

**The God We Are Talking To**  
**40 Days of Prayer - Part 3**  
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**Your understanding of what God is really like shapes everything else in your life, including how you pray. --Rick Warren**

**Psalm 100:5 (NIV)** For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Because God is always good...**

- 1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ will always be good.**  
**Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NCV)** "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. Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you."  
**Romans 8:28 (NLT)** And 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.  
**Genesis 50:20 (GNT)** You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened.
- 2. God gives me what I need, \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Psalm 103:10-12 (NIV)** He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
**Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)** (Jesus) understands our weakness, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throng of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

- 3. God put my good \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**John 10:14-15 (NLT)** I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me...So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.  
**Romans 8:32 (NLT)** Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?
- 4. He doesn't say \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Luke 11:11-13 (NLT)** You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? 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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.  
**Matthew 20:22 (NLT)** You don't know what you are asking.  
**Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)** "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."
- 5. He invites us to \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (NIV)** May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.  
**Psalm 23:6 (NIV)** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, then I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.