Getty

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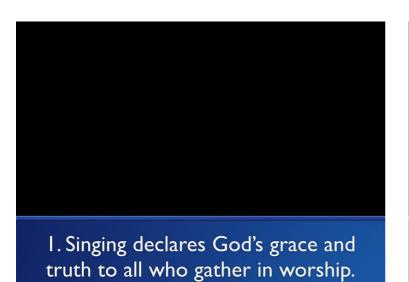


of the godly! —Psalm 149:1 ESV

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

—Colossians 3:16 FSV

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2. Singing takes Sunday's truths into Monday.

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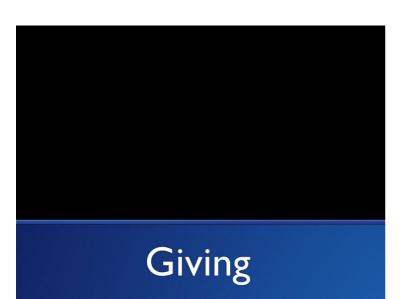
4. Singing reminds you of what God has done in your life.

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6. Singing creates memory and legacy for your family and your church.

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... ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me... ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only...

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¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

—Philippians 2:30; 4:15, 18 ESV

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