

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 5

PRAYER GUIDE: PSALM 18:1-30 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

¹ I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.

³ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;^[a]

⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.

⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils,^[b]
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

¹¹ He made darkness his covering, his canopy
around him,
thick clouds dark with water.

¹² Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his
clouds.

¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.

¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.

¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my support.

¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

²⁰ The LORD dealt with me according to my
righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he
rewarded me.

²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²² For all his rules^[c] were before me,
and his statutes I did not put away from me.

²³ I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from my guilt.

²⁴ So the LORD has rewarded me according to my
righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his
sight.

²⁵ With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself
blameless;

²⁶ with the purified you show yourself pure;
and with the crooked you make yourself seem
tortuous.

²⁷ For you save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.

²⁸ For it is you who light my lamp;
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.

²⁹ For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;^[d]
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in
him.

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REVERENCE

God's praiseworthy attributes:

- He is deserving of our love – v. 1
- He is our strength, rock, fortress, deliverer, refuge, shield, horn of salvation, and stronghold – vv. 1-3,30
- He is worthy to be praised – v. 3
- He saves us from our enemies. – v. 3
- He hears our cries for help when we are in distress – vv. 4-6
- He demonstrates his power in nature – vv.7-15
- He draws us out of trouble – v.16
- He rescues us from strong enemies – v. 17
- He supports us in calamity – v 18
- He brings us to a broad place because He delights in us – v. 19
- He blesses our obedience – vv. 20-24
- He rewards people according to their true inner character – vv. 25-26
- He saves the humble and humbles the proud – v. 27
- He is our light in darkness – v 28
- He empowers us to do exploits – v. 29
- His way is perfect – v.30
- His word proves true – v. 30

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- Lord, I love You because...
- I praise You, Lord, that You gave me strength when...
- I praise You, Lord, that You are my strong rock when...
- I praise You, Lord, that You are my fortress when...
- I praise You, Lord, that You have delivered me from...
- I praise You, Lord, that You are my refuge when...
- I praise You, Lord, that You shield and protect me from...
- I praise You, Lord, that You have saved me from...
- I praise You, Lord, that You are my stronghold when I face...
- Lord, You are worthy of praise because...
- Lord, I witnessed Your power over nature when...
- Thank You, Lord, that Your word proved true in my life when...

RESPONSE

- Because You desire righteous and blameless living, I confess...
- I confess that I did not keep Your word before me when...
- Because You desire clean hands, I confess...
- Because You save a humble people, I surrender my pride in the area of...
- Because Your word is proves true, I commit to obey You when You say...

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REQUESTS

- Today, as I am in distress about _____, I call upon You to help me...
- Lord, please be my strong support today as I...
- Because You delight in me, I am trusting You to rescue me from...
- Today I am trusting in Your perfect ways and true word as I deal with...
- I pray for _____ (name) in their time of distress. Please help them to...
- Remind _____ (name) today that You delight in them and rescue them from...
- Help _____ (name) place their trust in Your perfect ways and true word as they...
- As _____ (name) puts their trust in You, please protect them from...

READINESS

- We trust You to save us from the enemy of...
Antiphonal group response: "You are worthy to be praised!"
 - When we face the strong enemy of _____ will trust You to rescue us.
 - Lord, be our light as we encounter the darkness of...
 - We will trust You to empower us to do great exploits when...
- You are our refuge and will protect us from...

Monthly Prayer Focus: "Revolution on our Knees"

30 Days of Prayer for Neighbors and Nations

POSSIBLE PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask God to begin a work of holiness in the lives of believers that creates a dramatic contrast to the darkness that surrounds us.
- Ask God to fill you with joy even in the midst of struggle and difficulty as a testimony to His power at work within you.
- Ask God to give you personally, fresh vision of His purposes at work within you.