

UNLIMITED SUMMER SERIES

# THE SERENITY PRAYER—COMPLETE

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God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
Forever in the next.

Amen.

## **Be Content**

- “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.”
- Nothing happens without His approval. He is sovereign over all things. “I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” (Philippians 4:11)

## **Be Bold**

- “God grant me...courage to change the things I can.”
- “God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

## **Wisdom**

- “God grant me...wisdom to know the difference.”
- “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” (James 1:5)

## **The Time Is Now**

- “Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time.”
- “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:34)

## **God’s Will Be Done**

- “Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.”
- “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)

## **We Trust/God Restores**

- “Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will.”
- “Therefore, we have been justified (made right) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1)

## **Happiness/Hope**

- “That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.”
- “I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.” (Ecclesiastes 3:12)