

*Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands. Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. Psalm 119:129-133 (NIV)*

## **Panting For Your Word**

Look at me, my mouth is wide open. I am out of breath and panting for your word. You speak to me freely, yet I cannot hear enough of your word. Your word is wonderful. Your word is my delight. It is my joy to hear all that you want to say to me. You have my ears. You have my heart. You have my mind. You have all of me. My full attention is turned toward you. My focus is entirely on you. I am listening attentively to your word. I will obey all that you show me. I put into practice all that you teach me. **That is very good.**

**Why are you so ready and willing to obey me?** I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. You have blessed my life with your words. Your word has given light to my path. No longer will I stumble around in the darkness. I will follow your word as you guide my way through life. At one time, I had no wisdom. I did what I shouldn't have done. I went where I shouldn't have gone. I wandered away from you. I was lost and without hope in the world. But, you rescued me. You brought me to yourself. I did not deserve your mercy. I did not merit your forgiveness. Yet, you turned my life around. You gave me a new life of loving, following and serving you. **Yes, I did.**

**How has my word helped you? What more has my word done for you?** Your word has shown me what steps to take in life. Your word has shown me where to go and what to do for you. Your word has set me free. Sin no longer has power over me. Your word is guarding and guiding my life. Your word is making me able to live my life with and for you. Your word has set me on a new course. Your word has given me the wisdom to want to know and do your will. Your word has given me the desire to accomplish your purposes and plans. I now want to do what is pleasing to you. **That is very good.**

*Lord, my mouth is open. I am breathless and panting for more of your word. Your word has given me light and wisdom. I can't get enough. I long for more. I love you Lord! Guard and guide my life and my next steps by your word. Amen*

**Mouth** *Longing For Your Commands*

Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands. Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

NIV Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *Longing For Your Commands*

Your laws are wonderful. No wonder I obey them! The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand. I pant with expectation, longing for your commands. Come and show me your mercy, as you do for all who love your name. Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil.

NLT Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *Long For Your Commands*

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name. Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

NRSV Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *Longed For Your Commands*

Your testimonies are wonderful [far exceeding anything conceived by man]; therefore my [penitent] self keeps them [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]. The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple. I opened my mouth and panted [with eager desire], for I longed for Your commandments. Look upon me, be merciful unto me, and show me favor, as is Your way to those who love Your name. Establish my steps and direct them by [means of] Your word; let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

AMP Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *Longed For Your Commands*

Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul observes them. The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. I opened my mouth wide and panted, For I longed for Your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, After Your manner with those who love Your name. Establish my footsteps in Your word, And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.

NASB Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *I Long For Your Commands*

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

ESV Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *For I Longed For Your Commands*

Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them. The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments. Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name. Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.

NKJV Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *Wanted Your Commands*

Every word you give me is a miracle word— how could I help but obey? Break open your words, let the light shine out, let ordinary people see the meaning. Mouth open and panting, I wanted your commands more than anything. Turn my way, look kindly on me, as you always do to those who personally love you. Steady my steps with your Word of promise so nothing malign gets the better of me.

MSG Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *Wait Expectantly For Each Of Your Commands*

Your laws are wonderful; no wonder I obey them. As your plan unfolds, even the simple can understand it. No wonder I wait expectantly for each of your commands. Come and have mercy on me as is your way with those who love you. Guide me with your laws so that I will not be overcome by evil.

TLB Psalm 119:129-133

**Mouth** *Want To Learn Your Commands*

Your rules are wonderful. That is why I keep them. Learning your words gives wisdom and understanding for the foolish. I am nearly out of breath. I really want to learn your commands. Look at me and have mercy on me as you do for those who love you. Guide my steps as you promised; don't let any sin control me.

NCV Psalm 119:129-133

# Longing For Your Commands

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mouth** – Psalm 119:129-133

**In Context:** *Read Psalm 119*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Psalm 119:129-133

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, my mouth is open. I am breathless and panting for more of your word. Your word has given me light and wisdom. I can't get enough. I long for more. I love you Lord! Guard and guide my life and my next steps by your word. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What have you found to be so wonderful about God's word?

How has the Lord strengthened your desire to obey Him and His word?

**When do you allow the Lord to unfold His word to you?**

How has God's word given you light by which to live your life?

**What is about God's word that leaves your mouth wide open, breathless and panting for more?**

When has God's word given you wisdom to know what next step to take in life?

**How has God's powerful word guarded your life and made it possible that no sin will rule over you?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord do unfold His word to you on a daily basis.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will accomplish His purposes in your life as He unfolds His word to you.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your hunger for God and His word is growing.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May your mouth be wide open, panting and breathless waiting for God's word to speak to you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, my mouth is wide open, panting and breathless waiting for your word to speak to me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to use your word to speak to me today?*

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