



Staff Prayers

Opening

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Psalm 89

A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- 1 *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- 2 *For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;*
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
- 3 *You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;*
I have sworn to David my servant:
- 4 *'I will establish your offspring forever,*
and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah
- 5 *Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- 6 *For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?*
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
- 7 *a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,*
and awesome above all who are around him?
- 8 *O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are,*
O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?
- 9 *You rule the raging of the sea;*
when its waves rise, you still them.
- 10 *You crushed Rahab like a carcass;*
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- 11 *The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;*
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.
- 12 *The north and the south, you have created them;*
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
- 13 *You have a mighty arm;*
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- 14 *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;*
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- 15 *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
- 16 *who exult in your name all the day*
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- 17 *For you are the glory of their strength;*
by your favor our horn is exalted.
- 18 *For our shield belongs to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

- 19 *Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
 ‘I have granted help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.*
- 20 *I have found David, my servant;
 with my holy oil I have anointed him,
21 so that my hand shall be established with him;
 my arm also shall strengthen him.*
- 22 *The enemy shall not outwit him;
 the wicked shall not humble him.*
- 23 *I will crush his foes before him
 and strike down those who hate him.*
- 24 *My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
 and in my name shall his horn be exalted.*
- 25 *I will set his hand on the sea
 and his right hand on the rivers.*
- 26 *He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,
 my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’*
- 27 *And I will make him the firstborn,
 the highest of the kings of the earth.*
- 28 *My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
 and my covenant will stand firm for him.*
- 29 *I will establish his offspring forever
 and his throne as the days of the heavens.*
- 30 *If his children forsake my law
 and do not walk according to my rules,
31 if they violate my statutes
 and do not keep my commandments,
32 then I will punish their transgression with the rod
 and their iniquity with stripes,
33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love
 or be false to my faithfulness.*
- 34 *I will not violate my covenant
 or alter the word that went forth from my lips.*
- 35 *Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;
 I will not lie to David.*
- 36 *His offspring shall endure forever,
 his throne as long as the sun before me.*
- 37 *Like the moon it shall be established forever,
 a faithful witness in the skies.”*
- 38 *But now you have cast off and rejected;
 you are full of wrath against your anointed.*
- 39 *You have renounced the covenant with your servant;
 you have defiled his crown in the dust.*
- 40 *You have breached all his walls;
 you have laid his strongholds in ruins.*
- 41 *All who pass by plunder him;
 he has become the scorn of his neighbors.*

- 42 *You have exalted the right hand of his foes;*
you have made all his enemies rejoice.
- 43 *You have also turned back the edge of his sword,*
and you have not made him stand in battle.
- 44 *You have made his splendor to cease*
and cast his throne to the ground.
- 45 *You have cut short the days of his youth;*
you have covered him with shame. Selah
- 46 *How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?*
How long will your wrath burn like fire?
- 47 *Remember how short my time is!*
For what vanity you have created all the children of man!
- 48 *What man can live and never see death?*
Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah
- 49 *LORD, where is your steadfast love of old,*
which by your faithfulness you swore to David?
- 50 *Remember, O LORD, how your servants are mocked,*
and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,
- 51 *with which your enemies mock, O LORD,*
with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.
- 52 *Blessed be the LORD forever!*
Amen and Amen.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
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Scripture Reading: TBA

Meditation:

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Suffrages

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
And grant us your salvation.
Endue your ministers with righteousness;
And make your chosen people joyful.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect

Prayers of the People

Any individual

- Respond to the scripture that was read
- Praise God for faithfulness to His covenant in spite of our unfaithfulness
- Thanks that David's throne never ends, but is occupied at last by Christ forever
- Pray for God to deliver us out of our current distresses
- Pray for patience to wait for God's deliverance
- Pray for God to reveal His glory in the church
- Pray for a restful, productive, and merry Christmastide
- Pray for students in difficult situations during Christmas
- Etc.

Closing Prayer

Italics: *leader*

Regular: people

Arial: instructions