



## Prayer Guide: Psalm 81

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### Psalm 81 (ESV)

- 1 Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- 2 Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon, on our feast day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel,  
a rule of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He made it a decree in Joseph  
when he went out over the land of Egypt.  
I hear a language I had not known:
- 6 “I relieved your shoulder of the burden;  
your hands were freed from the basket.
- 7 In distress you called, and I delivered you;  
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah
- 8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11 “But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.
- 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I would soon subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him,  
and their fate would last forever.
- 16 But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

## **REVERENCE**

### ***God's Praiseworthy Attributes:***

The God of Jacob is our strength - v.1

He is worthy of loudest praise - vv.1-3

He is the Lord, our rescuer, provider, and burden bearer - vv.6-10, 16

### ***Possible Prayer Prompts:***

We sing praise to You God because You are...

I sing to You because You have given me strength when...

I praise You because only You can satisfy my desires for...

## **RESPONSE**

Lord, I confess that I have not listened to You when...

Lord, pardon my complaining about...

## **REQUESTS**

In my distress I call on You. Deliver me from...

Lord, help me listen to You Word and walk in You ways today, especially when...

## **READINESS**

Defend me, Lord, against the voices that say...

Because You subdue my enemies, give me Your victory when...

Memorize and meditate on v.16