

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 17 – 23

Psalm 33 (ESV)

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

² Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;

¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

²¹ For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

²² Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

REVERENCE - *God's Praiseworthy Attributes:*

- Inspires/is worthy of our shouts of joy – vv. 1,3
- Imputes righteousness and uprightness – v. 1
- Worthy of praise – v. 1
- Worthy of thanksgiving – v. 2
- Inspires songs – v. 3
- Imparts skill- v. 3
- His word is upright – v. 3
- Faithful – v. 4
- Lover of righteousness and justice – v. 5
- Steadfast love – vv. 5,18,22
- Creator of all things – vv. 6, 9
- Superintends His creation – v. 7, 9
- To be feared – v. 8
- Awesome – v. 8
- Rules over the nations – v. 10
- Imparts his counsel/plans – v. 11

- Eternal – v. 11
- Source of blessing – v. 12
- Sovereign in His choosing – v. 12
- Rules/enthroned in heaven – vv. 14,15
- All seeing/knowing – vv. 13-15
- Fashions every heart – v. 15
- The only hope for salvation – vv. 16-17
- Attends to those who fear him – v. 18
- Our hope – vv. 18,22
- Our deliverer – v. 19
- Our sustainer – v. 19
- Our help – v. 20
- Our shield – v. 20
- Source of gladness – v. 21
- Trustworthy – v. 21
- Holy – v. 21

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- We shout to You Lord because _____ (various attributes and works).
- Thank You that Your upright word teaches me that_____.
- Thank You that You have always been faithful, especially when_____.
- I stand in awe of You because_____.
- Thank You that Your word helps me stand firm when_____.
- I praise You Lord for the assurance that You see me, especially when_____.
- We praise You that Your love is steadfast, even when_____.
- I praise You that You were my help and shield when_____.

RESPONSE

- Lord, I confess I have been unfaithful in_____.
- Father, because I know You love righteousness, I confess that I have not acted righteously when_____.
- Lord, because You love justice, I admit before You that I have too often been unfair toward and mistreated_____ (name).
- Father, I confess that I have too often trusted in _____ to meet my need, rather than Your steadfast love.

REQUESTS

- Because You are the creator and sustainer of the universe, I know I can trust You for_____.
- Lord, frustrate the plans of the enemy in the life of _____ (name).
- Lord, I need Your counsel right now as I_____.
- Lord, give Your counsel to our church leaders as they_____.
- Lord, I pray You will show the plans of Your heart to _____ (name) as they_____.
- Lord, I need You to again fashion my heart to be like Jesus, so that I will _____.
- Help me to place my hope in Your steadfast love as I a navigate my relationship with _____ (name).
- I pray for _____ (name) that You will deliver them from _____.
- Because Your name is _____, I will trust You for_____.

READINESS

- Lord, I will trust You – and not my own strength, as I face the challenge of_____.
- Lord, help me to wait on You, even when_____.
- I will hope in Your steadfast love, especially when I face_____ (specific trials, temptations, attacks).

Monthly Prayer Focus: "40 Days of Prayer for America."

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank the Lord for the freedom we have *in Him* and for the wisdom to understand that freedom.
- Pray for healing, peace and security to come to this nation
- Pray for the salvation of local and national government leaders.