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## Introduction

October's prayer focus introduces you to thirty-one powerfully poignant passages from the multiple literary works of C. S. Lewis. These excerpts present valuable, godly insights speaking to every Christian generation. Some of these passages will refresh you. Others may redirect your heart as it is drawn closer to God's heart. While you study and pray, use C. S. Lewis' thoughts as springboards for further reflection.

As I studied and meditated on the prayer focus for this month, I asked the Lord to bless you while using this prayer tool. My hope is that you will lovingly be touched by C. S. Lewis' observations just as I have. These prayers are humbly written and submitted to further your spiritual journey this month.

In Him,

Linda Hostetter

# **Adoration-Oct 1**

*Letters to Malcolm..*

*Chiefly On Prayer,*

Chap.17, para. 13, p.91.

We-or at least I-shall not be able to adore God on the highest occasions if we have learned no habit of doing so on the lowest. At best, our faith and reason will tell us that He is adorable, but we shall not have found Him so, not have “tasted and seen.” Any patch of sunlight in a wood will show you something about the sun which you could never get from reading books on astronomy. These pure and spontaneous pleasures are “patches of God-light” in the woods of our experience.

Heavenly Father, C. S. Lewis understands my need for “patches of God-light” to gift me with your pure and spontaneous pleasures. Please, don’t allow my days to be consumed with nothing but the natural. I am yearning for You to break through even the mundane so that I might taste and see how good You are in the woods of my own experiences. Help me to not miss out on the treasures You have stored up for me. Teach me how to better adore You, honor You, and bless You. May my school of life be instructed by your Holy Spirit. Shine bright! Let your glory fill my life as I walk with You. It’s time for me to draw my mark in the sand and retool my mind, bending it toward You as I walk through each day.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Books-Oct 2**

*An Experiment in Criticism,*  
Chap.1, para.4, p.2.

The sure mark of an unliterary man is that he considers “I’ve read it already” to be a conclusive argument against reading a work...Those who read great works, on the other hand, will read the same work ten, twenty or thirty times during the course of their life.

There are many great literary works. But who can compare them with your Word, the Bible? Your Word is trustworthy. Your Word extends to every race, class and generation. Your Word makes me wiser. Your Word gives me deep understanding of deep things. Your Word gives me peace. Your Word protects me. Your Word gives me hope. Why then, do I let your Word remain closed? I need to regularly study your Word, on a daily basis so that I will have your mark of literacy. Give me a quiet time every day to explore your truths and memorize scripture.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **Church Attendance-Oct 3**

*Letters of C.S. Lewis*  
"7 December 1950",  
p.224.

The New Testament does not envisage solitary religion; some kind of regular assembly for worship and instruction is everywhere taken for granted in the epistles. So we must be regular practicing members of the Church. Of course we differ in temperament. Some "like you-and me" find it more natural to approach God in solitude; but we must go to church as well. For the Church is not a human society of people united by their natural affinities but the Body of Christ, in which all members, however different, "and He rejoices in their differences and by no means wishes to iron them out" must share the common life, complementing and helping one-another precisely by their differences.

Heavenly Father, create a clean heart in me to become a dedicated worshiper, always looking forward to our Sabbath. Give me the will of a true worshiper, blessed by being in your sanctuary at St. Giles. When I enter into our time of praise and worship, draw me into your presence and fill me with fresh devotion. May my tithes and offerings be acceptable. Use the preaching of your Word to refine my walk so I'll leave refreshed and ready for "street-life". Make me spot-on after entering your courts with praise and thanksgiving. My brothers and sisters in Christ bless me as we join together to pray, serve and fellowship. Thank you that we complement and help each other. Let me always extend my hand of fellowship to anyone who seems to be outside the inner circle, remembering that You have extended your right hand of fellowship to me. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **Church Endurance-Oct 4**

*The Weight of Glory,*  
"Membership"  
(1945), para.16, p. 116.

The Church will outlive the universe; in it the individual person will outlive the universe. Everything that is joined to the immortal Head will share His immortality.

