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# PRAYING THE PSALMS

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Psalms 11-15



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### PSALM 11

God, Help Me To Always Bring **My Problems** To You.

**Psa 11:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David. In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: "Flee like a bird to your mountain.** Lord, You are my only protection. Too often I try to figure out a way to solve my own problems. It doesn't seem to dawn on me that the problem is too big for me. As I look at the tip of the iceberg, it looks like it is something I can handle. When am I going to learn that it is just one domino in a series of events. I want to turn to You from the very beginning. I want to take refuge in You and stay there. Satan's minions are lining up to form an assault against me. As I stand inside of You as my refuge, their threats are meaningless. When I was trying to take on the challenge by myself, everything they said was a serious problem to me. Now, everything they say must pass through You.

**Psa 11:2 (NIV) For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart.** The wicked's plans come from deception. There is no way to know when or where they are coming. This makes it necessary for me to stay inside of Your protection at all times. All my activities must be planned with You as a part of them. I want to include You in all that I do. Help me to always consult You so You will always be protecting me. Help me to never make plans without consulting You. The wicked are always in the shadows. No matter how insignificant the project is, I still need Your protection and wisdom.

**Psa 11:3 (NIV) When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"** Heavenly Father, the very foundations of life are being attacked. The wicked are saying that evil is good; and, good is evil. They are trying to make sin to be normal and righteousness to be strange. They are taking marriage and making it unnecessary. They are destroying the family and making it seem okay to just blend more families together. They are corrupting the minds of the people and then trying to help them accept themselves as they are. The foundations that You have built our lives on they are trying to completely breakup and destroy.

**Psa 11:4 (NIV) The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.** I know You see all of this. I know You are desirous to activate Your people to learn how to deal with such things. All this is happening so we can grow in our love and training. Your people look at all these things and fail to understand that this is a spiritual battle. I am called to care and respond. I yield to You to do my part in fighting all these problems caused by the wicked. I open my heart to learn how to do what You have called me to do. I know I am somewhat weak in these areas of spiritual warfare. However, Your strength is make perfect in my weakness. I accept these opportunities to see what You see. I want to feel what You feel in Your heart. You are the answer and I open my life for You to flow through me to the need.

**Psa 11:5 (NIV) The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates.** I want to love the righteous and hate the wicked. I want to yield to Your attitudes and let You train me in on how to respond to Your efforts. I am Your servant. I give my body and life over to Your plans and Your battles. The inequities that exist in this world are my problem. My heart has been hard; and, my faith has been weak. I repent of these things and receive Your transformation in my life and ministry.

**Psa 11:6 (NIV) On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot.** I devote my prayers to the destruction of the efforts of the wicked. They are doing great damage to Your people and are trying to stop Your Truth. I pray for their destruction. I yield to Your power to resist their efforts. Let Your fiery coals and burning sulfur put a stop to their lives that are devoted to resisting Your Truth. Scorch them with Your hot winds. Anoint Your people to go forward and present Your Truth to the lost. Let Your Truth set the people of this earth free from the lies of Satan.

**Psa 11:7 (NIV) For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.** I know You are want to use me to do Your work. I know You have saved me so I would share what You gave me with others. I know You don't want Your salvation to stop at me. I submit myself to You and Your plans. I give all that I am to receive Your presence. I want to so see You that I am changed forever. I love what You love. I want what You want. I receive all You are and have to offer. I want all I influence to have You without corruption or inadequacy. Let Your presence and glory shine through me in complete brilliance and beauty. I lay my life at Your feet to be used as You see fit. Let Your righteousness and justice fill the earth.

## PSALM 12

God, please change the **character** of our society and leadership.

**Psa 12:1 (NIV) For the director of music. According to sheminith. A psalm of David. Help, LORD, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men.**

Heavenly Father, there are places like America and Europe where in the past You have moved in a mighty way. Now the churches are diminishing or closing down. Even where churches are growing, the people are just coming from other churches. In these areas, few people are coming to You. Since that has been happening, few godly people are living and ministering in these areas. There is no example of faithfulness to You for the people around them to see.

**Psa 12:2 (NIV) Everyone lies to his neighbor; their flattering lips speak with deception.**

Instead, people are lying and cheating each other. Even some of those who call themselves Christians are following the world's pattern for life. People flatter each other for the purpose of getting what they want out of them. Truth isn't a part of the way they approach life. It is okay, according to the world, to lie about anything they don't want to face the reality of. Lying has become a frequent tool for personal and public relations. Even our leaders feel free to lie to the public and then blatantly do the opposite once elected.

