

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 17 – 23

PRAYER GUIDE: PSALM 25 (ESV)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

⁶ Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

¹² Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

¹⁴ The friendship^[b] of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

²⁰ Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

²² Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles

REVERENCE

God's praiseworthy attributes:

He is...

- The Sovereign One – v. 1
- Rest for the weary soul – vv. 1-3, 16-20
- A wise Father – v. 4
- Faithful and true – v. 5
- The One who saves us – v. 5
- Merciful – v. 6
- Love – v. 5
- Willing to forgive sinners – v. 7
- Good and upright – vv. 7-8
- One who gives grace to the humble – vv. 9, 12, 14
- Intimate with us in revealing His heart – v. 14
- Mighty to save – vv. 16-20
- Our refuge – v. 20
- Righteous – v. 21
- Our greatest need – v. 21
- Redeemer of His people – v. 22

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- I praise You that You are sovereign over...
- I praise You that You are able to give rest to my soul even in the midst of...
- Thank You that even now you are working to save me from...
- I praise You for your mercy...
- I praise You for your steadfast love, evidenced in...
- Thank you for being my refuge when...

RESPONSE

- Because you are both sovereign and good, I trust you to fulfill your good purposes for me, even in the midst of _____. (vv. 2, 8)
- I confess that my sins are many (v.7, 11)...
- I confess that my soul at times does not abide in well-being for I fear _____ more than I fear you (vv.12-13).
- I confess my tendency to be prideful when _____. Cleanse and empower me in truth, and give me grace to make this right with others (vv. 9, 12, 14).

REQUESTS

- Because you are a wise Father, give me wisdom and guidance for...
- I pray that _____ will receive the blessing and righteousness of Your salvation from the power of sin by turning to Christ in true faith and worship.
- Teach me to fear you above all so that...
- Because You are sovereign and mighty, I trust You to...
- Forgive me for...
- Help me to extend your mercy, grace and forgiveness to _____.

READINESS

- As I wait for you, let me not be put to shame in...
- Be my refuge from _____ today.
- Deliver _____ from the work of the enemy today.

Monthly Prayer Focus: "Targeted Prayers for Your Church"

POSSIBLE DEVOTIONAL FOCUS:

1. WOMEN'S MINISTRY (Titus 2:4,5; Proverbs 31:10; 1 Peter 3:4, 5; Psalm 45:11; Luke 10:38-42; Philippians 4:3)
2. MEN'S MINISTRY (Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Timothy 5:1; Ephesians 5:25, 6:4; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 27:6)
3. BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORKERS (1 Corinthians 16:15; 2 Corinthians 9:12-13; James 3:13; Ephesians 6:7)