

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS PRAYER GUIDE

PSALM 9

1 I will thank the Lord with all my heart; I will declare all your wondrous works.

2 I will rejoice and boast about you; I will sing about your name, Most High.

3 When my enemies retreat, they stumble and perish before you.

4 For you have upheld my just cause; you are seated on your throne as a righteous judge.

5 You have rebuked the nations: You have destroyed the wicked; you have erased their name forever and ever.

6 The enemy has come to eternal ruin; you have uprooted the cities, and the very memory of them has perished.

7 But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

8 And he judges the world with righteousness; he executes judgment on the nations with fairness.

9 The Lord is a refuge for the persecuted, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 Those who know your name trust in you because you have not abandoned those who seek you, Lord.

11 Sing to the Lord, who dwells in Zion; proclaim his deeds among the nations.

12 For the one who seeks an accounting for bloodshed remembers them; he does not forget the cry of the oppressed.

13 Be gracious to me, Lord; consider my affliction at the hands of those who hate me. Lift me up from the gates of death,

14 so that I may declare all your praises. I will rejoice in your salvation within the gates of Daughter Zion.

15 The nations have fallen into the pit they made; their foot is caught in the net they have concealed.

16 The Lord has made himself known; he has executed justice, snaring the wicked by the work of their hands.
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17 The wicked will return to Sheol— all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy will not always be forgotten; the hope of the oppressed will not perish forever.

19 Rise up, Lord! Do not let mere humans prevail; let the nations be judged in your presence.

20 Put terror in them, Lord; let the nations know they are only humans.
Selah

GOD'S PRAISEWORTHY ATTRIBUTES

God is worthy of wholehearted thanksgiving (v. 1)

He has done wonderful deeds (vv. 1, 11)

His name is worthy of glad exultation and songs of praise (vv. 2, 11)

He is God Most High (v. 2)

He confounds our enemies before His presence (v. 3)

He executes righteous judgement (vv. 4, 7-8)

He rebukes and brings an end to the wicked (vv. 5-6, 15-17, 19-20)

He is our stronghold in times of trouble (v. 9)

He desires to be known (v. 10)

His name is trustworthy (v. 10)

He does not forsake those who seek Him (v. 10)

He is enthroned before His people (v. 11)

He remembers the cry of the afflicted and needy (vv. 12, 13, 18)

He is gracious when we call on Him (v. 12)

He lifts us up from death (v. 12)

He gives us joy in His salvation (v. 14)

He is the hope of the poor (v. 18)

I. REVERING GOD

Lord, with my whole heart, I want to thank You for:

As I think of Your wonderful deeds in my life, I praise You for the time when You:

I sing praise to You because Your name is:

Thank You that when _____ (time of personal trouble) You were my stronghold.

II. RESPONDING TO GOD

Because You are the righteous judge, I submit my unrighteous thoughts, words and deeds before You in humble confession. Specifically, I surrender:

III. REQUESTING OF GOD

Because Your name is _____, I will trust You for _____.

I cry out to You for grace because _____ (area of trouble).

Be a stronghold for _____ (name) as they encounter the trouble of _____.

I pray that You will exalt Your name in the nation of _____ and execute Your righteous judgement.

Help me to tell of Your deeds and recount Your praises today as I:

IV. READYING OURSELVES WITH GOD

Arise O Lord and help me to prevail over _____ (temptation or evil).

We rejoice in Your salvation!