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**DAYS OF
PRAYER**
— **DAILY GUIDE**

Monday, August 7 // Incomprehensible

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 68:4

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

Bible Song: Psalm 32:1-7

Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no
deceit.
When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
from my groaning all day long.
For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Reading for today: Romans 11:33-36

How rich and deep are the wisdom and knowledge of God!
We cannot reach to the root of his decisions or his ways.
Who has ever known the mind of the Lord? Who has ever been his adviser?
Who has given anything to him, that he should be repaid?
Everything there is comes from him and is caused by him and exists for him.
To him be glory forever! Amen.

Dwelling

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Notice how God might be speaking to you through his Word.
Dwell on a word or phrase that jumps out at you.
Let your heart respond to God in prayer...take refreshment in God's presence!

Free Prayer (30-60 seconds)

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Benediction- Numbers 6:24-26

May The Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Tuesday, August 8 // Unity

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 135:3

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

Bible Song: Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when God's people live together in unity.

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there, the Lord has ordained the blessing: life forever more.

Reading for today: Ephesians 4:1-6

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you therefore to lead a life worthy of the calling you have received. With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love. Take every care to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one body, one Spirit, just as one hope is the goal of your calling by God. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Dwelling

Let's read again slowly...find a word or phrase that catches your eye or moves your heart. Slowly repeat it. Pray your thoughts, desires, needs, and feelings from your meditation. Enjoy the presence of your Lord and Savior.

Free Prayer (30-60 seconds)

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Benediction- Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, August 9 // Compassion

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 149:2, 4

Let Israel rejoice in its Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people* and adorns the poor with victory.

Bible Song: Psalm 34:1-9

I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Reading for today: Matthew 9:35-37

Jesus made a tour through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and all kinds of illness. And when he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the laborers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.'

Dwelling

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Free Prayer (30-60 seconds)

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Benediction- Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God be glory forevermore, through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Thursday, August 10 // Freedom

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 105:2

Sing to him, sing praise to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

Bible Song: Psalm 35:1-3, 17-18

Contend, Lord, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me.

Take up shield and armor;

arise and come to my aid.

Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me.

And assure me,

"I am your salvation." ..

How long, Lord, will you look on?

Rescue me from their ravages, my precious life from these lions.

I will give you thanks in the great assembly;

I will praise you among all the people.

Reading for today: Luke 1:68-70

Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has set
them free,

and he has established for us a saving power in the House of his servant David,
just as he proclaimed,

by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times.

Dwelling

Let's become aware of God's loving presence and read again.

What in God's Word has caught your heart's attention? Is there a command to
be obeyed, a comfort to be savored? Talk to God about the Scripture you've
just read. Yield yourself to God and enjoy his presence.

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or
think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen.

Friday, August 11 // Repentance

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 55:17

I will call upon God, and the LORD will deliver me.
In the evening, in the morning, and at the noonday, I will complain and lament,
and he will hear my voice. He will bring me safely back.
God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me.

Bible Song: Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great
deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your
river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life: in your light we see light.

Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright
in heart.

Reading for today: Isaiah 59:12-14

How often have we rebelled against you and our sins bear witness against us.
Our rebellious acts are indeed with us, we are well aware of our guilt: rebellion
and denial of YAH-WEH, turning our back on God, talking violence and revolt,
murmuring lies in our heart. Righteousness is driven away and saving justice
stands far off; for truth has stumbled in the public square and honesty cannot
enter.

Dwelling

Let's read again out loud. How has God's Word moved you? Ponder and
meditate what has connected with your heart or mind. Pray to God what it is
that has moved you today. Turn your thoughts to God
and quietly enjoy being with him.

Free Prayer (30-60 seconds)

Pray aloud what ministered to you in today's Scripture reading.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Saturday, August 12 // Mission

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 106:48

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting;
and let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Bible Song: Psalm 37:1-7

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do
wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die
away.
Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like
the noonday sun.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their
wicked schemes.

Reading for today: Matthew 4:18-20

As he was walking by the Lake of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was
called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast into the lake
with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Come after me
and I will make you fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and
followed him.

Dwelling

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or phrase that jumps out at you. Let your heart respond to God in prayer.
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Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your
whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Monday, August 14 // Gratefulness

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 103:20-22

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding,*
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,* you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;* bless the
Lord, O my soul.

