DISCOVERY CHURCH

30 Days with the Prayers God's People

Praying the Psalms

How to Say the Psalms

Try not to let this guide overwhelm you.

This guide is a gift to provide a little bit of structure for adding the Psalms into your prayer life. If you don't currently use the Psalms you might start by saying a single Psalm each day. If you are looking to achieve nun-status and basically abandon work, friends, and all responsibilities, you might try to read all 150 Psalms in 30 days.

To give you even more flexibility as you add the Psalms to your prayers we have provided short excerpts of every one of the Psalms. You might find the Psalms most accessible by using these excerpts in place of the full Psalms. At least, at first. FYI: the excerpts are all from the New Living Translation (NLT).

People include the Psalms in their lives in so many ways that there truly is no one-size fits-all approach. Some only include the Psalms in their morning prayers. Others, in the evening. Some will pray a Psalm in both the morning and in the evening. Still others, a Psalm at meal times or morning, noon, and night. Adopt the Psalms in whatever way helps you take the next step in your practice of prayer.

To start, say the Psalms aloud whenever possible, reading them slowly and carefully, allowing the words to dwell within you.

When you say the Psalms with someone else, they are best recited responsively, two lines at a time. When you pray alone, a pause between each pair of lines is helpful in allowing the words to sink in.

In many communities where the Psalms are prayed regularly, each Psalm is followed by the prayer, "*Glory to Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen."* and also by a minute or two of silence. If you are just starting to develop a habit of saying the Psalms, you might say this prayer once at the very end of your time.

Feel free to personalize the 3Psalms by addressing God in the second person. *Example:* You might alter "The LORD is my shepherd" to "You are my shepherd."

There is a tension between using a familiar translation and using a translation that is new to you. Familiar words can make the Psalms immediately accessible for prayer. However, new words can bring fresh meaning that might allow God to speak to you in new ways.

Remember that the Psalms have been prayed by the faithful in patterns just like this for thousands of years. The Psalms reflect and speak to and of all of life, all of its joy and its pain, all of its pain, all of its mystery and its wonder. Listen deeply to the words of these ancient prayers, and listen for the prayer of God that rises in your heart.

- adapted from Venite: a Book of Daily Prayer, p. 126

RESOURCES ON THE PSALMS

Bono & Eugene Peterson: <u>A Conversation on the Psalms</u>

"Modern Psalms" (Spotify Playlist)

The Bible Project:

"Introduction to the Psalms"

"Read Scripture: Psalms"

"How to Read the Bible: Psalms"

Podcast - 4 Episodes on Psalms: Fear, Pain, Confession, and Doubt

The Psalms for Prayer:

"Praying the Psalms: Engaging Scripture and the Life of the Spirit"

- Walter Brueggeman (Wipf & Stock Pub, 2007)

"Reflections on the Psalms"

- C. S. Lewis (Mariner Books, 1964)

"Answering God: The Psalms as Tools for Prayer"

- Eugene Peterson (Mariner Books, 1964)

"Praying with the Psalms: A Year of Daily Prayers and Reflections on the Words of David"

- Eugene Peterson (HarperOne, 1993)

Theology and Bible Study: The Psalms

"The Case for the Psalms: Why They Are Essential"

- N. T. Wright (HarperOne, 2013)

"The Psalms as Christian Lament"

- Bruce Waltke and James Houston (Eerdmans, 2010)

"The Art of Biblical Poetry"

- Robert Alter (Basic Books, 2011)

"The Psalms: volumes 1-3"

- John Goldingay (Baker Academic, 2002)

DAY 1

Psalm 1

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. vv. 1-2

____ Psalm 2

Now then, you kings act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! Serve the LORD with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. Submit to God's royal son. vv. 10-12

Psalm 3

I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain. Arise, O LORD! Rescue me, my God! vv. 4, 7

_____ Psalm 4

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer. v. 1

Psalm 5

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly. vv. 2-3

Psalm 6

Have compassion on me, LORD, for I am weak. Heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony. I am sick at heart. How long, O LORD, until you restore me? vv. 2-4

_ Psalm 7

Gather the nations before you. Rule over them from on high. The LORD judges the nations. For you look deep within the mind and heart, O righteous God. vv. 7, 9

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. v. 1

Glory to Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Psalm 9

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High. vv. 1-2

Psalm 10

The LORD is king forever and ever! LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them. You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so mere people can no longer terrify them. vv. 16-18