Heavenly Father, thank You that I am in the Body of Christ-your Church and as a part of your Body, help me to always worship You in Spirit and truth with fellow believers. Enable our church to work hard with patient endurance. We have not and will not quit meeting together to worship You. We praise You that our church body will be victorious. You will give us fruit from the tree of life in your paradise. Thank You that our sanctuary belongs to You. Even if our enemy, Satan, tests us and we suffer, we will remain faithful. St. Giles EPC will not deny You, Jesus. We will remain loyal to You. We will not tolerate false teaching. Thank You for giving us the victory and providing us with manna that has been hidden away in heaven. Thank You for the white stone with a new name on it for each of us.

You have provided us with a loving body of believers full of faith, serving You with patient endurance. We are so thankful that we are improving. Lord, do not allow any Jezebel to teach or lead us into evil practices. If any of

our body has followed the depths of Satan's false teaching, let them repent so that our church obeys You to the very end.

Lord, bring spiritual life to your flock at St. Giles. Awaken us. May our actions meet your requirements. Return us to our first love. Make us worthy, walking with You in white.

Thank You, Lord, that You strengthen us even during seasons of difficulty. You give us keys to obey your Word and not deny Christ. St. Giles EPC will persevere while You protect us from times of testing that will come upon the whole world. We are holding on to You, so no one can take away our crown. Our desire is to become pillars in the temple of our God, with your name written on us, as citizens in the city of our God.

Lord, we will not be like lukewarm water, neither hot or cold. We are coming to You to buy your gold purified by fire. Cover us with your garments. Anoint our eyes with your ointment. Correct us. Discipline us. We will be a body of believers who turn from indifference and diligently seek You and your will.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **Church Function-Oct 5**

*Mere Christianity, Bk. IV,*

Chap. 8, para. 10,

pp. 169-170.

It is so easy to think that the Church has a lot of different objects- education, building, missions, holding services...The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose. It is even doubtful, you know, whether the whole universe was created for any other purpose.

Heavenly Father, we are blessed by your Church. St. Giles praises You for our services, education, missions and buildings. Encourage us to be a welcoming Body of believers, growing in the faith. Colossians 2:2 teaches us to be encouraged in heart and united in love, so we may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that we are knowing the mystery of God, namely You, Jesus. Fill our pews with many new faces who will soon come to Jesus and become dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Holy Spirit, we invite You to flood our campus with your loving light. Fill us to overflowing when we worship our Jesus. Let mercy and truth adorn our flock when we show mercy to others. We will obey your commandments and fear the Lord. In doing so, St. Giles will become rich in You, Jesus. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **Church Unity-Oct 6**

*Mere Christianity, Bk. III,*

Chap. 3, para. 4, p. 80.

Christianity is the total plan for the human machine. We have all departed from that total plan in different ways, and each of us wants to make out that his own modification of the original plan is the plan itself. You will find this again and again about anything that is really Christian: Everyone is attracted by bits of it and wants to pick out those bits and leave the rest. That is why we do not get much further: and that is why people who are fighting for quite opposite things can both say they are fighting for Christianity.

Heavenly Father, your plan is always the best plan, and I'm glad I'm a part of it. Knowing that gives me fantastic joy! I appreciate all your generous heart provides for me. My eyes are fixed on You, wanting to please You more. I don't want to be a Christ follower who makes my own modifications of your original plan for the Church. God forbid that I should be used as a stumbling block to trip me or others of us in our spiritual journey. If, in the past, I've been controlling or manipulative in your Church, please forgive me. Don't let me fight for anything anti-Christ. BUT, let me acquiesce to You.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## Courtesy-Oct 7

*The Allegory of Love,*  
Chap. II, para. 2, p.2

Only the courteous can love, but it is love that makes them courteous.

Heavenly Father, rude people are difficult. Harness my natural man when I respond to them. Crucify my flesh so your Spirit in me will reflect agape love to even the rudest of the rude. Thank You for love. What would I do without it?-I know, respond as a heathen. But, no, your love encourages me to be tender and sympathetic whether the person is arrogant, boastful, proud, aggressive and the list goes on. HOWEVER, I am choosing to love my enemy. Consistently direct me to overflow these safe riverbanks of life with kind, honest words so I will be inwardly clean. Then, and only then, no one will be able to criticize me for not showing love to them in return for their rudeness. May my courtesy arise from your love for me.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **Dying to Self-Oct 8**

*The Weight of Glory,*  
"A Slip of the Tongue",  
(1<sup>st</sup> Pub. 1965), para. 10,  
pp.130-131.

