

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JULY 24 –30

Psalm 45 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

²You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

³Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

⁴In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and
righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

⁵Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of
uprightness;

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated
wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and
cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make
you glad;

⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of
Ophir.

¹⁰Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your
ear:

forget your people and your father's house,

¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.

¹³All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with
robes interwoven with gold.

¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

¹⁵With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷I will cause your name to be remembered in all
generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

REVERENCE - *God's Praiseworthy Attributes:*

- God fills our hearts with pleasantries – v. 1
- We have a King we can turn to – v. 1
- God pours out His grace on us – v. 2
- We are a blessed people – v. 2
- God pours out onto us truth, humility and justice – v. 4
- God's throne lasts forever – v. 6
- God's Kingdom is marked by righteousness – v. 6
- God loves righteousness (justice) – v. 7
- God hates wicked and evil things – v. 7
- God anoints us with the oil of gladness – v. 7
- All things of value and beauty belong to the Lord – vv. 8-13
- Just as a bride is united with the groom, so are we (the church) united with Christ (cf 2 Cor 11:2) – v. 14
- In unity with God is there joy and gladness – v. 15
- We have received a royal identity – v. 16
- God lifts up His people – v. 17
- He remembers the cry of the afflicted and needy – vv. 12, 13 & 18
- He is gracious when we call on Him – v. 12
- He lifts us up from death – v. 12
- He gives us joy in His salvation – v. 14
- He is the hope of the poor – vs. 18

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- We are a blessed people because your name is _____.
- We praise you because you are our _____ (example: King, etc...).
- We exalt you, Lord, because your eternal nature lasts longer than _____.
- I lift up your name, Lord, because you poured out your grace on me even when I _____.

RESPONSE

- I confess Lord that I have not filled my heart with your pleasantries when I _____.
- I confess the sin of _____ (form of unrighteous) that stands in opposition to the things you love.
- I confess that I did not recognize my royal value when I fell prey/condemned to/in _____. (The Belgic Confession, Article 14, has a great comment on this that would be worth looking into. It reads concerning the fall of humanity, "and did not recognize their excellence.")

REQUESTS

- Help me to walk in truth, humility, and justice today as I _____.
- Because you lift up your people, would you lift up _____ as they endure...
- Fill me with joy today as I walk through _____.
- Would you help _____ see their value and beauty in your eyes as they struggle with...

READINESS

- Lord, I am submitting into your hands the evil desire of...
- Lord, I am trusting that you'll overflow me with your grace today, so that I can pour out your grace on _____.
- Lord, fill my heart with the knowledge that I'm blessed by you as I walk through...

July Monthly Prayer Focus: 30 Days of Praying the Names and Attributes of God

POSSIBLE PRAYER POINTS:

God is full of grace. *Ephesians 1:5-8*

God is our Comforter. *2 Corinthians 1:3,4*

God is El-Shaddai. "God Almighty." *Genesis 49:22-26*

God is Father. *Romans 8:15-17*

God is the Church's head. *Ephesians 1:22,23*

God is our intercessor. *Hebrews 4:14-16*

God is Adonai. "Master" or "Lord." *2 Samuel 7:18-20*

God is Elohim. "Strength" or "Power." *Genesis 17:7,8*