

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21 - 27

PRAYER GUIDE: PSALM 37 (ESV)

Of David.

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!

² For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.^[b]

⁴ Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his
way,

over the man who carries out evil devices!

⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the
land.

¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be
there.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.

¹² The wicked plots against the righteous
and gnashes his teeth at him,

¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that his day is coming.

¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose way is upright;

¹⁵ their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ Better is the little that the righteous has
than the abundance of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

¹⁸ The Lord knows the days of the blameless,
and their heritage will remain forever;

¹⁹ they are not put to shame in evil times;
in the days of famine they have abundance.

²⁰ But the wicked will perish;
the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the
pastures;

they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

²¹ The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;

²² for those blessed by the Lord^[c] shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.

²³ The steps of a man are established by the Lord,
when he delights in his way;

²⁴ though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the Lord upholds his hand.

²⁵ I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children begging for bread.

²⁶ He is ever lending generously,
and his children become a blessing.

²⁷ Turn away from evil and do good;
so shall you dwell forever.

²⁸ For the Lord loves justice;
he will not forsake his saints.

They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land
and dwell upon it forever.

³⁰ The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks justice.

³¹ The law of his God is in his heart;
his steps do not slip.

³² The wicked watches for the righteous
and seeks to put him to death.

³³ The Lord will not abandon him to his power
or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.

³⁴ Wait for the Lord and keep his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.

³⁵ I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,
spreading himself like a green laurel tree.^[d]

³⁶ But he passed away,^[e] and behold, he was no
more;

though I sought him, he could not be found.

³⁷ Mark the blameless and behold the upright,
for there is a future for the man of peace.

³⁸ But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

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REVERENCE

God's praiseworthy attributes:

- Protects and provides for his people. – vv. 1-4
- Worthy of praise. – vv. 3, 18, 20, 22, 40
- God is our refuge. – vv. 22, 24, 40
- He is trustworthy and righteous. – vv. 3, 5, 29, 39
- Protects us from evil. – vv. 9, 20, 22, 28
- Watches over his people. – vv. 11, 18, 23, 32, 33
- Delivers from all fear. – vv. 34, 39, 40
- Delivers us out of trouble. – vv. 39, 40
- Has an inheritance for his people. – vv. 18, 22, 29
- Source of peace. – v. 37
- He is holy. – vv. 17, 40

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- Lord, I praise you in the midst of my problems because you are _____.
- Thank you for protecting my family from evil...
- I worship you for being my provider...
- I praise you Lord because You have delivered me from...
- I praise you because you have an inheritance for me...
- Thank you for being my refuge...
- Lord, I fear/reverence You because You...

RESPONSE

- I confess I do not trust you when...
- I confess that I am becoming weary...
- I confess my faith gets weak when...
- I confess that I want to strike back at my enemies...
- I confess my anger to you...

REQUESTS

- Lord turn my worry into worship...
- Lord help me to pray for my enemies...
- Help me to be patient with....
- Help me to stop leaning on my own understanding...
- Give me grace to seek and pursue peace this week with...
- Teach me how to turn to you in my time of need...
- Teach me how to be patient and refrain from anger...

READINESS

- Lord, I am trusting you in spite of...
- Lord, I will trust you to provide for ...
- Lord, give me grace not to fear...
- Lord, I will trust you and be patient in...

Monthly Prayer Focus: "Revolution on our Knees" **30 Days of Prayer for Neighbors and Nations**

POSSIBLE PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask God to give you greater joy as you serve Him.
- Ask God to make you a fruitful servant for His kingdom work.
- Ask God to show you how to extend hospitality to others in loving ways.