

# PRAYER GUIDE

## WEEK OF JANUARY 23 – 29

### PRAYER GUIDE: PSALM 63 (ESV)

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

<sup>9</sup> But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

<sup>10</sup> they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.

<sup>11</sup> But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

### REVERENCE

#### *God's praiseworthy attributes:*

- You are the living God who reveals Himself to all who seek Him – v. 1
- Only You can completely satisfy our desires – v. 1
- You reward those who seek You v. 1-2,
- You are the God of all power and glory - v. 2
- You are seated in the heavens in majesty and power and authority. - v. 2
- You are powerful and glorious. No one can compare to you. - v. 2
- You rule the universe from Your heavenly sanctuary – v. 2
- Your love is perfect, steadfast & unconditional - v. 3
- You alone are worthy of praise v. 4
- You are our Helper - v. 7
- There is fullness of joy in Your wonderful presence – v. 7
- You are our strength and defense when the enemy attacks us - v. 8, 9
- You protect Your people – v. 9
- You delight in truth and justice - v. 11

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### **POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:**

#### **REVERENCE**

- My soul is satisfied in knowing that even when I \_\_\_\_\_ you still pursue me.
- Lord, I thank you for holding on to me when \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus, You displayed Your steadfast love for me when \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lord, I worship You because You are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **RESPONSE**

- Lord, forgive me for looking for satisfaction in \_\_\_\_\_ instead of You.
- I confess that I do not hunger after You as I should.
- O, God help me when I start seeking for control and power to satisfy the longing you created in me for more of you.
- Father, I confess that I did/do not bless You when I \_\_\_\_\_.
- Help me to trust your powerful right hand to uphold me today when I \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **REQUESTS**

- Lord, cause \_\_\_\_\_ to thirst for You more.
- Overwhelm \_\_\_\_\_ with Your great love, grace & mercy.
- Help \_\_\_\_\_ to put away distractions to spend time with You.
- Lord, please save \_\_\_\_\_.
- Father, cause truth & justice to prevail in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lord, give \_\_\_\_\_ Your power as they battle \_\_\_\_\_.
- Remind \_\_\_\_\_ that they don't have to carry their burden or cares (or anything else!) on their own, but that they can let you carry them.
- May you be all \_\_\_\_\_ desires.

#### **READINESS**

- Help me to turn to you today when I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- Cause me to pause throughout the day to joyfully praise you.
- Grant me moments of stillness to meditate upon you and your goodness.
- In challenging moments that I'll face today, I pray Your glory would be my desire.
- Give me strength to praise you all day especially when I \_\_\_\_\_!

### **Monthly Prayer Focus: "Targeted Prayers for Your Church"**

#### **POSSIBLE DEVOTIONAL FOCUS:**

1. PROTECTION FROM THE ENEMY (John 17:15; Matthew 6:13 & 10:14; 1 John 4:1; 2 Corinthians 11:14 & 2:11)
2. HELP FOR THE HURTING (Genesis 16:13; Romans 8:15; Isaiah 61:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
3. LOVE/UNITY (1 Peter 1:22; John 13:34-35; Romans 15:5-7; Colossians 3:14)