

# SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

## PRAYER GUIDE

### PSALM 10

1 Lord, why do you stand so far away?  
Why do you hide in times of trouble?

2 In arrogance the wicked relentlessly  
pursue their victims; let them be caught  
in the schemes they have devised.

3 For the wicked one boasts about his  
own cravings; the one who is greedy  
curses and despises the Lord.

4 In all his scheming, the wicked person  
arrogantly thinks, "There's no  
accountability, since there's no God."

5 His ways are always secure; your lofty  
judgments have no effect on him; he  
scoffs at all his adversaries.

6 He says to himself, "I will never be  
moved— from generation to generation  
I will be without calamity."

7 Cursing, deceit, and violence fill his  
mouth; trouble and malice are under  
his tongue.

8 He waits in ambush near settlements;  
he kills the innocent in secret places.  
His eyes are on the lookout for the  
helpless;

9 he lurks in secret like a lion in a  
thicket. He lurks in order to seize a  
victim; he seizes a victim and drags him  
in his net.

10 So he is oppressed and beaten  
down; helpless people fall because of  
the wicked one's strength.

11 He says to himself, "God has  
forgotten; he hides his face and will  
never see."

12 Rise up, Lord God! Lift up your hand.  
Do not forget the oppressed.

13 Why has the wicked person  
despised God? He says to himself, "You  
will not demand an account."

14 But you yourself have seen trouble  
and grief, observing it in order to take  
the matter into your hands. The helpless  
one entrusts himself to you; you are a  
helper of the fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked, evil  
person, until you look for his  
wickedness, but it can't be found.

16 The Lord is King forever and ever;  
the nations will perish from his land.

17 Lord, you have heard the desire of  
the humble; you will strengthen their  
hearts. You will listen carefully,

18 doing justice for the fatherless and  
the oppressed so that mere humans  
from the earth may terrify them no  
more.

## GOD'S PRAISEWORTHY ATTRIBUTES

God receives and responds to our  
questions and perplexities  
(vv. 1-11, 13)

He is a God of judgement  
(v. 5, 12, 14-16, 17)

God remembers and hears our  
afflictions (v. 12, 17)

God Is all seeing (omniscient) (v. 14)

He cares for the helpless (v. 14)

He is a helper of the fatherless (v. 14)

God is King (v. 16)

God strengthens our hearts (v. 17)

He inclines His ear (v.17)

God brings justice for His people  
(v. 18)

## I. REVERING GOD

I praise You Lord that when I questioned \_\_\_\_\_, You listened and responded.

I praise You Lord that I can trust You to judge the evil of the world, especially:

I praise You that You were my helper when:

I praise You that You gave divine help to \_\_\_\_\_ (name) when:

## II. RESPONDING TO GOD

Lord, today I am asking "why" as I ponder \_\_\_\_\_. I surrender my questions to You and will trust You to:

Even though I am in turmoil over \_\_\_\_\_, I submit my heart to You and will trust You to do justice.

## III. REQUESTING OF GOD

Lord, I ask You to "arise" on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (name) and assure them of Your care and presence.

Lord, today I am feeling helpless over \_\_\_\_\_, and commit myself anew to You.

Lord, be a helper to the fatherless. I pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord, I need You to strengthen my heart, specifically in the area of:

Lord, please strengthen the hearts of our church leaders by giving them:

## IV. READYING OURSELVES WITH GOD

Lord, even when we are helpless, we know You will confront the wickedness of:

Today we will trust You to judge \_\_\_\_\_ (wickedness ) in the world.