

# Amen: 40 Days of Prayer

## The Goodness of God

*If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

*John 15:7 (New International Version)*

*For the LORD is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.*

*Psalms 100:5 (The Living Bible)*

### BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD...

1. God's plans for my life will always be good.

*"I know what I am planning for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."* Jeremiah 29:11 (New Century Version)

*You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people.* Genesis 50:20 (NCV)

2. God gives me what I need, not what I deserve.

*[God] does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. . . . [in His goodness] He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.* Psalm 103:10 – 12 (New Living Translation)

*Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness . . . . Wash away all my guilt; from my sin cleanse me.*

*Psalms 51:1 — 2 (New American Standard Bible)*

3. God puts my good above His own.

*I am the good shepherd. . . . I sacrifice my life for the sheep.* John 10:14 – 15 (NLT)

*Since [God] did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?* Romans 8:32 (NLT)

4. God does not say Yes to every request.

1.) If the request isn't right, God says, No.

2.) If the timing isn't right, God says, Slow.

3.) If I'm not right, God says, Grow.

4.) When everything is right, God says, Go!

*"You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him."*

Matthew 7:9-11 (NLT)

*We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.* Romans 8:28 (NLT)