**Psa 12:3 (NIV) May the LORD cut off all flattering lips and every boastful tongue**

Lord, this has to be turned around. Please bring Your hand of punishment to those who practice lying, flattering, and boasting. Pride and boasting have become a major part of building one's self-confidence. We are being told that the only way to be successful in life is to build up our self-confidence. Confidence in You has lost all meaning. Those who are working on their self-confidence say all kinds of boastful and prideful things. They think they are the ones who makes themselves successful. Show them that these techniques do not work. Make it clear to them that world philosophies are a sham.

**Psa 12:4 (NIV) that says, "We will triumph with our tongues; we own our lips --who is our master?"**

People feel free to say anything they want to. They think they can go completely contrary to Your Truth. They are speaking against You, Christianity, and all godliness. They keep repeating a lie year after year until the public accepts it as truth. If the concept is rejected in society and in government this year, they will just keep presenting it until it is accepted by the majority of the society and passed as a law in government. They don't see You as holding them accountable for all the things they are saying. I am a major cause of this problem, O God. I am silent all day long. I hear what they say around me and I don't do what Jesus did. Help me to have the wisdom of the Spirit and the ministry of Jesus moving in and through my life and ministry.

**Psa 12:5 (NIV) "Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says the LORD. "I will protect them from those who malign them."**

I believe in You, mighty Lord. I know You are doing Your part. I know You want to also do mighty things in and through me. I know You are working in the society at large. I know You are preparing their hearts. I know the harvest is ripe and ready for the harvesting. I am sure You have provided all the things necessary to bring salvation to all those who do not know You. No doubt everything is in place for Your work to be done in these spiritually dying areas of the world. I present myself as a resource for You to work through. I repent of my lack of love for the situation. I lay my life before You for Your use. I yield to all You want to do in and through all these people. They desperately need all You have to offer.

**Psa 12:6 (NIV) And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.** Your words are pure, true, perfect, and powerful. You just need for people like me to open their mouths and speak forth Your Truth. It will do what You have purposed for it to do. The weak and the groaning needy will hear Your Truth and be protected. You will flow through Your words and heal the people of these shattered lands. The maligning of the wicked will be stopped and Your ministry will succeed. You are much more powerful than they are. We will succeed in ministry because You are on our side. The world will see that You are a great God. Your ways will triumph over these lies that are currently being spoken. All the efforts of the wicked, all their hard work, all their scheming and planning, and all the time they have spent will be wasted. With one mighty move of Your Spirit You will sweep it all away like cobwebs.

**Psa 12:7 (NIV) O LORD, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever.** There is no reason for us to be afraid and silent. We have Your protection. Set us free from intimidation. Give us the boldness of Your Spirit. You will protect those of us who are saved; and, You will protect those who will be saved. I don't care what the wicked think or say. I give up all concern for their opinions. I yield my heart to Your compassion for those who are being blocked off from the Truth. I accept Your power to move right through the wicked so as to get to those who are oppressed. You have empowered me and surrounded me with Your armor. My weapons are powerful to the pulling down of strongholds. I give myself to Your work.

**Psa 12:8 (NIV) The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men.** No longer shall these wicked freely strut about. Your Truth is going to make them squirm. That which is vile shall no longer be honored among men. Your Truth is going to set them free. You will find faith on the earth when You return. I give myself to Your plans and Your power. You are the mighty God and You shall win this battle for the hearts and philosophies of humankind. You are greater than all the work that the evil one has done. Even though it looks like we are behind in our work, You will make up the difference. I don't relinquish America, Europe, and other places where there is a famine of Your Word. I believe in Your love, grace, mercy, power, and provisions. You will use me and all Your people to bring about a mighty move of Your salvation and transformation. I believe in You, God.

## PSALM 13

God, I need to feel Your presence.

**Psa 13:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?** Lord, I can't make it without You. I have to feel Your presence and experience Your love all the time. Please deliver me from these feelings of distance from You. I know You haven't left me. You know You are still right there. I just can't seem to feel that intimate relationship we usually have. I am willing to continue to move forward in faith. However, I am praying for our closeness. I need everything You have to offer. Living by faith and not by feelings is important. But, Your presence being felt is vital to me.

