

Thank you for joining together with other brothers and sisters in our church and in the body of Christ wherever they may be to commit to spend time each day to pray for the next 150 days.

Remember the goal for the next 150 days is to use God's word to shape your prayer life to have a more meaningful and deeper love of God. Jesus taught us to love God with all our being(heart, mind, body, and strength) and what better way to do that than to have a better communion with God in prayer where we not only speak but we also listen.

This guide is only offered as a suggestion for how to begin, to maybe keep us all on the same Psalms each day and that God would be pleased that we are in unity praying the Bible. Please do not let this keep you from reading and praying as God leads you. Holy Spirit is with you individually and will guide you in your prayer.

Week 2

Psalms 8 to 14

Psalm 8 Monday

Suggested verses.

Psalm 8:title-9

To the Choirmaster: According to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

¹ O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

- When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

- the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (ESV)

Some Thoughts

Do we stop and ponder the word majestic and what that means? Then applying that to God are we moved by majesty. Names are often chosen to be descriptive and have a meaning. God's name I AM says a lot about Him especially when applied to nature and creation. The Sun, Moon, and stars radiate the majesty of God as he declares to all, I AM the Creator.

In God's plan for eternity mankind was to care for creation but because of sin we have neglected that duty. In eternity we will again be given the New Heavens and the New Earth to care for throughout eternity.

A Possible Prayer

God I can be very shortsighted and narrow minded sometimes, ignoring the voice of creation that declares your majesty. Give me eyes God that look at your creation and see You majestic and more beautiful than all you have created. Give me eyes to look at my life and see your majesty in that I was worth the sacrifice Jesus made not because of my value but because you value me.

Psalm 9 Tuesday

Suggested verses

Psalm 9:1-2

- ¹ I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- ² I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

(ESV)

Psalm 9:13-14

Be gracious to me, O LORD!
See my affliction from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,
that I may recount all your praises,
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion

I may rejoice in your salvation.

(ESV)

Some Thoughts

Count your blessings is intended to not see what is missing but instead to see all that we have been given. The world is filled with strife and brokenness and sin is rampant in the world. But to God's people we have the promise of His care and the provision for our needs.

God has done great things for us and we must remember that always in our prayers.

A Possible Prayer

God help me today to not focus on what I do not have and desire the world's ways to get what I want. Instead, God let me stand on the truth that you will prevail and the Kingdom to come is far greater than any kingdom of earth.

Let me never forget that my place in your Kingdom came in the salvation of Jesus on the cross.

Psalm 10 Wednesday

Suggested Verses

Psalm 10:1

Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

(ESV)

Psalm 10:12

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.

(ESV)

Some Thoughts

God is not against us coming to Him with the hard question of "Why." This Psalm is a prayer of why. God is not being accused of neglecting the needs of His people. Instead, the tone is one of the injustices of the world and the prosperity of the wicked are a burden that is tearing at their faith. To be able to remain faithful and overcome this burden the Psalmist seeks to know why.

A Possible Prayer

God there are many times when the walk of faith is a burden that is far to heavy. I see the unbelieving world prospering and living well not struggling and it can make me want to give up. Will you help me God to understand at a deeper level your ways. This will grow my faith. Let me never feel alone because you are not far off but right here in this moment with me.

Psalm 11 Thursday

Suggested Verses

Psalm 11:4-7

⁴ The LORD is in his holy temple;

the LORD's throne is in heaven;

his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

⁵ The LORD tests the righteous,

but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

⁶ Let him rain coals on the wicked;

fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

⁷ For the LORD is righteous;

he loves righteous deeds;

the upright shall behold his face.

(ESV)

Some Thoughts

The verse that God sees everything, yet His eyelids test us. He gives the sense at times that he is not looking. We know the phrase that when the cat's away the mice will play. God wants to see how we will respond according to our faith if we think he is not looking. Will we continue the path ahead of us when we cannot see but must trust him or will we turn to the left or the right when we think God is not present or God is not nearby.

Possible Prayer

God help me to be always faithful. When I seem alone renew in me the spirit to know you are near. Do not let me be overcome by the lies that I hear from my own heart. When I perceive you to be far away let my faith and trust be renewed to know you presence even more.

Psalm 12 Friday

Suggested Verses

Psalm 12:1-2

- ¹ Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
- ² Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

(ESV)

Psalm 12:6

The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

(ESV)

Some Thoughts

Lies and truth. The world gives us many voices telling us all the things we want to hear. But what we need is the voice of truth telling us a different story. The words that are pure. The words of God. We need to hunger and thirst for these words.

A Possible Prayer

God it is so tempting to want to compromise my faith. To partake of the delicacies of this life. They are so temptations from the simple times of hanging out with friends to the greed for more pleasures of this life. Let me be content to be needy in the world but rich in Heaven.

Psalm 13 Saturday

Suggested Verses

Psalm 13:title-6

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- ³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- ⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

(ESV)

Some Thoughts

Because we struggle with what we know exists but can't be seen and what can be seen but we know is wrong our trust in God waivers. We have sorrow because we feel even God has abandoned us. The unbelieving world adds to this by continuing to console us with things we can see and feel yet never satisfy the soul. What our soul needs is to be in the presence of God. To sing for God.

A Possible Prayer

God help me today to not give in to my own physical desires. God let me trust in you and hold firm in my faith. Let me overcome the enemies of my heart and doubts I have and trust in your steadfast love. Let me sing the song of my soul.

Psalm 14 Sunday

Suggested Verses

Psalm 14:title-2

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. OF DAVID.

- The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.
- The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

(ESV)

Some Thoughts

God looks down from Heaven on His world. Holy Spirit is present in this world. God sees the foolish and the faithful. When he looks at us who does he see? A seeker or a fool? Fools speak that there is no God. Even if they do not have the courage to say so they feel it in their hearts.

A Possible Prayer

God help me to be the seeker and not the fool. When you look at me, am I living a life of faith in you and with you. My life is influenced by foolish people who are not living as a seeker but help me to live committed to you God and your promise to me.