

# PRAYER GUIDE

## WEEK OF JULY 25 – AUGUST 7

### Psalm 45 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;  
I address my verses to the king;  
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.  
<sup>2</sup> You are the most handsome of the sons of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips;  
therefore God has blessed you forever.  
<sup>3</sup> Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,  
in your splendor and majesty!  
<sup>4</sup> In your majesty ride out victoriously  
for the cause of truth and meekness and  
righteousness;  
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!  
<sup>5</sup> Your arrows are sharp  
in the heart of the king's enemies;  
the peoples fall under you.  
<sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.  
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of  
uprightness;  
<sup>7</sup> you have loved righteousness and hated  
wickedness.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;  
<sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and  
cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make  
you glad;

<sup>9</sup> daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of  
Ophir.  
<sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your  
ear:  
forget your people and your father's house,  
<sup>11</sup> and the king will desire your beauty.  
Since he is your lord, bow to him.  
<sup>12</sup> The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people.  
<sup>13</sup> All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with  
robes interwoven with gold.  
<sup>14</sup> In many-colored robes she is led to the king,  
with her virgin companions following behind her.  
<sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.  
<sup>16</sup> In place of your fathers shall be your sons;  
you will make them princes in all the earth.  
<sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be remembered in all  
generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

### REVERENCE - *God's Praiseworthy Attributes:*

- God fills our hearts with pleasantries – v. 1
- We have a King we can turn to – v. 1
- God pours out His grace on us – v. 2
- We are a blessed people – v. 2
- God pours out onto us truth, humility and justice – v. 4
- God's throne lasts forever – v. 6
- God's Kingdom is marked by righteousness – v. 6
- God loves righteousness (justice) – v. 7
- God hates wicked and evil things – v. 7
- God anoints us with the oil of gladness – v. 7
- All things of value and beauty belong to the Lord – vv. 8-13
- Just as a bride is united with the groom, so are we (the church) united with Christ (cf 2 Cor 11:2) – v. 14
- In unity with God is there joy and gladness – v. 15
- We have received a royal identity – v. 16
- God lifts up His people – v. 17
- He remembers the cry of the afflicted and needy – vv. 12, 13 & 18
- He is gracious when we call on Him – v. 12
- He lifts us up from death – v. 12
- He gives us joy in His salvation – v. 14
- He is the hope of the poor – vs. 18

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### POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

#### REVERENCE

- We are a blessed people because your name is \_\_\_\_\_.
- We praise you because you are our \_\_\_\_\_ (example: King, etc...).
- We exalt you, Lord, because your eternal nature lasts longer than \_\_\_\_\_.
- I lift up your name, Lord, because you poured out your grace on me even when I \_\_\_\_\_.

#### RESPONSE

- I confess Lord that I have not filled my heart with your pleasantries when I \_\_\_\_\_.
- I confess the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ (form of unrighteous) that stands in opposition to the things you love.
- I confess that I did not recognize my royal value when I fell prey/condemned to/in \_\_\_\_\_. (The Belgic Confession, Article 14, has a great comment on this that would be worth looking into. It reads concerning the fall of humanity, "and did not recognize their excellence.")

#### REQUESTS

- Help me to walk in truth, humility, and justice today as I \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because you lift up your people, would you lift up \_\_\_\_\_ as they endure...
- Fill me with joy today as I walk through \_\_\_\_\_.
- Would you help \_\_\_\_\_ see their value and beauty in your eyes as they struggle with...

#### READINESS

- Lord, I am submitting into your hands the evil desire of...
- Lord, I am trusting that you'll overflow me with your grace today, so that I can pour out your grace on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lord, fill my heart with the knowledge that I'm blessed by you as I walk through...

### **July Monthly Prayer Focus: 30 Days of Praying the Names and Attributes of God**

#### POSSIBLE PRAYER POINTS:

**God is full of grace.** *Ephesians 1:5-8*

**God is our Comforter.** *2 Corinthians 1:3,4*

**God is El-Shaddai.** "God Almighty." *Genesis 49:22-26*

**God is Father.** *Romans 8:15-17*

**God is the Church's head.** *Ephesians 1:22,23*

**God is our intercessor.** *Hebrews 4:14-16*

**God is Adonai.** "Master" or "Lord." *2 Samuel 7:18-20*

**God is Elohim.** "Strength" or "Power." *Genesis 17:7,8*