

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7 – 13

PRAYER GUIDE: PSALM 18:31-50 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

- ³¹ For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?—
³² the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.
³⁴ He trains my hands for war,
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand supported me,
and your gentleness made me great.
³⁶ You gave a wide place for my steps under me,
and my feet did not slip.
³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them,
and did not turn back till they were consumed.
³⁸ I thrust them through, so that they were not able to
rise; they fell under my feet.
³⁹ For you equipped me with strength for the battle;
you made those who rise against me sink under me.
⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me,
and those who hated me I destroyed.
⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was none to save;
they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.
- ⁴² I beat them fine as dust before the wind;
I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the people;
you made me the head of the nations;
people whom I had not known served me.
⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me;
foreigners came cringing to me.
⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart
and came trembling out of their fortresses.
⁴⁶ The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation—
⁴⁷ the God who gave me vengeance
and subdued peoples under me,
⁴⁸ who rescued me from my enemies;
yes, you exalted me above those who rose against
me;
you delivered me from the man of violence.
⁴⁹ For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to your name.
⁵⁰ Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.

REVERENCE

God's praiseworthy attributes:

- He is the one and only Lord God – v. 31
- He is our rock –v. 31,47
- He equips us with strength for the battles of life – vv. 32, 34, 39
- He makes us our way blameless (perfect/safe) – v. 32
- He provides security – v. 33
- He is the shield/source of our salvation – v. 35, 46,50
- He supports us – v. 35
- He is the source of all greatness – v. 35,43b
- He directs and protects our steps – v. 36
- He overcomes and delivers us from our enemies – vv. 37-45, 47-48
- He lives – v. 46
- He is worthy of our praise and songs – v. 49
- He shows his steadfast love forever – v. 50

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- We praise You that You are our Rock when...
- Thank You that You are our security, especially when the world...
- We praise You that You have saved us from...
- I praise You that You supported me when....
- We praise You that You are the source of all greatness because only You can...
- Thank You that You directed my steps when...
- We praise You that You overcome the enemy of...
- Because You live, I can...
- You are worthy of our praise because...
- Thank You that I am assured of Your steadfast love, especially when...

RESPONSE

- Because You are THE Lord God, I surrender my idol of...
- Even though You are my security, I confess that I often look to _____ instead.
- Even though You are the source of all greatness, I admit that I try to prove my own greatness when...
- I confess that I often try to fight the battles of life in my own strength when I rely on...

REQUESTS

- Because You are the Lord God, give me faith to believe that You can...
- Because You are my Rock I am trusting You for...
- I am trusting You to make my way safe today as I...
- I trust You to be my security as I deal with...
- I trust that today You will shield and save me from _____ .
- Give _____ (name) Your strength as they face the battle of...
- I pray that _____ (name) will trust Your right hand to support them as they...
- I pray You will support our church leaders today as they...
- I pray that You will direct and protect the steps of _____ (name) as they...
- Help our church trust You as the source of all true greatness as we...
- I pray You will overwhelm _____ (name) with Your steadfast love today as they...

READINESS

- Equip me today with strength as I face the enemy of...
- Equip us with strength as we encounter _____ in this world.
- Individual verbal declarations: We know You can deliver us from the enemy of...

Antiphonal response:

- Men: The Lord lives! Blessed be our Rock! Women: We exalt the God of our salvation!

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

POSSIBLE PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask God to pour out a spirit of bold prayer upon every congregation.
- Ask God to show Himself powerful in the midst of the nations so that lost peoples will bow down and worship Him alone.
- Ask God to set you free from fear and timidity in spiritual matters.