Bible Song: Psalm 37:34-40

Hope in the Lord and keep his way.
He will exalt you to inherit the land;
when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.
I have seen a wicked and ruthless man
well-rooted, like a flourishing native tree,
but he soon passed away and was no more;
though I looked for him, he could not be found.
Consider the blameless, observe the upright;
a future awaits those who seek peace. But all sinners will be destroyed;
there will be no future for the wicked.
The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
He is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers
them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in Him.

Reading for today: Hebrews 12:28-29

We have been given possession of an unshakable kingdom.
Let us therefore be grateful and use our gratitude to worship God in the way
that pleases him, in reverence and fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

Dwelling

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your heart. Slowly repeat it. Pray your thoughts, desires, needs, and feelings
from your meditation. Enjoy the presence of your Lord and Savior.

Free Prayer (30-60 seconds)

Pray aloud what ministered to you in today's Scripture reading.

Benediction: 2 Peter 1:2-3

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of
Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life
and godliness,
through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

Tuesday, August 15 // Kingdom Citizens

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 97:1

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the many coasts and islands be glad.

Bible Song: Psalm 38:1-8, 21-22

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.
Your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down on me.

Because of your wrath there is no health in my body;
there is no soundness in my bones because of my sin.

My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.

My wounds fester and are loathsome
because of my sinful folly.

I am bowed down and brought very low;
all day long I go about mourning.

My back is filled with searing pain;
there is no health in my body.

I am feeble and utterly crushed;
I groan in anguish of heart. ..

Lord, do not forsake me;
do not be far from me, my God.

Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my Savior.

Reading for today: Revelation 1:5-6

...to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us
a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him; then, be glory and
power for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dwelling

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over it and give it your attention. Is there something about the reading you'd
like to ask God about?

Pray to God. Take a moment to rest in God's presence!

Free Prayer (30-60 seconds)

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Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip
you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is
pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Wednesday, August 16 // Grace

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise
a loud shout to him with psalms.

Bible Song: Psalm 39:1-5, 7

I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin;
I will put a muzzle on my mouth
while in the presence of the wicked."
So I remained utterly silent,
not even saying anything good.
But my anguish increased;
my heart grew hot within me.
While I meditated, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:
"Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.
You have made my life no longer that the width of my hand,
the span of my years is as nothing before you.
Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure. ...
"But now, Lord, what do I look for?
My hope is in you."

Reading for today: Galatians 4:4-7

... when the completion of the time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and so that we
could receive adoption as sons.

As you are sons, God has sent into our hearts the Spirit of his Son crying,
'Abba, Father,' and so you are no longer a slave, but a son...

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be obeyed, a comfort to be savored? Talk to God about the Scripture you've
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Benediction: Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you
blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty,
dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Thursday, August 17 // Promise

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of Gods, for his mercy endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, for his mercy endures forever.

Bible Song: Psalm 40:1-4

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Reading for today: Acts 1:3, 9-11

He had shown himself alive to them after his suffering by many demonstrations;
for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God.
As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight.
They were still staring into the sky as he went, when suddenly two men in white were standing beside them and they said, 'Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way
as you have seen him go to heaven.'

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Friday, August 18 // Treasure

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 103:1-2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Bible Song: Psalm 41:1-3, 13

Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble.

The Lord protects and preserves them -
they are counted among the blessed in the land - he does not give them over to the desire of their foes.

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed
and restores them from their bed of illness.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen and Amen.

Reading for today: Luke 12:33-34

Jesus taught us, saying: 'Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Get yourselves moneybags that do not wear out, with a treasure in heaven that does not fail, where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there is where your heart will be too.'

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Saturday, August 19 // Glorious

The Call to Prayer: Psalm 18:3

I will call upon the Lord, and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

Bible Song: Psalm 42:1-6

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food

day and night, while people say to me all day long,

"Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

how I used to go to the house of God

under the protection of the Mighty One

with shouts of joy and praise among the festive crowd.

Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me;

therefore, I will remember you.

Reading for today: Isaiah 45:14, 21-24

Thus says Yahweh, "There is no other god besides me, no saving God, no Savior except me!

Turn to me and you will be saved, all you ends of the earth, for I am God and there is no other.

By my own self I swear it: what comes from my mouth is saving justice, it is an irrevocable word:

Every knee will bow to me, every tongue will swear allegiance, saying, 'Righteousness and strength are found only in the Lord.'"

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