

JOHN WESLEY'S SLOTH PRAYER ©2014 DianaDee Osborne page 1 of 1

LYRICS

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dedicated to LORD God, 19 October 2014
Album: Amazing Power 'n' Prayers
Lyrics are closely based upon John Wesley's journal prayer
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*"Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness,
and all dejection of spirit.
I know these cannot but deaden my love to thee;
mercifully free my heart from them,
and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit;
that I may vigorously perform whatever thou commandest,
thankfully suffer whatever thou choosest for me, and
be ever ardent to obey in all things thy holy love." – John Wesley (1703-1791)*

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Deliver me, I pray, oh God, from a sloth-full mind.
Deliver me from lukewarm-ness, and a dejected spirit.
I know these cannot but deaden my love to YOU, my Lord.

CHORUS

With these prayer words of John Wesley,
I pray, LORD: Please deliver me, from
temptations to be lazy. Deliver me from sloth so I will serve Thee!

[interlude]

Use me for Your Kingdom, LORD! Use me for Your Kingdom, LORD!
Use me for Your Kingdom, LORD!

2

Mercifully free my heart from sloth and lukewarm-ness.
Please free my heart from dejection. Give me a lively Spirit.
Give me a zealous and active heart that love to do whatever You command.

CHORUS

3

Thankfully shall I suffer whatever You choose for me.
I choose to obey and serve You, with ARDENT love in all things.
Give me a zealous and active heart that obeys Your Holy love in all things.

CHORUS

Song Story. I've had this prayer on my wall for years; have started sketching out song lyrics several times. For the first time, God helped me to see a chorus in the prayer words. I finished sketching the final form of John Wesley's prayer on Thursday, wrote AND recorded the instrument tracks on Thursday night & Friday morning (along with RAIN DANCE THANKS song). We recorded the song Friday afternoon and it was on the World Wide Web within 48 hours of being written. THIS IS GOD, Not "DianaDee"!