

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 6

Psalm 4 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² O men,^[a] how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah

³ But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴ Be angry,^[b] and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"

⁷ You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

REVERENCE - *God's Praiseworthy Attributes:*

- Answers when we call – v. 1
- Righteous and the source of our righteousness – v. 1
- Provides relief in our distress – v. 1
- Gracious – v. 1
- Hears our prayers – v. 1
- Sets us apart to himself – 3
- Hears us when we call – v. 3
- Worthy of our sacrifices – v. 5
- Trustworthy –v.6
- Good – v. 6
- Looks upon us/shines his face – v. 6
- Light – v. 6
- Surpassing joy – v. 7
- Peace – v. 8
- Source of safety – v. 8

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- I praise you that you heard my prayer when _____ (v. 1)
- I praise you that you are righteous, and make me righteous, even though _____ (v. 1)
- I praise you that you provided relief in my distress when _____ (v. 1)

RESPONSE

- When the world seeks to _____ (see v. 2) – set my heart apart to You alone. (v. 3)
- When I struggle with anger over _____, let me trust You in a spirit of quiet surrender (vv. 4-5)

REQUESTS

- Lord, I give myself to You and trust You today for _____ (v. 5)
- Even though the world doubts Your goodness, let me seek and seek Your face, when I _____ (v. 6)
- I trust You for Your surpassing joy today, even though _____ (v. 7)

READINESS

- Even though I continue to encounter _____ (areas of spiritual battle), give me Your peace that provides surpassing rest and safety. (v. 8)

Monthly Prayer Focus: "31 Ways to Praise" (Attributes of God)

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS

- **The Only God.** "God I praise You because You are 'the Lord, and there is no other, apart from [You] there is no God'" (Is. 45:5)
- **The Everlasting Father, the Ancient of Days.** "I praise You, Lord, as the 'Ancient of Days' (Dan. 7:9), the 'Everlasting Father' (Is. 9:6), who lives forever and ever."
- **A God of Justice.** "Lord, I praise and magnify You, who is 'just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus'" (Ro. 3:26).