

*I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:1-3 (NIV)*

## **My Strength**

I am so glad that you are my strength. **Why is that?** I know that I am weak. In the past, when I was younger and dumber, I thought that I was strong. I thought that I could face every difficulty and overcome every problem. It didn't take long for life to convince me otherwise. **How so?** I have had crushing defeats and significant setbacks. They have been my insightful but unwelcome teachers. I have gone through trouble and experienced difficulties that only you could have solved. In the midst of pain and suffering I have cried out to you. I am no fan of pain and suffering, but I would have to say that I have learned to cry out in prayer to you in my most painful and darkest moments. **That's good.** You have never left me alone. You have never abandoned me in my troubles. You have been near to me when I have been brokenhearted. I have felt your nearness. I have experienced your closeness. You have been with me to comfort me. You have lifted me up and carried when I have been sure that I could go no further. **How valuable are those lessons?** Beyond compare. Knowing that you love and care for me is far beyond priceless. You have been my strength. You are my fortress, rock and deliverer. You have been my refuge and shield. You have saved me from out of my troubles. You have delivered me from all my fear. I know, without a doubt, that I can trust you. I know, with certainty, that I can hold on to you because you are holding on to me. You will never let me go. **Yes, I have done all these things for you. Yes, I am all these things to you. You can cry out to me. I will hear your prayers. I will be with you to help you every step of your way through life. I have a hold of you. I will never let you go.** Thank you, Lord. My only response to you is one of praise and thanksgiving. You deserve all the honor and praise and glory. As long as I have breath within me, I will joyfully give all my thanks and praise to you. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. You are so good and kind and merciful to me. You hear my cry and answer my prayers. Thank you for being my rock and refuge, shield and strength and deliverer. All my thanks and praise go to you. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call To The Lord*

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

NIV Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call Upon The Lord*

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

ESV Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call On The Lord*

I love you, LORD; you are my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies.

NLT Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call Upon The Lord*

I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

NKJV Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call Upon The Lord*

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies.

NRSV Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Where I Run For Dear Life*

A David song, which he sang to God after being saved from all his enemies and from Saul. I love you, GOD—you make me strong. GOD is bedrock under my feet, the castle in which I live, my rescuing knight. My God—the high crag where I run for dear life, hiding behind the boulders, safe in the granite hideout. I sing to GOD, the Praise-Lofty, and find myself safe and saved.

MSG Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call Upon The Lord*

I LOVE You fervently *and* devotedly, O Lord, my Strength. The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my keen *and* firm Strength in Whom I will trust *and* take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower. I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

AMP Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Cry To Him*

Lord, how I love you! For you have done such tremendous things for me. The Lord is my fort where I can enter and be safe; no one can follow me in and slay me. He is a rugged mountain where I hide; he is my Savior, a rock where none can reach me, and a tower of safety. He is my shield. He is like the strong horn of a mighty fighting bull. All I need to do is cry to him—oh, praise the Lord—and I am saved from all my enemies!

TLB Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call Upon The Lord*

"I love You, O LORD, my strength." The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

NASB Psalm 18:1-3

**Becoming Like Christ** *Call To The Lord*

I love you, LORD. You are my strength. The LORD is my rock, my protection, my Savior. My God is my rock. I can run to him for safety. He is my shield and my saving strength, my defender. I will call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I will be saved from my enemies.

NCV Psalm 18:1-3

# Call To The Lord

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

**Becoming Like Christ** – Psalm 18:1-3

**In Context:** *Read Psalm 18*

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

Lord, I love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. You are so good and kind and merciful to me. You hear my cry and answer my prayers. Thank you for being my rock and refuge, shield and strength and deliverer. All my thanks and praise go to you. Amen

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

Why can you be sure that the Lord will hear your prayers when you cry out to Him?

**What prayers are you now praying to the Lord as you rely on Him for His help in life?**

When has the Lord grabbed ahold of you and lifted you out of some great trouble?

**When has the Lord given you strength to overcome something that was far too strong for you?**

How has the Lord been a refuge and shield of protection for you against all the evil that is in the world?

**How are you being very careful to live a life that is good and right and pleasing to the Lord?**

What praise and thanks would you like to offer Lord right now for His being your rock and refuge, shield and strength?

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

Give thanks and praise to the Lord for His being your rock and refuge, shield and strength and deliverer.

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

Have faith that you can rely on the Lord to be your rock and refuge, shield and strength and deliverer?

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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 thankful you are for the Lord delivering out of troubles in life.

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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 you make your needs known to the Lord by asking Him for His help.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will make my needs known to you by asking for your help.*

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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 can I make my needs known to you by asking for your help today?*

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