



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Praying for Righteous Leadership

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Highlighted Scripture

Psalm 72:1–19

**Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son.
He will judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

**The mountains shall bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
He will judge the poor of the people.
He will save the children of the needy,
and will break the oppressor in pieces.**

**They shall fear you while the sun endures;
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
He shall come down like rain on the mown grass,
as showers that water the earth.**

**In his days the righteous shall flourish,
and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.
He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.**

**Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him.
His enemies shall lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of the islands shall bring tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

**Yes, all kings shall fall down before him.
All nations shall serve him.**

**For he will deliver the needy when he cries;
the poor also, and him who has no helper.
He will have pity on the poor and needy.
He will save the souls of the needy.**

**He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence.
Their blood will be precious in his sight.**

**He shall live, and Sheba's gold will be given to him.
Men shall pray for him continually.
They shall bless him all day long.**

**There shall be abundance of grain throughout the land.
Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon.
Let it flourish, thriving like the grass of the field.**

**His name endures forever.
His name continues as long as the sun.
Men shall be blessed by him.
All nations shall call him blessed.**

**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.
Blessed be his glorious name forever.
Let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen.**

Discussion Questions

- 1. What qualities of leadership does Psalm 72 highlight?**
- 2. Why is justice for the poor and needy central to godly leadership?**

- 3. How does this psalm shift your perspective on praying for leaders?**
- 4. In what ways can you reflect God's justice and compassion in your own life?**
- 5. What does it mean that God alone does marvelous deeds?**

Reflection Challenge

Today:

- **Pray intentionally for those in leadership over you.**
- **Ask God to give them justice, wisdom, and compassion.**
- **Look for one opportunity to serve or support someone in need.**

Remember:

- ✨ **God establishes authority**
- ✨ **God cares for the oppressed**
- ✨ **God alone brings true justice**
- ✨ **God's glory fills the earth**

Prayer

Father God,

You are righteous and just.

We ask that You guide our leaders with wisdom and integrity.

Help them defend the poor and protect the vulnerable.

Shape our own hearts to reflect Your compassion.

May Your name be glorified in all the earth.

Amen.

