

God is good. That's easy to say when God does what we ask. It's harder when He doesn't. But God is always good and everything He does is good. Trust Him.

When you pray to a God who is good . . .

Acknowledge His goodness. *You are good and what you do is good* (Psalm 119:68).

Be thankful. *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever* (1 Chronicles 16:34).

Ask for blessing. *Do good to your servant according to your word, O Lord* (Psalm 119:65).

Remember that He cares about everyone. *The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made* (Psalm 145:9).

Appeal to His goodness. *Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord* (Psalm 25:7).

Believe that He works for the good of those who love Him. *You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good* (from Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20).

Ask Him to help you learn from hardship. *It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees* (Psalm 119:71).

If you are discouraged, ask Him to give you a sign of his goodness (Psalm 86:17).

Pay attention to His goodness. *Taste and see that the Lord is good* (Psalm 34:8).

Ask Him for good gifts. *If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him* (Matthew 7:11).

Praise Him. *How great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty* (Zechariah 9:17).