**Psa 13:2 (NIV) How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?** When I can't feel Your presence, my thoughts are much darker. It isn't until I feel Your presence that the depressions and sorrows are driven out. My emotions need for You to fill them up so that there is no room for anything else. You alone have the power to control my emotions. Your love pours into my heart and crowds out all the negative feelings and thoughts that my enemy, Satan, send toward me. As long as I can feel Your power, love, and joy; I am able to face everything he throws at me. You are the only reason I am able to live in victory against him and his lies.

**Psa 13:3 (NIV) Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;** God, You are the only reason I am alive. I can't live without You. Even though I know You are always there when I don't feel You, I still go through intense moments of anguish. Life ceases to be desirable. Going home to You becomes preferable. I believe You want me to continue to live. I know You want me to fight for life. But, the only battles I win are those fought with Your provisions. One of the greatest provisions I have is feeling Your presence. My emotions get strong. The strength of my will lights up. My desire to go out and do that which is pleasing to You fills my heart. Having a close and intimate relationship with You is not optional. Nothing in our relationship can be lived without. Everything You provide is vital to me.

**Psa 13:4 (NIV) my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.** Those who are coming against me will rejoice in my defeat. Satan and his cohorts will gloat over my failure. They know I can't make it without everything You have to offer. They will take advantage of my depleted emotions. When my heart doesn't feel You, they move in for the kill. They surround me like a great darkness. You only get glory through my life when I win against them. People see my victories and they hear me give You the credit for my success. I make it clear to everyone that without You I can't make it. So, when You fill my heart with Your emotions, they see me raise up and stand victorious in You.

**Psa 13:5 (NIV) But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.**

I believe in You. I know You are doing whatever is best for me. I know You will never stop loving me. Your strength is made perfect in my weakness. My heart is filled with joy over the fact that my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. You have done great and wonderful things for me already. You will give me the strength to endure whatever You have planned that is unpleasant for me. The faith You have given me is locked in You forever. I open my heart to the thoughts, promises, and provisions that cause me to start feeling more of Who You are and what You have done. I redirect my mind away from threatening situations and lock my attention on You and Your greatness. I have a lot to praise You for. I give my time and my emotions over to the process of praising and worshipping You. I turn away for all that depresses me. I turn to You Who creates great joy in me.

**Psa 13:6 (NIV) I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.** If I continue to draw near to You, You have promised to draw near to me. So, I open my mouth and start singing songs of praise and worship to You. I step out in faith that You will respond as I move into those things that bring me great joy and intimacy with You. You have always been good to me. You have never failed or let me down. My faith is based in Your promises and all the miracles You have already done in my life. My life is full of large quantities of fulfilled promises. I am giving my thoughts over to praising You for all the past blessings You have poured on me. I devote my time, energy, and thoughts to all those things that You have already done for me. Rather than thinking about what I don't have, I will think about all You have already given me. You are an awesome God. I love You very much.

## **PSALM 14**

**God, resist those who try to conceal You.**

**Psa 14:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.**

God, all You have created testifies of Your greatness. You are obvious to all who just take a casual look. Your creation has already proven Your existence to everyone. There is no such thing as an atheist. They are the ones who do not exist. You have made Yourself clear to everyone of them. They have to give their heart over to corrupt, vile deeds to bring themselves to the place where they deny that You exist. They have to crowd out all knowledge of You from their mind and heart. They have to become perverted in their thinking. As they try to present themselves as wise they become fools. Your complex creation makes them all fools. It is obvious to even the simplest that all Your creation could not exist and function with such harmony without You creating and running it.

**Psa 14:2 (NIV) The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.** Even though many have turned from You to their own ways, they are no evidence against Your greatness. They are just representative of their foolishness. Their lives show forth the calamity of their decision. All of their governmental, educational, and philosophical structures produce more confusion and failure. Their lives prove that their decisions to reject You were foolish and tragic. The more they try to prove that life can exist without You, the more they prove the opposite.

**Psa 14:3 (NIV) All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.** All of us humans have had to find out for ourselves that we can't survive without You. Your Holy Spirit had to convict us of the sins we were committing. You had to draw us to Your way of life. All of us would be totally destroyed if You hadn't reached out to save us. We all are fools without Your awesome intervention and provisions.

