

## +Week One + Sunday Evening

O God, come to our assistance.

**O Lord, hasten to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was before,  
is now,  
and ever more.

### Psalm 119:1

How can young people keep their paths pure?

By guarding them according to what you've said.

I have sought you with all my heart.

Don't let me stray from any of your commandments!

I keep your word close, in my heart,  
so that I won't sin against you.

You, Lord, are to be blessed!

Teach me your statutes.

I will declare out loud  
all the rules you have spoken.

I rejoice in the content of your laws  
as if I were rejoicing over great wealth.

I will think about your precepts  
and examine all your paths.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget what you have said.

### Psalm 66

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

Sing praises to the glory of God's name!

Make glorious his praise!

Say to God:

"How awesome are your works!

Because of your great strength,  
your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you,  
sings praises to you,  
sings praises to your name!"

Come and see God's deeds;  
his works for human beings are awesome:  
He turned the sea into dry land  
so they could cross the river on foot.

Right there we rejoiced in him!  
God rules with power forever;  
keeps a good eye on the nations.  
So don't let the rebellious exalt themselves.

All you nations, bless our God!  
Let the sound of his praise be heard!  
God preserved us among the living;  
he didn't let our feet slip a bit.

But you, God, have tested us—  
you've refined us like silver,  
trapped us in a net,  
laid burdens on our backs,  
let other people run right over our heads—  
we've been through fire and water.  
But you brought us out to freedom!

So I'll enter your house  
with entirely burned offerings.  
I'll keep the promises I made to you,  
the ones my lips uttered,

the ones my mouth spoke when I was in deep trouble.

I will offer the best burned offerings to you  
along with the smoke of sacrificed rams.  
I will offer both bulls and goats.

Come close and listen,  
all you who honor God;  
I will tell you what God has done for me:  
My mouth cried out to him  
with praise on my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
my Lord would not have listened.  
But God definitely listened.  
He heard the sound of my prayer.  
Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer;  
he didn't withhold his faithful love from me.

### **Psalm 110**

What the Lord says to my master:  
"Sit right beside me  
until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet!"

May the Lord make your mighty scepter  
reach far from Zion!  
Rule over your enemies!

Your people stand ready  
on your day of battle.  
"In holy grandeur, from the dawn's womb, fight!  
Your youthful strength is like the dew itself."

The Lord has sworn a solemn pledge and won't change his mind:

"You are a priest forever in line with Melchizedek."

My master, by your strong hand,  
God has crushed kings on his day of wrath.

God brings the nations to justice,  
piling the dead bodies, crushing heads throughout  
the earth.

God drinks from a stream along the way,  
then holds his head up high.

### **Psalm 111**

Praise the Lord!  
I thank the Lord with all my heart  
in the company of those who do right, in the  
congregation.  
The works of the Lord are magnificent;  
they are treasured by all who desire them.

God's deeds are majestic and glorious.  
God's righteousness stands forever.  
God is famous for his wondrous works.  
The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

God gives food to those who honor him.  
God remembers his covenant forever.  
God proclaimed his powerful deeds to his people  
and gave them what had belonged to other nations.

God's handiwork is honesty and justice;  
all God's rules are trustworthy—  
they are established always and forever:  
they are fulfilled with truth and right doing.

God sent redemption for his people;  
God commanded that his covenant last forever.  
Holy and awesome is God's name!

Fear of the Lord is where wisdom begins;  
sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws.  
God's praise lasts forever!

### **Psalm 91**

Living in the Most High's shelter,  
camping in the Almighty's shade,  
I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge, my stronghold!  
You are my God—the one I trust!"

God will save you from the hunter's trap  
and from deadly sickness.  
God will protect you with his pinions;  
you'll find refuge under his wings.  
His faithfulness is a protective shield.

Don't be afraid of terrors at night,  
arrows that fly in daylight,  
or sickness that prowls in the dark,  
destruction that ravages at noontime.

Even if one thousand people fall dead next to you,  
ten thousand right beside you—  
it won't happen to you.

Just look with your eyes,  
and you will see the wicked punished.  
Because you've made the Lord my refuge,  
the Most High, your place of residence—

no evil will happen to you;

no disease will come close to your tent.  
Because he will order his messengers to help you,  
to protect you wherever you go.  
They will carry you with their own hands  
so you don't bruise your foot on a stone.  
You'll march on top of lions and vipers;  
you'll trample young lions and serpents underfoot.

God says, "Because you are devoted to me,  
I'll rescue you.  
I'll protect you because you know my name.  
Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.  
I'll be with you in troubling times.  
I'll save you and glorify you.

I'll fill you full with old age.  
I'll show you my salvation."

### **Psalm 114**

When Israel came out of Egypt—  
when the house of Jacob came out  
from a people who spoke a different language—  
Judah was God's sanctuary;  
Israel was God's territory.

The sea saw it happen and ran away;  
the Jordan River retreated!  
The mountains leaped away like rams;  
the hills leaped away like lambs!

Sea, why did you run away?  
Jordan, why did you retreat?  
Mountains, why did you leap away like rams?  
Hills, why did you leap away like lambs?  
Earth: Tremble before the Lord!

Tremble before the God of Jacob,  
the one who turned that rock into a pool of water,  
that flint stone into a spring of water!

**Scripture Reading                  Romans 13:11-14**

“This is all the more important because you know what time it is. The hour has come for you to wake up from sleep. Our salvation, you see, is nearer now than it was when first we came to faith. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let’s put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let’s behave appropriately, as in the daytime: not in wild parties and drunkenness, not in orgies and shameless immorality, not in bad temper and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, and don’t make any allowance for the flesh and its lusts.”

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,  
**The lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.**

We lift our voices in prayers of praise, holy God, for you have lifted us to new life in Jesus Christ, and your blessings come in generous measure. Especially we thank you for  
—the privilege of worship and service in this congregation...  
—the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ for us...  
—food and drink to share in the Lord’s name...  
—our calling to discipleship...

We hold up before you human needs, God of compassion, for you have come to us in Jesus Christ

and shared our life so we may share his resurrection. Especially we pray for  
—the healing of those who are sick...  
—the comfort of those who are dying...  
—the renewal of those who despair...  
—the spirit’s power in the church...

*(Include additional persons from the “church family”  
portion of our Friday prayer chain)*

**Our Father...**

As you have made this day, O God,  
you also make the night.  
Give light for our comfort.  
Come upon us with quietness and still our souls,  
that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit  
and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams.  
Empower us to rise again in new life  
to proclaim your praise,  
and show Christ to the world,  
for he reigns forever and ever.

*May the Lord bless us,  
grant us a peaceful night,  
and a perfect rest.  
Amen.*

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