## **Suggested Bible Verses**

# Some Suggested Bible Verses to use as your Confirmation Verse. Most of these verses use the English Standard Version (ESV). With the longer verses, you could also use just part of the passage.

## Gospels -- Faith

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-18

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

#### Matthew 5:43-45

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

#### Matthew 6:33-34

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

#### Matthew 7:7-8

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

#### Matthew 7:21

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

#### Matthew 7:24

According to your Faith, it shall be done unto you.

#### Matthew 9:29

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

#### Matthew 11:28-30

If you have faith as small as the mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

#### Matthew 17:20-21

All authority in heaven and earth has been given unto me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching to observe all I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always until the close of the age. Matthew 28:16-20

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life<sup>1</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. Mark 8:34-35

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45 NRSV

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:16

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

#### Luke 5:31-32

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6:38

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God."

#### John 1:1-2

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

#### John 1:12-13

The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly.

#### John 10:10

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

#### John 5:24

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

## I Am Sayings of Jesus (7)

I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except by me.

#### John 14:6

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. . . I know my sheep and they know me . . . My sheep listen to my voice. . . and they follow me. John 10:11,14

I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing.

#### John 15:5

I am the resurrection and the life. The ones who believes in me, will live, even though they die.

#### John 11:25

I am the Bread of life. The one how comes to me will never go hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.

#### John 6:35

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me, will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

#### John 14:12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

#### John 1:1-3

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

#### John 1:14

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

#### John 4:21-24

You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf.

John 5:39

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

#### John 14:2-3

## Acts

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

#### Acts 1:8

Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### Acts 2:38

For in him we live & move & have our being, as even some of your own poets have said Acts 17:28

## Romans

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, it is the power of salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is contained through faith for faith. As it is written, he who through faith is righteous, shall live.

#### Romans 1:16-17

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

#### Romans 3:23-24

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

#### Romans 5:1-3 NRSV

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

#### Romans 5:6-8

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Romans 6:23

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

#### Romans 8:1–3

If God can be for us, who can be against us? **Romans 8:31** 

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

#### Romans 12:1-3

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

#### Romans 12:9-10

If it be possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

#### Romans 12:18

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

#### Romans 12:21

None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him"-

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

#### I Corinthians 2:8-10

We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up while love builds up. I Corinthians 8:8

## Galatians & Ephesians

It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

For freedom Christ has set you free, stand fast therefore and do not again submit to the yoke of slavery.

#### Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set you free. Stand fast therefore and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

#### Galatians 5:1

For you were called to freedom brothers, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity of the flesh; rather be servants of one another.

#### Galatians 5:13

The entire law is summed up in one command: love your neighbor as yourself. Galatians 5:14 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

#### Ephesians 2:8-10

Now glory be to God who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of.

#### Ephesians 3:20

## Philippians, Colossians & Timothy

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not count equality with God something to be grasped. But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

#### Philippians 2:5

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

#### Philippians 4:13

And my God will supply every need to yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

#### Colossians 3:15-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

#### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### Hebrews

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

#### Hebrews 4:12

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of the things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

#### Hebrews 12:1-2

So we say with confidence, 'the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

#### Hebrews 13:6

#### James

Every good and perfect gift comes down from above, from the Father of Lights. James 1:17

Do not merely listen to the Word, do what it says.

#### James 1:22

Has God not chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom He promised those who love Him?

#### James 2:5

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

#### James 2:10 NRSV

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

#### James 4:6 and I Peter 5:6

Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

#### James 5:16

## **I** Peter

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### I Peter 2:9-10

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. I Peter 2:16

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

#### l Peter 3:15

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. I Peter 4:8

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

I Peter 4:10

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

#### I Peter 5:6 & James 4:6

Cast all your anxieties upon the Lord, for He cares about you.

#### I Peter 5:7

## Revelation

I am the Alpha and the Omega, (the first and the last, the beginning and the end), who was, is and is to come, the Almighty.

#### Revelation 1:8

The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

#### Revelation 3:5-6

Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him and he with me.

#### Revelation 3:20

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. **1 John 4:7-8** 

## Old Testament

Joseph said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what I now being done, to save many lives.

#### Genesis 50:20

"You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth."

#### Deuteronomy 8:17-18a

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

#### 2 Chronicles 7:14

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless[a] toward him.

#### 2 Chronicles 16:9

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

As a man thinks, so he is.

#### Proverbs 23:7 KJV

### Psalms

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim his handiwork.

Psalm 19:1

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

#### Psalm 19:14"

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff- they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will see after, to live in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

#### Psalm 27:4

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

I life up my eyes unto the hills; from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord!

#### Psalm 121:1

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

#### Psalm 51:10-12

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them";

#### Ecclesiastes 12:1

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. **12** Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. **13** When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. **Jeremiah 29:11-13** 

## Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. **29** He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. **30** Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; **31** but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

#### Isaiah 40:28-31 NRSV

Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

#### Isaiah 41:10

Because of the Lord's great loved, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

#### Lamentation 3:22-23

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin. Zechariah 4:10 NLT

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

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