

SCHOOL OF PRAYER: Week 17

Perpetual Praise and Continual Prayer



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Psalm 34 - A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed

Psalm 34:1-22 ESV

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. [2] My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. [3] Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! [4] I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. [5] Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. [6] This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. [7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. [8] Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! [9] Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! [10] The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. [11] Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. [12] What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? [13] Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. [14] Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. [15] The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. [16] The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. [17] When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. [18] The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. [19] Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. [20] He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. [21] Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. [22] The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Constructive Definition: *adj.* serving a useful purpose, tending to build up

Empowerment Keys (Praying Encouragement for Yourself and Others)

1. Draw observations of the Lord's goodness (Vs 1-6)
2. Pray with trust and Confidence (Vs. 7-10)
3. Stay repentant-Request forgiveness and forgive others (Vs. 11-14)
4. Embrace God's favor (Vs 15-22)

Reminder: Engage the Pattern of Prayer that Jesus taught (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-13)

1. Intimate Praise and Worship
2. Pray God's Purposes
3. Pray for forgiveness
4. Pray for protection
5. Praise and Worship

A PRAYER FOR HOPE AND HEALING IN AMERICA

Week of April 6 – 12, 2020

INTIMATE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Our Father, we thank You for Your loving care for the citizens of our nation during this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Thank You, Father, for blessing those who trust in You, who have made You their hope and confidence. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ to redeem us from a life of despair and hopelessness. Gracious Father, we praise You with all of our hearts. You merely spoke and the heavens were created. You breathed the word and all of the stars were born. Your plans stand firm forever and Your intentions can never be shaken. You are an awesome God!

PRAYING GOD'S PURPOSES

Loving Father, our country is experiencing a pandemic. Today, we cry out for the families of the people who have died and those who are ill. We declare that You, alone, are their refuge and place of safety. You are their God and they can trust in You. Lord, Your Name is a strong fortress and those who run to You will find spiritual, emotional, and physical healing. We confess that even though the families may feel pressure on every side, but they will not be crushed and broken. They may feel perplexed, but they will not give up and quit. They may feel like life is running them over, but they will not be abandoned by You. In Jesus' Name, we cancel the assignments of the spirits of disease. As Kingdom citizens, we render these spirits powerless. We declare that no weapon formed against the citizens of our nation will succeed.

Holy Spirit, help the families who have lost loved ones to heal. Help them to get through the upcoming days, weeks, months, and years. Let Your love and presence saturate their hearts, souls and spirits. Please send people who will love, support, and comfort them. God, our Healer, please provide healing and speedy recovery to those who are in the hospital or recovering at home. Holy Spirit, comfort all citizens of America.

PRAYING FOR FORGIVENESS

Forgiving Father, forgive our nation for not turning to you. Forgive those who know the truth, but remain silent. Father, please have mercy on our country. Lord, forgive me for the sins that I have committed. Holy Spirit, remind us of all those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive.

PRAYING FOR PROTECTION

Holy Spirit, help us all to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

KINGDOM PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Magnificent Lord, when You spoke, the world began! It appeared at Your command. You look down from heaven and see the whole human race. From Your throne, You observe all who live on the earth. O Lord, our Lord, Your majestic Name fills the earth! In Jesus'