____ Psalm 11

But the LORD is in his holy Temple; the LORD still rules from heaven. He watches everyone closely, examining very person on earth. The LORD examines both the righteous and the wicked. He hates those who love violence. vv. 4-5

_____ Psalm 12

The LORD replies, "I have seen violence done to the helpless, and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do." v. 5

___ Psalm 13

O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? I will sing to the LORD because he is good to me. vv. 1, 6

Psalm 14

Who will come from Mount Zion to rescue Israel? When the LORD restores his people, Jacob will shout with joy, and Israel will rejoice. v. 7

Psalm 15

Who may worship in your sanctuary, LORD? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts. vv. 1-2

Psalm 16

No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. vv. 9-11

_____ Psalm 17

I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray. Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways. By your mighty power you rescue those who seek refuge from their enemies. vv. 6-7

_____ Psalm 18

I love you, LORD; you are my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies. vv. 1-3

Psalm 19

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. v. 14

_ Psalm 20

May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God. v. 5

____ Psalm 21

How the king rejoices in your strength, O LORD! He shouts with joy because you give him victory. For you have given him his heart's desire; you have withheld nothing he requested. vv. 1-2

____ Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? Praise the LORD, all you who fear him! For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help. vv. 1, 23-24

___ Psalm 23

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life. vv. 4, 6

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty; the LORD, invincible in battle. vv. 1-2, 8

Psalm 25

O LORD, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God. O God, ransom Israel from all its troubles. vv. 1, 22

____ Psalm 26

I love your sanctuary, LORD, the place where your glorious presence dwells. Now I stand on solid ground, and I will publicly praise the LORD. vv. 8, 12

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The one thing I ask of the LORD—the one thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in his Temple. My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming." vv.1, 4, 8

____ Psalm 28

The LORD gives his people strength. He is a safe fortress for his anointed king. Save your people! Bless Israel, your special possession. Lead them like a shepherd, and carry them in your arms forever. v. 9

Psalm 29

The LORD rules over the floodwaters. The LORD reigns as king forever. The LORD gives his people strength. The LORD blesses them with peace. vv. 10-11

Psalm 30

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. vv. 11-12

Psalm 31

Turn your ear to listen to me; rescue me quickly. Be my rock of protection, a fortress where I will be safe. You are my rock and my fortress. vv. 2-3

_ Psalm 32

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. vv. 1-3, 5

Psalm 33

For the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does. He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the LORD fills the earth. vv. 4-5

Psalm 34

Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt his name together. v. 3

__ Psalm 35

How long, O Lord, will you look on and do nothing? v.17

____ Psalm 36

Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts. They have no fear of God at all. v. 1

Psalm 37

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. v. 7

Psalm 38

O LORD, don't rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your rage! My guilt overwhelms me—it is a burden too heavy to bear. My wounds fester and stink because of my foolish sins. You know what I long for, Lord; you hear my every sigh. My heart beats wildly, my strength fails, and I am going blind. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my savior. vv. 1, 4-5, 22

Psalm 39

Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire life is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath. vv. 4-5

Psalm 40

I have told all your people about your justice. I have not been afraid to speak out, as you, O LORD, well know. I have not kept the good news of your justice hidden in my heart; I have talked about your faithfulness and saving power. I have told everyone in the great assembly of your unfailing love and faithfulness. vv. 9-10

___ Psalm 41

"O LORD," I prayed, "have mercy on me. Heal me, for I have sinned against you." v. 4

____ Psalm 42

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him? vv. 1-2

Psalm 43

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again – my Savior and my God! *v. 5*

Psalm 44

O God, we give glory to you all day long and constantly praise your name. v. 8

Psalm 45

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice. v. 6

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." vv. 1, 10

Psalm 47

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm! vv. 6-7

Psalm 48

O God, we meditate on your unfailing love as we worship in your Temple. As your name deserves. O God, you will be praised to the ends of the earth. vv. 9-10

Psalm 49

But as for me, God will redeem my life. He will snatch me from the power of the grave. v. 15

Psalm 50

From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines in glorious radiance. Our God approaches, and he is not silent. Bring my faithful people to me—those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices." vv. 2-3, 5

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. vv. 1, 16-17

_____ Psalm 52

I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love. v. 8

Psalm 53

God looks down on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone seeks God. But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. vv. 2-3

