



Prayer Guide: Psalm 143

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Psalm 143 (ESV)

A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD;
give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
- 3 For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.
- 5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah
- 7 Answer me quickly, O LORD!
My spirit fails!
Hide not your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in you I trust.
Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me
on level ground!
- 11 For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- 12 And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for I am your servant.

REVERENCE

God's Praiseworthy Attributes:

In faithfulness and righteousness, He hears our plea for mercy - vv.1,11

He has been, and is now, at work in our lives - v.5

A God of steadfast love - vv.8,12

His Spirit is good - v.10

A deliverer, refuge, teacher, and guide - vv.8-12

Possible Prayer Prompts:

Faithful and righteous God, thank You that You heard my prayer when I ...

I praise You for the work of Your hands in my life, especially when You...

I stretch out my hands and thirst for You because You are...

RESPONSE

Lord, I confess my unrighteous ways to You and confess that ...

I acknowledge that my spirit is failing because of...so I surrender all to You.

REQUESTS

Lord, I am trusting in Your steadfast love today, especially as I am facing...

Father, teach me, Your will, especially in my struggle with...

I need the leadership of the Holy Spirit right now as I...

READINESS

For Your name's sake, preserve me from the threat of...

Lord, because of the many adversaries of my soul, I pray that You will protect me from trouble when...

Memorize and meditate on v.10