

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 24 – 30

PRAYER GUIDE: PSALM 63 (ESV)

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

REVERENCE

God's praiseworthy attributes:

- You are the living God who reveals Himself to all who seek Him – v. 1
- Only You can completely satisfy our desires – v. 1
- You reward those who seek You v. 1-2,
- You are the God of all power and glory - v. 2
- You are seated in the heavens in majesty and power and authority. - v. 2
- You are powerful and glorious. No one can compare to you. - v. 2
- You rule the universe from Your heavenly sanctuary – v. 2
- Your love is perfect, steadfast & unconditional - v. 3
- You alone are worthy of praise v. 4
- You are our Helper - v. 7
- There is fullness of joy in Your wonderful presence – v. 7
- You are our strength and defense when the enemy attacks us - v. 8, 9
- You protect Your people – v. 9
- You delight in truth and justice - v. 11

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- My soul is satisfied in knowing that even when I _____ you still pursue me.
- Lord, I thank you for holding on to me when _____.
- Jesus, You displayed Your steadfast love for me when _____.
- Lord, I worship You because You are _____.

RESPONSE

- Lord, forgive me for looking for satisfaction in _____ instead of You.
- I confess that I do not hunger after You as I should.
- O, God help me when I start seeking for control and power to satisfy the longing you created in me for more of you.
- Father, I confess that I did/do not bless You when I _____.
- Help me to trust your powerful right hand to uphold me today when I _____.

REQUESTS

- Lord, cause _____ to thirst for You more.
- Overwhelm _____ with Your great love, grace & mercy.
- Help _____ to put away distractions to spend time with You.
- Lord, please save _____.
- Father, cause truth & justice to prevail in _____.
- Lord, give _____ Your power as they battle _____.
- Remind _____ that they don't have to carry their burden or cares (or anything else!) on their own, but that they can let you carry them.
- May you be all _____ desires.

READINESS

- Help me to turn to you today when I'm _____.
- Cause me to pause throughout the day to joyfully praise you.
- Grant me moments of stillness to meditate upon you and your goodness.
- In challenging moments that I'll face today, I pray Your glory would be my desire.
- Give me strength to praise you all day especially when I _____!

Monthly Prayer Focus: "Targeted Prayers for Your Church"

POSSIBLE DEVOTIONAL FOCUS:

1. OUTREACH/MISSIONS PROJECTS (Hebrews 13:16; Philippians 2:4; Colossians 1:7; Jude 1:23)
2. HELP FOR THE HURTING (Genesis 16:13; Romans 8:15; Isaiah 61:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
3. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD (Galatians 5:14; Proverbs 3:38; Isaiah 61:4; Jeremiah 29:7; Luke 10:5-6; Psalm 127:1)