

# PRAYER GUIDE

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 – 18

### Psalm Luke 1:46-55 (ESV)

#### Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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

- The Lord – worthy of our praise – v. 46
- Source of joy – v. 47
- God our Savior – v. 47
- Blesses the humble – v. 48, 52
- Mighty – v. 49
- Does great things – v. 49
- Name is Holy – v. 49
- Merciful – v. 50, 54
- Eternal (generation to generation) – v. 50
- Strong – v. 51
- Scatters/humbles the proud – v. 51,52
- Fills the hungry soul – v. 53
- Good – v. 52
- Rejects the self-sufficient – v. 53
- Helps his servants – v. 54
- Speaks to his people – v. 55

## PRAYER GUIDE: LUKE 1:46-55

### POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

#### REVERENCE

- Lord, You are worthy of our praise because You are...
- I rejoice in You today because...
- Thank you for saving me from...
- Thank you that when I humbled myself, you blessed me with...
- You are so mighty that You are able to...
- I praise You for the great things You did when...
- Your name is holy because You are...
- Thank you for showing me mercy when...

#### RESPONSE

- Because You give grace to the humble and reject the proud, I confess \_\_\_\_\_ as an evidence of pride in my life.
- Because You fill the hungry with good things, I confess that I need a great hunger for...
- Because You send the rich away empty, I confess my tendency toward self-sufficiency, especially when...

#### REQUESTS

- Because You give mercy to those who fear You from generation to generation, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child/grandchild) will fear You and experience Your mercy.
- I pray that You will extend Your arm and give strength to \_\_\_\_\_ (name) as they...
- Because You fill the hungry soul with good things, I pray that You will fill \_\_\_\_\_ (name) with...
- Because You speak to Your people, I pray that You would speak to \_\_\_\_\_ (name) about...
- Because You speak to Your people, I pray that You would speak to me about...

#### READINESS

- As we engage a proud and self-sufficient world, we trust You to scatter the proud as You...
- As we face spiritual battles today, help us as Your servants so that we will...
- When we face \_\_\_\_\_ (temptations/trials) speak to us through Your word and remind us that...

### **Monthly Prayer Focus: "Christ in Christmas" (Advent Devotional)**

#### **POSSIBLE DEVOTIONAL FOCUS: *The Shepherds and the Angels***

Micah 5:2: *A Ruler Over Israel*

Genesis 3:15: *Your King is Coming*

Luke 1:1-25: *The Birth of John is Foretold*

#### **Meditation questions:**

1. What amazes you most about the Christmas story?
2. How is being amazed different from being afraid?