

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 – 10

Psalm 34 (ESV)

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those
who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help,
the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

²⁰ He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

REVERENCE - *God's Praiseworthy Attributes:*

- Worthy of blessing – always! – v. 1
- Worthy of praise – continually! – v. 1
- Worthy of our boasting! – v. 2
- Our source of gladness – v. 2
- Worthy to be magnified and exalted – v. 3
- Answers/hears our prayers – v. 4, 6,15,17
- Delivers from all fear – v. 4
- Makes us radiant and free from shame – v. 5
- Saves/delivers us out of trouble/affliction – v. 6,17,19,20,22
- Protects and delivers – v. 7
- To be feared – v. 7,9,11
- Good – v. 8, 12
- Refuge – v. 8
- Provides all good things – v. 9,10
- Guards our tongue/lips – v. 13
- Source of peace – v. 14
- Attends to the righteous/makes us righteous – v. 15
- Judges evil – v. 16, 21, 22
- Ministers to the brokenhearted/crushed – v. 18
- Delivers from condemnation – v. 22

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- I will bless/praise You Lord even when_____.
- I boast in You Lord because You are_____.
- I praise You Lord because You have delivered me from the fear of_____.
- I praise You Lord because You delivered me from trouble when_____.
- Lord, I thank You that I tasted of Your goodness when_____.
- Lord, I fear/reverence You because You_____.

RESPONSE

- I confess that my lips have recently spoken evil when I _____.
Cleanse and restore me Lord.
- I confess my temptation to act deceitfully especially when_____.
- I confess my need to seek and pursue peace in my relationship with _____ (name). Help me obey you in seeking reconciliation with them today.

REQUESTS

- Help me to sincerely praise You Lord today, even when_____.
- Because You encamp around me, I pray that You will deliver me from_____.
- Because You encamp around us, I pray that You will deliver _____ (name) from_____.
- Give me the conviction and power to speak truthfully this week as I_____.
- Give me grace to seek and pursue peace this week as I_____.
- Because You are good, I seek You for refuge today from_____.
- I pray that _____ (name) will sense Your nearness today as they are brokenhearted over_____.

READINESS

- Lord, I am trusting You today to deliver me from_____.
- Lord, today, I will trust You to do battles against unrighteousness in the culture, specifically _____, as I take refuge in You.
- Lord, give me grace to rise above any temptation to speak evil or deceit, especially when_____.

Monthly Prayer Focus: "40 Days of Prayer for America."

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS

- Pray for a movement of God's Spirit across America that opens hearts to receive the gospel.
- Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall upon the church in America that would cause us to turn back to God and seek Him.
- Thank the Lord for His promise never to leave us or forsake us.