



**Prayer Guide: Psalm 34**

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OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOR BEFORE ABIMELECH, SO THAT HE DROVE HIM OUT, AND HE WENT AWAY.

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.  
20 He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.  
21 Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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### REVERENCE

- Worthy of blessing – always! – v. 1
- Worthy of praise – continually! – v. 1
- Worthy of our boasting! – v. 2
- Our source of gladness – v. 2
- Worthy to be magnified and exalted – v. 3
- Answers/hears our prayers – v. 4, 6,15,17
- Delivers from all fear – v. 4
- Makes us radiant and free from shame – v. 5
- Saves/delivers us out of trouble/affliction – v. 6,17,19,20,22
- Protects and delivers – v. 7
- To be feared – v. 7,9,11
- Good – v. 8, 12
- Refuge – v. 8
- Provides all good things – v. 9,10
- Guards our tongue/lips – v. 13
- Source of peace – v. 14
- Attends to the righteous/makes us righteous – v. 15
- Judges evil – v. 16, 21, 22
- Ministers to the brokenhearted/crushed – v. 18
- Delivers from condemnation – v. 22

### Prayer Prompts

- I will bless/praise You Lord even when...
- I boast in You Lord because You are...
- We exalt Your name together because Your name is...
- I praise You Lord because You have delivered me from the fear of...
- I praise You Lord because You delivered me from trouble when...
- Lord, I thank You that I tasted of Your goodness when...
- Lord, I fear/reverence You because You...

### RESPONSE

- I confess that my lips have recently spoken evil when I \_\_\_\_\_. Cleanse and restore me Lord.
- I confess my temptation to act deceitfully especially when...
- I confess my need to seek and pursue peace in my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ (name). Help me obey you in seeking reconciliation with them today.

### REQUEST

- Help me to sincerely bless You Lord today, even when...
- Because You encamp around me, I pray that You will deliver me from...

- Because You encamp around us, I pray that You will deliver \_\_\_\_\_ (name) from...
- Give me the conviction and power to speak truthfully this week as I...
- Give me grace to seek and pursue peace this week as I...
- Because You are good, I seek You for refuge today from...
- I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ (name) will sense Your nearness today as they are brokenhearted over...

### **READINESS**

- Lord, I am trusting You today to deliver me from...
- Lord, today, I will trust You to condemn unrighteousness in the culture, specifically \_\_\_\_\_, as I take refuge in You.
- Lord, give me grace to rise above any temptation to speak evil or deceit, especially when...