**Psa 14:4 (NIV) Will evildoers never learn-- those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD?** I bring before You, those who are fighting against people who have already come to You. And, I bring before You, those who are fighting against people who will come to You. These evildoers are constantly trying to destroy Your people. They try to destroy those who have accepted You. And, they try to keep those who want to accept You from being able to come to You. These evildoers don't want to call on You and they don't want anyone else to call on You either. I pray against them, mighty God. Devour them like they are trying to devour us.

**Psa 14:5 (NIV) There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.** Fill the evildoer's life with great and overwhelming dread. Debilitate them to such a degree that we are able to contact the people who are willing to accept You. Breakdown the barriers they have created through governmental laws, educational systems, social pressures, and entertainment agendas. You are present with us to make it possible for us to worship You freely and reach those who want to know You.

**Psa 14:6 (NIV) You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.** Those who are poor in physical and financial needs and those who are poor in spirit, all need Your help. Your people want to be able to reach them with Your good news. The evildoers are constantly bringing great frustration and resistance to all their efforts to find Your help. You are their refuge, mighty God. We are commissioned to present them with the message that will set them free from sin. We want to talk to them and they want to be talked to. However, the evildoers are constantly frustrating them and blocking us. Let the power of Your protection be sent forth to open all the doors for us and them to get together.

**Psa 14:7 (NIV) Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!**

You have made the Jews and the Gentiles all one people in Christ. Salvation is now available to us all. Let the Jews and the Gentiles all receive Your salvation. Make it possible for every person who wants You to find You. Provide us, Your one body, to be restored to the prosperity of all You have to offer. So bless us with it all that we are able to go wherever we need to go and do whatever we need to do to reach everyone for You. Bring us all into Your heavenly Kingdom. Let us all stand before You as Your children. We worship You forever, our great God!

## **PSALM 15**

God, I want to be a **generous** person.

**Psa 15:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?** Heavenly Father, I want to dwell in Your presence continuously. I want to live in You and You in me. You are more important than anything else. To constantly be talking to You and You to me is my total heart's desire. I love You with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. I am looking forward to spending eternity with You. I enjoy working together with You as we reach out to the needs of others. It is such a privilege to have Your miraculous work come into and pass through me to the needs of those Who will receive what You have to offer.

**Psa 15:2 (NIV) He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart** Thank You for the provisions of salvation that have credited blamelessness, righteousness, and truth to my account. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit Who is training me, empowering me, and moving through me with blamelessness, righteousness, and truth. Without Your provisions I would have no chance of being with You and You with me. My walk, deeds, and words are being transformed by the power of Your Word and the anointing of Your Holy Spirit. You are so wonderful! You have taken care of it all.

**Psa 15:3 (NIV) and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman,** Your Spirit has given me love so I can love my neighbor as myself. He has helped me to feel what my neighbor feels. My desire is to be a blessing to my neighbor with the same intensity as I desire blessings myself. This is a miracle! I am being delivered from selfishness, self-centeredness, self-confidence, and am being given selflessness. You are taking care of all my needs. I don't have to be concerned with that anymore. I have cast all my cares on You. You always care for me. Now I am free to speak encouragement, support, and appreciation to my neighbor. Now I can spend my time doing good, helping, and giving Your provisions to my neighbor. I am now able to spread my neighbor's fame to all I talk to. I can always be a bearer of good news to everyone I come in contact with.

**Psa 15:4 (NIV) who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts,** I hate the deeds of the wicked and vile, heavenly Father. I leave the wicked and vile person in Your hands. You will have to decide their destiny. But, I pray against their deeds. I ask for Your mighty resistance against the wicked and vile things they do. They are using their wickedness and vile activities to suppress Your Truth. This hurts those Who want to love and serve You. This confuses the weak and oppressed. This brings pain, suffering, and death to those whom they contact. Bless and deliver all who respect, fear, and love You. I devote all I am to supporting those who are and will serve You. Help me to speak the truth in love. Give me such wisdom that I am able to tell the truth without hurting anyone. Even if it gets me into trouble, help me to always present Your Gospel message and tell the truth to others.

**Psa 15:5 (NIV) who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.** Create a generous and loving heart toward the financial needs of others. The money that comes to me I only want to use the amount that I need and pass the rest to those who need it. I don't want to be a lake. I want to be a river. I don't want to store up anything on this earth. I want to send it to heaven. I want to use everything You give me for the meeting of the needs of the needy and for Your glory. Empower me to never accept money that is for evil. Provide such a love in my heart that I will only accept money that comes through You. Give me Your honesty and integrity as a stream flowing in and through me at all times.