

## Prayer Guide for May 11-17

### Introduction

Maybe like me, you often find yourself wondering if you really understand what a word means, or if your understanding is skewed by your experiences or what you have been told. More than when I was younger, I find I want to look and see if I need a better definition of a word that is used about our Lord. In reading Psalm 99, the word awe came to my attention. He is our God of awe. The word awesome frequently is used to describe the Lord and His name. My first thought would have been to define the word as wonderful or impressive. Even though that is true, I found that awe may be more accurately defined as dread, great fear, or terror! I liked the definition of fear mingled with admiration and to treat with reverential obedience. We know our God is good and loving beyond our comprehension, and yet we find multiple examples in the word of fear being the first response of people when they catch a glimpse of His glory and splendor. Lord, help us to somehow grasp the paradox that though You are our good shepherd who cares for Your sheep so deeply that You died for our sins, yet You are to be feared for You are a Holy God and a Jealous God, an Awesome God! May we honor You, worship You and reverentially obey You, our Awesome God!

### Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

### Adoration and Praise

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

### The Lord Our God Is Holy

#### Psalm 99

- 1** The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2** The Lord is great in Zion;  
He is exalted over all the peoples.
- 3** Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is He!
- 4** The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5** Exalt the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is He!
- 6** Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.  
They called to the Lord, and he answered them.

- 7 In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them;  
You were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- 9 Exalt the Lord our God!  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy!

### **Philippians 2:9-11**

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- O Lord, we praise You that You are the King and You reign over all! In the presence of You ,O sovereign God, how can man not tremble and the earth not quake? (Ps.99.1)
- Lord, we praise You that You are highly exalted over all the people and You are great in Zion! (Ps. 99:2)
- We praise Your great and awesome name! We praise the name of Jesus and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father for at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that He is Lord! Holy are You, O Lord! We praise You that You are set apart and high above all of your creation; You are separated from and wrathfully set against all evil; and You O Lord, are devoted above all to uphold Your own name. You are to be feared for You are Holy, O Lord!-a God of Awe! In You there is no darkness at all! You are perfect in every way! (Ps. 99:3;Phil. 2:9-11)
- Lord, we praise You, our mighty King that in your strength, You love justice and You have established equity! We praise You that You have done and will always do that which is just and right for You do not change like shifting shadows! You are our immutable King! (Ps. 99:4)
- We exalt You O Lord! We submit ourselves to your sovereignty! We worship You! Holy, Holy, Holy are You O Lord our King, our God, and our redeemer! (Ps.99:5)
- Lord, when Moses, Aaron, and Samuel called upon Your name, You revealed yourself to them by answering them! May we be encouraged by their examples to faithfully worship You, acknowledging that You hear our prayers and answer our prayers! May we, like they, be obedient! (Ps. 99:6-7)
- O Lord, we praise You that You are a God who forgives and because You are a Holy God, also a God who avenges wrongdoings. (Ps. 99:8)
- **We exalt You O Lord. We worship You and proclaim that You are Holy! (Ps. 99:9)**

**Part 2-**It would be good to sing a song of praise to the Lord, such as “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

## 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.

### **Matthew 4:4**

Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God".'

### **Psalm 19:7**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

### **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Father, please forgive us for the days that we think we can live without your Word-the days we choose to feed our physical bodies but don't take time to feed our souls on Your Word. Help us to grasp our need and responsibility to come to You in prayer and your Word. Help us to look to You for the life and peace and refreshment we so need. Help us to be faithful to feed our souls on your Word and prayer. Lord, we praise You that You are faithful to forgive us when we confess our sin and our presumptuousness to live in such prideful ways. Thank you for forgiving us and changing us. In Jesus name, Amen.

**Part 2-**Ask the Lord to reveal to you any sin in your heart and to help you to receive His correction. Pray your own prayer of confession and repentance and receive His forgiveness.

## Thankfulness

**His Steadfast Love Endures Forever**

**A Psalm for giving thanks.**

**Psalm 100**

1. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
2. Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!
3. Know that the Lord, He is God!  
It is He who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

- 5** For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

- Lord, we thank you that we can be joyful, cheerful because we know You as our Lord and make a joyful noise to You! We praise You that all of the earth will recognize that You are God! (Ps. 100:1)
- Thank You O Lord, that You allow us to serve You! We choose to serve You and delight in serving You with gladness! We come into Your presence singing showing You how grateful we are, that You are our Lord! (Ps. 100:2)
- Thank You Lord, God Almighty that You have opened our eyes that we can see and know that You are God! Thank You that not only did You form us in our mother's womb and You know everything about us, but You also have claimed us as Your own people! We praise You that we are the sheep of your pasture and You are our good shepherd! (Ps. 100:3)
- We enter into your gates with thanksgiving and into your courts with praise! We give You thanks and we bless your Holy name! (Ps. 100:4)
- How thankful we are Lord that You are good! How grateful we are Lord that your steadfast love endures forever. We need never fear that you don't love us for your love endures forever and your faithfulness to all generations! We praise You O Lord, for You are worthy of all praise! (Ps. 100:5)

## Supplication and Intercession

**Part 1**-Read through the scriptures given and pray the points provided as the Lord leads.

### **Jeremiah 32:39**

I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

### **Proverbs 14:26**

In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.

### **Hebrews 12:14**

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see God.

### **Psalms 111:9b**

Holy and awesome is your name!

### **Luke 1:74-75**

That we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness.

### **Romans 8:28-29**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

### **Romans 12:1**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### **Pray for the body of Christ:**

- Lord, we pray for the body of Christ that we will believe and walk in the truth that when we fear You, it is for our good and for the good of our children. Thank You for giving us one heart and one way. (Jeremiah 32:39)
- Open our eyes to the truth that in the fear of You we have strong confidence and our children will have a refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)
- Help us to strive for peace with everyone and for the holiness without which no one will see You. (Hebrews 12:14)
- Lord, we pray that we your people will grasp how holy and awesome is your Name and yet that we your people may serve You without fear, in holiness and righteousness. Even so, Lord we pray that our understanding of You as our Holy and awesome God will bring us to a place of humility, gratefulness, worship and joyful surrender and reverential obedience that we will honor You as Lord. Thank you, O Lord! (Ps. 111:9; Luke 1:74-75)
- Help us, O Lord, to cling to the truth of your word that You are in control and that You only allow suffering and trials in our life that work for our good that we might be conformed to the image of your Son. (Romans 8:28-29)
- Help us, the body of Christ, O Lord to truly put every part of our lives into your hands-by your mercies, to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You, which is our spiritual worship.

**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.

**Psalm 147:11 The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.**