____ Psalm 54

I will sacrifice a voluntary offering to you; I will praise your name, O LORD, for it is good. v. 6

Psalm 55

But I will call on God, and the LORD will rescue me. Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress, and the LORD hears my voice. vv. 16-17

Psalm 56

You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book. v. 8

Psalm 57

Wake up, my heart! Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song. v. 8

Psalm 58

Justice-do you rulers know the meaning of the word? Do you judge the people fairly? No! You plot injustice in your hearts. You spread violence throughout the land. Then at last everyone will say, "There truly is a reward for those who live for God; surely there is a God who judges justly here on earth." vv. 1-2, 11

Psalm 59

But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. v. 16

Psalm 60

Now rescue your beloved people. Answer and save us by your power. God has promised this by his holiness. vv. 5-6

Psalm 61

Add many years to the life of the king! May his years span the generations! May he reign under God's protection forever. v. 7

Psalm 62

God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many times. v. 10

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. vv. 1, 5

___ Psalm 64

Hide me from the plots of this evil mob, from this gang of wrong doers. They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their bitter words like arrows. vv. 2-3

Psalm 65

You formed the mountains by your power and armed yourself with mighty strength. You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations. vv. 6-7

____ Psalm 66

Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people! He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and his people went across on foot. There we rejoiced in him. For by his great power he rules forever. vv. 5-7

Psalm 67

May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you. v. 5

Psalm 68

Let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence. Let them be filled with joy. Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth. Sing praises to the Lord. vv. 3, 32

Psalm 69

My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me. O God, you know how foolish I am; my sins cannot be hidden from you. But I keep praying to you, LORD, hoping this time you will show me favor. vv. 3, 5, 13

_ Psalm 70

May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, "God is great!" But as for me, I am poor and needy; please hurry to my aid, O God. vv. 4-5

Psalm 71

My life is an example to many, because you have been my strength and protection. And now, in my old age, don't set me aside. Don't abandon me when my strength is failing. vv. 7, 9

_ Psalm 72

Give your love of justice to the king, O God, and righteousness to the king's son. Help him judge your people in the right way; let the poor always be treated fairly. May the king's rule be refreshing like spring rain on freshly cut grass, like the showers that water the earth. vv. 1-2, 6

_ Psalm 73

But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign LORD my shelter. v. 28

_ Psalm 74

How long, O God, will you allow our enemies to insult you? Will you let them dishonor your name forever? v. 10

Psalm 75

We thank you, O God! We give thanks because you are near. v. 1

_ Psalm 76

You are glorious and more majestic than the everlasting mountains. v. 4

____ Psalm 77

When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted. O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? vv. 1-2. 13

____ Psalm 78

So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God. vv. 7-8

Psalm 79

O LORD, how long will you be angry with us? Forever? Do not hold us guilty for the sins of our ancestors! Let your compassion quickly meet our needs, for we are on the brink of despair. vv. 5, 8

_ Psalm 80

Turn us again to yourself, O God. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved. v. 3

_____ Psalm 81

I heard an unknown voice say, "Now I will take the load from your shoulders; I will free your hands from their heavy tasks. You cried to me in trouble, and I saved you." vv. 6-7

_____ Psalm 82

Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people. vv. 3-4

____ Psalm 83

O God, do not be silent! Do not be deaf. Do not be quiet, O God. v. 1

____ Psalm 84

A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! v. 10

Psalm 85

Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed! Truth springs up from the earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven. vv. 10-11

Psalm 86

No pagan god is like you, O Lord. None can do what you do! v. 8

_ Psalm 87

Regarding Jerusalem it will be said, "Everyone enjoys the rights of citizenship there." And the Most High will personally bless this city. When the LORD registers the nations, he will say, "They have all become citizens of Jerusalem." vv. 5-6

_ Psalm 88

O LORD, God of my salvation, I cry out to you by day. I come to you at night. Now hear my prayer; listen to my cry. My eyes are blinded by my tears. Each day I beg for your help, O LORD; I lift my hands to you for mercy. O LORD, I cry out to you. I will keep on pleading day by day. vv. 1-2, 9, 13

_____ Psalm 89

I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens. vv. 1-2

Psalm 90

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. O LORD, come back to us! How long will you delay? Take pity on your servants! vv. 12-13

Psalm 91

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD; He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. vv. 1-2