He cannot bless us unless he has us. When we try to keep within us an area that is our own, we try to keep an area of death. Therefore, in love, He claims all. There's no bargaining with Him.

Heavenly Father, today-no hidden agendas-no secret passageways-I am yours-bought with the precious price from the death of your Son. Forgive me for holding on to sacred cows and vain imaginations. Own all of me. I will not take back what I have given You. Thank You for loving and gentle patience. You have shown me how much You love me. I am richly appreciative and blessed.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Essence of Christianity-Oct 9**

*Mere Christianity, Bk.1,*

Chap. 5, para. 3-4,

pp. 38-39.

If the universe is not governed by an absolute goodness, then all our efforts are in the long run hopeless. But if it is, then we are making ourselves enemies to that goodness every day, and are not in the least likely to do any better tomorrow, and so our case is hopeless again. ...Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. It therefore has nothing (as far as I know), to say to people who do not know that they need any forgiveness. It is after you have realized that there is a real Moral Law, and a Power behind the law, and that you have broken that law and put yourself wrong with that Power-it is after all this, and not a moment sooner, that Christianity begins to talk. When you are sick, you will listen to the doctor.

Heavenly Father, thank You that You are our absolute goodness and You are sovereign over this universe. This brings me everlasting peace as well as magnificent provision from your powerful reign in heaven and on earth. Please, do not allow me to be at enmity with You any day, any way. When I meet people who are at enmity with You, show me how to share with them their need for forgiveness. May I always remember my own messy state of affairs prior to understanding your real Moral Law and that You are the Power behind your Moral Law. People who don't know You, need your healing prescription for their own eternal life. As your servant, use me as your voice, designed to speak your truth in love so that others will be saved. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **Evangelism-Oct 10**

*God in the Dock,*

“On the Transmission of Christianity”

(1946), para. 11, p. 119.

To convert one's adult neighbor and one's adolescence neighbor (just free from school) is the practical thing...If you make the adults of today Christian, the children of tomorrow will receive a Christian education. What a society has, that, be sure, and nothing else, it will hand on to its young.

Heavenly Father, fill our society with Christians so that we will return to being a Christian nation.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Evangelism-Oct 11**

*God in The Dock,*  
"Cross-Examination",  
(1963),  
Para. 30, p. 262.

As Christians we are tempted to make unnecessary concessions to those outside the Faith. We give in too much. Now, I don't mean that we should run the risk of making a nuisance of ourselves by witnessing at improper times, but there comes a time when we must show that we disagree. We must show our Christian colors, if we are to be true to Jesus Christ. We cannot remain silent or concede everything away.

Heavenly Father, I fully agree with your plan for me to walk this life empowered by your Spirit to present Christ to the world (so that none should perish). As your ambassador, I am privileged. Whether I plant, water, sow or reap, make my words your words to the non-believer. End their bondage to Satan. Break the slave-yoke off their necks. This is their time of salvation. Once they were lost and now they are found, if I will only share the Good News. Give me supernatural strength and holy obedience to press into this mandate.

Give me the heathen for your inheritance. Your scriptures tell me that You, Lord, are our inheritance. When I stand before You, may your words to me be, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

I am making my list of friends and family members who are unsaved.

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By faith, I am believing that You will triumph over their lives with spiritual rebirth. And, that these friends and family members will exhibit consecrated dedication to the One and only true God.

In Jesus name, Amen

## **Faith-Oct 12**

*The World's Last Night and Other Essays,*

“On Obstinacy in Belief”

(1955), para. 13, p. 25.

We must trust not because “a God” exists, but because *this* God exists.

Heavenly Father, scripture teaches me You are the author and finisher of my faith. As I walk with You I find this great gift of faith to be indispensable. It can be compared to a bridge that connects me to You. Thank You that your gift of a Jesus’ faith bridge will always be strong enough to carry me through the toughest of times. Let my faith arise so that I will be the person who always believes in You knowing that I can trust You more than life itself.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Forgiveness-Oct 13**

*Letters of C. S. Lewis*  
(19 April 1951), p. 230.

