



Prayer Guide: Psalm 118

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Psalm 118 (ESV)

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
- 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
- 7 The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 12 They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
- 15 Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
16 the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
27 The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

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REVERENCE

God's Praiseworthy Attributes:

His love endures forever - vv.1-4
He brings us to spacious places - v.5
He is my helper - v.7
He gives victory through His name - vv.10-12
He does mighty things through His right hand - v.16
He chastens us for our good - v.18
He make sHis light shine on us - v.27

Possible Prayer Prompts:

Thank You for being my refuge when...
I praise You, Lord, for answering me and setting me free from...
I praise You, Lord, for shining Your light on me by...

RESPONSE

Lord, because You are on my side, I surrender my fears about...
Lord, I confess that I often trust in...rather than taking refuge in You.

REQUESTS

Lord, when I feel alone, like everyone around me is an enemy, help me to proclaim Your name
by...
Lord, teach me how to respond...in a way that honors Your name.

Lord, grant (name) grace to acknowledge Jesus as the salvation and cornerstone of their life.
It will be marvelous in our eyes!

READINESS

Lord, in my daily battles, I trust You to save me from...and give me success in...
Memorize and meditate on v.14