



**Prayer Guide: Psalm 86**

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Psalm 86 (ESV)

- 1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.
- 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.
- 12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.
- 13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me;  
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame

because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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## **REVERENCE**

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

God is trustworthy to preserve and save - v.1

God gladdens the soul - v.4

He is good, forgiving, abounding in steadfast love - vv.5, 13, 15

He alone is God and wondrous - vv.8, 10

He is worthy of glory, thanks, and wholehearted devotion - vv.9, 12

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

Thank You that You preserved me in the midst of...

I give You praise for Your steadfast love when You...

My heart was gladdened when You...

## **RESPONSE**

Lord, I confess that I need You to gladden my heart right now because...

Lord, too often I have relied upon...rather than Your steadfast love.

I confess that I am often unteachable and fail to walk in Your truth when...

## **REQUESTS**

Dear Lord, help (name) to see that You desire them.

God, please care for me in the midst of...

Open my mouth to recount Your wondrous love to (name).

## **READINESS**

Today, Lord, remind me You alone are God as I face...

Help me this day to reflect You kind of love and faithfulness to...

Memorize and meditate on v.11