I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.

Heavenly Father, Silvia Gunter defines forgiveness: a decision I must make personally to obey You in getting my heart right with You. To forgive myself is a huge but necessary step in my spiritual journey so that my heart can be right with You. Psalm 66:18 instructs me in the area of unforgiveness, teaching me that my prayers will not be heard and Isaiah 59 says that my spiritual life will come to a halt. Matthew 18:33-35 tells me that forgiveness is the only alternative to torment. And, when I forgive myself, I will clear the way for you to make smooth in the desert a highway for revival.

Please don't let me lose out because of Satan's pretentious lies about our relationship. You are my forgiver, and I humbly accept and cherish your forgiveness.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **Friendship-Oct 14**

*The Four Loves,*  
Chap. 4, para. 61,  
pp. 126-127.

The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are.

Heavenly Father, what a friend I have in Jesus! You are my best friend. May I live worthy of such a great friendship. I invite You to go everywhere with me as I walk, telling You my secret thoughts, laughing with You over my silliness, being still together, asking You to guide my days and protect my nights. Fully open my eyes to the beauty of our special relationship. You have created a bountiful feast for me to enjoy in your presence. Thank You that You are my gracious host. As I taste, I see that it is beyond good. Our friendship is really heavenly.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Giving-Oct 15**

*Letters to an American Lady*  
(26 October 1962), p. 108.

It will not bother me in the hour of death to reflect that I have been “had for a sucker” by any number of impostors; but it would be a torment to know that one had refused even one person in need.

Heavenly Father, make me a great marksman, hitting the bull’s eye of every giving target You present to me. Instead of struggling and vacillating with “Should I give?” or, “How much should I give?”, or, “How should I give?”, create in me a great desire to optimally give back to You myself, my talents, and my money. May I take aim as your champion and win first place in the category of generosity.

Make me eager to help others financially. Prepare me to be ready in season and out so I’ll respond to the needs of the less fortunate. Encourage me in this area so that I will become an enthusiastic giver. Stir up this initiative in fellow believers and also those young in the faith so that they will begin to give cheerfully.

Paul writes in II Corinthians 9:5 that the gift we give should not be as money wrung out of us. Instead, my aim is to be a cheerful, generous giver.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **God's Sovereignty-Oct 16**

*Mere Christianity, Bk. IV,*

Chap. 2, para. 13, p. 144

When you come to knowing God, the initiative lies on His side. If He does not show himself, nothing you can do will enable you to find Him. And, in fact, He shows much more of himself to some people than to others-not because He has favorites, but because it is impossible for Him to show himself to a man whose whole mind and character are in the wrong condition. Just as sunlight, though it has no favorites, cannot be reflected in a dusty mirror as clearly as a clean one.

Heavenly Father, it is wonderful to realize that you want me to know You intimately. The God of heaven and earth is not challenged in the least by our relationship. However, I am challenged to remain spiritually steadfast. You require my whole mind and character to be in great working order for our intimacy. I understand that I must be just like a clean mirror for your Son-light to shine. When I mess up, let me be quick to adjust my spiritual lenses so I will continue to experience our priceless God-ordained intimacy.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **God's Will-Oct 17**

Perelandra, Chap. 9,

p.116

To walk out of His will is to walk into nowhere.

Satan chose to walk out of Your will. He has walked into nowhere along with one-third of the angels who have fallen. Thank God that You made a way for me to be found standing in the center of your perfect will. I will not succumb to pride. I will obey You.

Jesus, I need You to protect me from my sin nature and the wiles of evil trying to divert my thoughts and actions. I always want to walk in your will. I am choosing to stand in the liberty You have provided, thankful for giving me the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant me, your servant, the desire to remain faithfully in your will all the days of my life.

Forgive me when I am headed down a road to nowhere. Stop me. Redirect my steps. This prayer is spoken with humble and heartfelt need. You alone know what is best for me. I am choosing the best You have to offer: your will in my life.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Good and Evil-Oct 18**

*Perelandra*, Chap. 9, p. 111.

