

Prayer Guide April 27-May 3

Introduction

Unfortunately, in our society, there are things that are legal that are not right. There are things presented as good, that are not good. There are things that are good, but when we place the wrong emphasis on them, even they can steal the most important thing of all. "There is a way that seems right but ends in death," (Proverbs 14:12). Only through the Word and prayer will we be able to know the truth and live a righteous life, honoring what God thinks more than what the world thinks. Help us Lord, to so value our time in your word, our time spent in talking to and listening to You, our time spent in praising and worshiping You, that we will do whatever it takes to have that time. May we delight ourselves in You.

Psalm 25:14 The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them his covenant.

Adoration and Praise

Part 1-Read the Psalm and praise and worship God for who He is.

Ascribe to the Lord Glory

A Psalm of David.

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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless His people with peace!

Job 37:4-5

After it his voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice, and He does not restrain the lightnings when His voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with His voice; 5 He does great things that we cannot comprehend...

- Lord, we recognize and praise You, that You are a God of glory and strength! (Ps. 29:1)
- We ascribe to You the glory due Your Name-that Your name is above all other names and we worship You in the splendor and the beauty of Your Holiness - that You are set apart, high above, supreme! (Ps. 29:2)
- Lord, we praise You that your authoritative voice proclaims Your dominion and power and strength over the waters and that You thunder with Your majestic voice, doing great things that we cannot comprehend! (Ps. 29:3; Job 37:4-5)
- We praise You, O Lord, that Your voice is so powerful, it can break the strong cedars of Lebanon. (Ps. 29:5)
- Lord, we praise You that You reveal Your power and glory to us through all your creation-Your creative masterpiece! (Ps. 29:3-9)
- We are in great awe of You, our great God to who we say, "Glory!" (Ps. 29:9)
- Lord, we praise You for You are the reigning, blessed King, enthroned above all as King forever as our God of Glory and Majesty! (Ps. 29:10)
- Lord, we praise You that You give strength to Your people and You bless us with peace! (Ps. 29:11)

Part 2-It would be good to sing a song of praise and worship.

Confession and Repentance

Part 1-Read the scriptures given and a typed prayer in response to the truth of the Word. Read the prayer as your own to God.

Psalm 51

- 1** Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- 2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3** For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in Your sight,
so that You may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

Lord, we look to You for mercy, trusting in your steadfast love. Only You can blot our transgressions through the precious blood of Jesus and cleanse us from our sin. Help us to honestly face our sin and repent, turn away from it to live the lives of redemption Jesus provided for us through His death and resurrection. Against You only do we sin. Please show us now the sin we need to repent of and help us to receive the forgiveness and cleansing You provide for us. We praise You for your abundant mercy and grace, in Jesus Name, Amen.

Part 2-Ask the Lord to reveal to you any sin in your heart and pray your own prayer of confession, repentance, and praise.

Thankfulness

Part 1-Read the scriptures and give thanks as the Lord leads.

- **Proverbs 2:6**

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

- **Proverbs 4:5**

Get wisdom; get insights; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

- **Proverbs 9:10**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- **Hebrews 4: 12**

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- **John 17:17**

Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is the truth.

Thank You Gracious Lord,

- That You are the source of all wisdom. You know our need for guidance and wisdom and You have provided your Word for us and we ask for your help that we will not forget or turn away from the words of your mouth but we will pursue wisdom—we will pursue You. (Proverbs 2:6; 4:5)
- That the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Proverbs 9:10)
- That all scripture is breathed out of Your mouth and profitable for teaching us, for reproof, for correction, and for training us in righteousness that we Your people may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- That Your Word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)
- That You sanctify us, purify us, cleanse us in the truth, Your Word. (Jn. 17:17)

Supplication and Intercession

Part 1—Read the scriptures and pray the points provided or as the Lord guides you.

- **John 14:15**

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

- **1 John 3:24**

The one who keeps God's commands lives in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us.

- **Psalms 119:137**

You are righteous, Lord, and your laws are right.

- **Proverbs 14:12**

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

- **Proverbs 4:5**

Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

- **Jeremiah 29:13**

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

- **Psalms 1:2**

...But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Lord, we pray for the body of Christ

- That we, Your people will express our love for You by keeping your commandments, loving You above all others and loving our neighbors as ourselves, showing that we

live in You and You live in us. Thank You for the Spirit You gave us.(Jn. 14:15, 1 Jn. 3:24)

- That we will know and stand on the truth that Your laws are right and You are righteous.(Ps. 119:137)
- That we will not be deceived by what the world says and what appears to be right, but that we will get wisdom through your word. (Proverbs 14:12, 4:5)
- That we will delight in Your Word, and value our time with You so greatly that we will not allow anything to stand in the way or steal our time with You. That we will pursue wisdom, no matter the cost. (Proverbs 4:5)
- Asking You to help us to meditate on Your Word day and night. (Ps. 1:2)
- That we will seek You with all of our hearts. (Jeremiah 29:13)
- That we will delight ourselves in Your law, Your Word, and will meditate on it day and night. (Ps. 1:2)

Part 2-Continue to pray as the Lord leads you for those who are sick; for medical workers, caregivers, emergency relief teams, and government leaders; for a cure for the virus; for teachers and students; for pastors and churches; for families; for peace for those living in uncertainty; for God's comfort and help for those in fear or anxiety or financial stress; for Christians to point others to Christ by showing others His love; for laborers in the Harvest Field; for the salvation of many souls; for a great Christ-centered revival in our country; for continued freedom to openly practice our faith; as well as others the Lord places upon your heart.

Matthew 26: 37-38

And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment."