



Prayer Guide: Psalm 13

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TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.
1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
2 How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
6 I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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REVERENCE

He listens to our questions and groanings – vv. 1-2
Even when we doubt, he does not:
Forget us – v. 1a
Hide his face from us – v. 1b
Leave us to our own counsels – v. 2a
Leave us in our sorrow – v. 2b
Allow our enemies to triumph over us – v. 2c
He considers and answers us – v. 3a
He enlightens and enlivens us – v. 3b
He fights for us – v. 4
He is a God of steadfast love – v. 5a
His salvation brings joy – v. 5b
He is worthy of our song – v. 6a
He is bountiful/good to us – v. 6b

Prayer Prompts

Thank you Lord that you have considered and answered me when I had questions about . . .
Thank you that I can trust in your steadfast love, even when . . .
I rejoice because you have saved me from . . .
I sing to you because you showed me your goodness when . . .

RESPONSE

Lord, I confess that my heart asks "How Long?" when I think about _____.
Give me a deeper trust in you.

REQUEST

Lord, today I need your light and your life as I deal with . . .
Help me trust in your steadfast love as I struggle with . . .
Give me your joy today even though . . .
Show your goodness to me today as I . . .
I pray for _____ (name) as they struggle with their questions. Reveal yourself to them.
Give your light and life to _____ (name) as they deal with . . .
Show your steadfast love to _____ (name) in the midst of . . .
I pray that _____ (name) will know the joy of your salvation as I seek to share the gospel with them.

READINESS

God will consider and answer us when the enemy seeks to _____.
Antiphonal response: "We will not be shaken!"