As there is one face above all worlds merely to see which is irrevocable joy, so at the bottom of all worlds that face is waiting whose sight alone is the misery from which none who beholds it can recover. And though there seemed to be, and indeed were, a thousand roads by which a man could walk through the world, there was not a single one which did not lead sooner or later either to the Beatific or the Miserific Vision.

Heavenly Father, I understand that evil men and women define their own value system. They arrive at this value system through a process called values clarification. By doing so, it is a value system of their own choosing, selecting only those virtues needed for their particular cause. Unfortunately, selective virtue is rampant in our society. Today, my prayers are for men and women who adhere to a world and life view directed by their choice of virtues-not following your commandments or precepts.

Right now, I'm asking You to put their names and faces in my mind. Rescue them from their evil desires. Jesus, save them. Please place repentance in their hearts and draw them to yourself. May your glorious gospel light the path of their lives. May they fall in love with You. May their virtues by your virtues and used only for good.

In Jesus name, amen.

## **Good Works-Oct 19**

*Reflections on the Psalms,*

Chap. 11, para. 3, p.110

No good work is done anywhere without aid from the Father of Lights.

Heavenly Father, as the Father of Lights, my good works are sparkling through your divine intervention. To have You directing my thoughts, how can I fail? You, Lord, manifest excellence as I listen to your directions and am obedient to your plan for success. To praise You is not enough. To thank You is weak. But, to give You all the credit is acceptable. When questions arise, You answer me. When difficulties present themselves, You ease the problem and eventually it is solved-asking, seeking, knocking-this is your way of doing things. What an awesome God I serve. Let your will be done in all the good works You have assigned me. I accept your assignments joyfully.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Grace-Oct 20**

*Taliessin Through Logres,*

*....Arthurian Torso,*

“Williams and the Arthuriad” (1949),

Chap. IV, para. 36, p.340.

God gives us His gifts where He finds the vessel empty enough to receive these.

Heavenly Father, thank You for your unmerited favor. What a God we have. You see all things and know all things in advance. Yes, I am anxious to receive your grace. When my life’s cup turns murky, You wash over it with your grace, supporting me beyond my highest hopes.

Thank You that You defend me today and every day. My hope is in You. I am strengthened by You, Lord while I rely on your Word’s promises. Philippians 4:13 encourages me with this promise: “I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me-I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me.”

What more can I ask? Your grace is sufficient.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## Hope-Oct 21

*Mere Christianity, Bk. III,*  
Chap. 10, para. 1, p. 118.

Hope...means...a continual looking forward to the eternal world...It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next...It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither.

Heavenly Father, my hope is supposed to be in You. More than I care to admit, my hope is somewhat misshapen, focused where it shouldn't be. For example, my mind may be overwhelmed by an upcoming performance review, or how well I'll kiss up to my superiors so that I'll win their approval. My list of hopes may be as stupid as a new hairstyle to enhance my beauty so that my husband or boyfriend will pay more attention to me. All these hopes really belong in an exit file. Instead, they or others that are just as foolish are in my circular file, going round and round in my head. I need to evaluate where my hope is.

Where is my hope? This is serious. You instruct me to place my hope in You. I need your help to do this sincerely. This cannot be a hopeless exercise. Reveal to me how I can effectively place my thoughts on the things of heaven and not stand outside its gates

wondering if I should really get down to business. Your desire is for me to be a Christ follower who thinks more of the next world than this present world. It would be wonderful for You to make me a history-maker for this present world so that my children and grand children will have a model of how to “aim” at heaven and get earth “thrown in.”

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Human Nature-Oct 22**

*The Four Loves,*

Introduction, para. 8, p. 14.

Man approaches God most nearly when he is in one sense least like God. For what can be more unlike than fullness and need, sovereignty and humility, righteousness and penitence, limitless power and cry for help?

Heavenly Father, I need to constantly place myself in your care. Show me how to walk with child-like faith, trusting You for every outcome. Lord, I am dependent upon You for your reliable, limitless power and I am anticipating magnificent results even when any hour of my life appears bleak. Thank You that You are always available, and that your Spirit meets with me moment by moment. You are my fullness to meet my every need.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Independence-Oct 23**

*Letters of C.S. Lewis*

(17 July 1953), para.2, p.251.

