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Philippians 4:6, Psalm 54:6, Romans 1:21

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Psalm 13

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2 Corinthians 12:10

Psalm 57

Are you ready to live a life that continually gives thanks to God?

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Psalms 54:6 NLT I will sacrifice a voluntary offering to you; I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Romans 1:21 NLT Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

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Psalms 13 NLT O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? ² How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? ³ Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. ⁴ Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. ⁶ I will sing to the Lord because He is good to me.

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2 Corinthians 12:10 NLT That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joy instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth,
Count on God instead of yourself.

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Psalm 57 NLT Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by. ² I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill His purpose for me. ³ He will send help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. My God will send forth His unfailing love and faithfulness. ⁴ I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey— whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords. ⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May your glory shine over all the earth. ⁶ My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path, but they themselves have fallen into it. ⁷ My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises! ⁸ Wake up, my heart! Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song. ⁹ I will thank you, Lord, among all the people. I will sing your praises among the nations. ¹⁰ For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. ¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.

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