Poor boob-he thought his mind was his own. Never his own until he makes it Christ's; up till then, merely a result of heredity, environment, and the state of his digestion. I become my own only when I give myself to Another.

Heavenly Father, thank You that my mind is Christ's. It's not controlled by my environment or by results of heredity. Your Spirit lives in me, counseling me, consoling me, adjusting my thoughts so that perfect peace is mine.

Lord, You know the things that come into my mind, everyone of them. I am choosing not to have a doubtful mind or be double minded, but a mind that is faithfully stayed on You. Romans 8:6 says to me that if I am spiritually minded then You own my life and give me peace. Transformation enters in as my mind is renewed by You. Thank You for creating that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God for me to walk in. My dependence upon You is so deep and wide that I need never stumble or fall into thinking my mind is my own.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Jesus' Second Coming-Oct 24**

*The World's Last Night and Other Essays,*

“The World's Last Night”,

(1952), para. 31, p. 110.

What is important is not that we should always fear “or hope” about the End but that we should always remember, always take it into account. An analogy may help here. A man of seventy need not be always feeling (much less talking) about his approaching death: but a wise man of seventy should always take it into account. He would be foolish to embark on schemes which presuppose twenty more years of life: he would be criminally foolish not to make-indeed, not to have made long since-his will. Now, what death is to each man, the Second Coming is to the whole human race.

Heavenly Father, to consider the Second Coming, I find myself faced with a responsibility: to prepare myself for your return whether I'm alive or in the grave. O, what a glorious day it will be. The trumpet will sound, and Jesus, You will appear to all. I'm seeing this radiant scene before me. Glory! Glory will come from heaven to earth. The graves will break open, and death will have no sting. Our victorious King of Kings, riding your beautiful white steed will come for your own, your redeemed. Let me bow down before You now so that I will not have to admit on that day it is my first time to do so. Every knee will bow and tongue confess that YOU ARE LORD! Maranatha-come soon Lord Jesus. I'm beginning to prepare for the End. In Jesus name, amen.

## The Jews-Oct 25

*The Letters of C.S. Lewis to Arthur Greeves*  
(5 November 1933), para. 7, p. 468.

I might agree that the Allies are partly to blame, but nothing can fully excuse the iniquity of Hitler's persecution of the Jews, or the absurdity of his theoretical position. Did you see that he said, "The Jews have made no contribution to human culture and in crushing them I am doing the will of the Lord." Now as the whole idea of the "will of the Lord" is precisely what the world owes to the Jews, the blaspheming tyrant has just fixed his absurdity for all to see in a single sentence, and shown that he is as contemptible for his stupidity as he is detestable for his cruelty. For the German people as a whole we ought to have charity: but for dictators, "Nordic" tyrants and so on-well, read the chapter about Mr. Savage in the *Regress* [Lewis's *The Pilgrims Regress*] and you have my views.

Heavenly Father, time marches on. Here it is sixty-five years after Hitler's demise, and Christians and Jews are again facing the devil's plot to rob, kill and destroy God's people. Of course, the devil will always aim at us for we are grafted in-Jews in our hearts, as Paul teaches. Together we must fight the fight and keep the faith. We ask You to defend us, God. May evil men who devise Israel's destruction be turned back in utter confusion. Protect Jerusalem. Protect your Holy Land. Protect your chosen people. Surprise them with blessings they can't contain, Lord. We claim Jeremiah 31:12 for the Jews: they will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion. They will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord. They will be

like the well watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. Lord, again I pray for the peace of Jerusalem. I am choosing to love your chosen people.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## Language-Oct 26

*The Four Loves,*  
Chap. 1, para. 5, p. 12.

Of course language is not an infallible guide, but it contains, with all its defects, a good deal of stored insight and experience. If you begin by flouting it, it has a way of avenging itself later on. We had better not follow Humpty Dumpty in making words mean whatever we please.

Heavenly Father, You have allowed me to experience so much. With these experiences You have also provided me with insight. May I use these experiences and your insights to instruct and edify others so that they will succeed where I may have succeeded or even failed. May they be teachable and learn from my good decisions as well as my heinous mistakes. I will be sure to give You the credit when godly wisdom comes from my lips. I will not flout my words. If I have in the past, please forgive me. I do not want my selfish pride to take over your use of my words. And, Lord, please make my words count-not just for something, but for You and your purpose. If I have made promises and broken them, I ask your forgiveness. Protect me when I speak. I do not want to be a Humpty Dumpty, making words mean whatever I please. Teach me your Word so I can speak it in love. In Jesus name, amen.

## **Love:Our Love for God-Oct 27**

*The Four Loves,*  
Chap. 2, para. 9, p. 30-31.

Morally principles (conjugal fidelity, filial piety, gratitude, and the like) may preserve the relationship for a lifetime. But where Need-love is left unaided we can hardly expect it not to “die on us” once the need is no more. That is why the world rings with the complaints of mothers whose grown-up children neglect them and of forsaken mistresses whose lovers’ love was pure need-which they have satisfied. Our Need-love for God is in a different position because our need of Him can never end either in this world or in other period but our awareness of it can, then the Need-love dies too.

Heavenly Father, Lewis’s description of Need-love for God is beautifully penned. If I have neglected my Need-love with You, Lord, I am so sorry. My lips tell others that I am a Christ follower. May my heart be filled with God-love to restore the special union only You and I can have. Only You and I, together Lord, can fill our Need-love for eternity. When I make a daily, conscious effort to place myself in a Need-love relationship with You, I will be fulfilled. Then, heaven will come down and glory will fill my soul.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **Our Need for God-Oct 28**

*The Four Loves,*

Chap. 1, para. 7, pp. 13-14

Our whole being by its very nature is one vast need; incomplete, preparatory, empty yet cluttered, crying out for Him who can untie things that are now knotted together and tie up things that are still dangling loose

Heavenly Father, yes, Lord, I am incomplete without You. Thank You for completing me.

Yes, today is preparing me for tomorrow, and my tomorrows will prepare me for eternity.

Thank You for preparing me for my future.

Yes, my life is empty without your presence. Thank You, Lord, for your presence.

Yes, Lord, my life is cluttered with the unnecessary. Thank You for removing clutter. Help me do the same.

When my life is in knots, untie them with your love, Lord. I am crying out to You. Loose me from things that are still dangling. God, my whole being needs You to steady my course so that I will soar as an eagle.

In Jesus name, amen.

## Smoking-Oct 29

*Letters of C.S. Lewis*

(13 MARCH 1956),

Para. 1, p. 267

You'll find my views about drinks in *Christian Behavior* (see *Mere Christianity*, bk.3, chap.2)...Smoking is much harder to justify. I'd like to give it up but I'd find this hard, i.e. I can abstain, but I can't concentrate on anything else while abstaining-not smoking is a whole time job.

Heavenly Father, release me or any member of my family or friends from addictions. These chemicals are ruining your temple, the home of your Holy Spirit. They are robbers seeking to destroy bodies and minds. Make them as oil and water, unable to kill. Send angels to minister. Jesus, block all powers of darkness that are introduced through these chemicals. God, You are our help in time of trouble. Trouble, go-never to return as Jesus delivers.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Spiritual Growth-Oct 30**

*Prince Caspian,*  
Chap. 10, p.136.

“Welcome, child,” he said.

“Aslan,” said Lucy, “you’re bigger.”

“That is because you are older, little one.” Answered he.

“Not because you are?”

“I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger.”

Heavenly Father, I’m so thankful that I am still your child. I am growing and seeing just how big You are. My, what a big God I serve! You have always surpassed my expectations. Thank You for encouraging me with your love. You give me your grace and faith and hope. With those I am saved, I walk in your ways, I even expect miracles. I could fill this entire book with the divine provisions You have sent and will continue to send me every year-as I grow to be more like You.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## **Tribulation-Oct 31**

*Letters of C.S. Lewis*  
(2 September 1949),  
Para. 2, p. 219.

God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain.

Heavenly Father, When times are hard and tribulation seems to be the victor, I will muster my courage and keep my eyes fixed upon You, Jesus. In You, I have the victory. Heal my wounds. Refresh me and make me white as snow.

In Jesus name,  
Amen