_____ Psalm 92

You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me! I sing for joy because of what you have done. O LORD, what great works you do! And how deep are your thoughts. vv. 4-5

_____ Psalm 93

The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. v. 1

_____ Psalm 94

Joyful are those you discipline, LORD, those you teach with your instructions. v. 12

Psalm 95

Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care. vv. 6-7

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. vv. 2-3

_____ Psalm 97

Jerusalem has heard and rejoiced, and all the towns of Judah are glad because of your justice, O LORD! v. 9

_____ Psalm 98

Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! v. 4

__ Psalm 99

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established fairness. You have acted with justice and righteousness throughout Israel. Exalt the LORD our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy! vv. 4-5

_ Psalm 100

Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. v. 3

Psalm 101

I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. v. 2

Psalm 102

He looked down to earth from heaven to hear the groans of the prisoners, to release those condemned to die. And so the LORD's fame will be celebrated in Zion, his praises in Jerusalem, when multitudes gather together and kingdoms come to worship the LORD. vv. 19-22

_ Psalm 103

Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's! vv. 2-5

_____ Psalm 104

O LORD, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath! vv. 24, 33

Psalm 105

Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD. Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given, you children of his servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones. vv. 1-6

__ Psalm 106

Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people; come near and rescue me. Let me share in the prosperity of your chosen ones. Let me rejoice in the joy of your people; let me praise you with those who are your heritage.

Save us, O LORD our God! Gather us back from among the the nations, so we can thank your holy name and rejoice and praise you. Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who lives from everlasting to everlasting! Let all the people say, "Amen!" vv. 4-5, 47-48

Psalm 107

Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies. Some wandered in the wilderness, lost and homeless. Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom, imprisoned in iron chains of misery. Some were fools; they rebelled and suffered for their sins. Let them praise the LORD for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. Some went off to sea in ships, plying the trade routes of the world. Let them praise the LORD for his great love and for the mas done for them. Some went off to sea in ships, plying the trade routes of the more for them. vv. 2, 4,10, 17, 23, 32

___ Psalm 108

My heart is confident in you, O God; no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart! v. 1

_ Psalm 109

O God, whom I praise, don't stand silent and aloof while the wicked slander me and tell lies about me. They surround me with hateful words and fight against me for no reason. I love them, but they try to destroy me with accusations even as I am praying for them! They repay evil for good, and hatred for my love. vv. 1-5

____ Psalm 110

"The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit in the place of honor at my right hand.' v. 1

Psalm 111

He has paid a full ransom for his people. He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has! v. 9

_____ Psalm 112

How joyful are those who fear the LORD and delight in obeying his commands. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous. vv. 1, 4

_____ Psalm 113

Everywhere-from east to west-praise the name of the LORD. v. 3

_____ Psalm 114

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob. vv. 7-8

Psalm 115

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness. v. 1

Psalm 116

The LORD cares deeply when his loved ones die. v. 15

_ Psalm 117

He loves us with an unfailing love; the LORD's faithfulness endures forever. v. 2

___ Psalm 118

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. v. 1

_ Psalm 119 (divided into sections, according to Hebrew alphabet)

_____ ALEPH. As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should. v. 7

_____ BETH. How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. vv. 9, 11

_____ GIMEL. Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. Your laws please me; they give me wise advice. vv. 18, 24

_____ DALETH. Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions. v. 29

Psalm 119 (divided into sections, according to Hebrew alphabet)

_____ HE. Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money! v. 36

_____ WAW. How I delight in your commands! How I love them! v. 47

_____ ZAYIN. I meditate on your age-old regulations; O LORD, they comfort me. I reflect on who you are, O LORD; therefore, I obey your instructions. vv. 52, 55

_____ HETH. With all my heart I want your blessings. Be merciful as you promised. I rise at midnight to thank you for your just regulations. vv. 58, 62

_____ TETH. I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your word. v. 67

_____ YODH. May all who fear you find in me a cause for joy, for I have put my hope in your word. v. 74

_____ KAPH. I am worn out waiting for your rescue, but I have put my hope in your word. v. 81

_____ LAMEDH. Your eternal word, O LORD, stands firm in heaven. v. 89

_____ MEM. How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. v. 103

Psalm 119 (divided into sections, according to Hebrew alphabet)

_____ NUN. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. v. 105

_____ SAMEKH. You are are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope. v. 114

_____ AYIN. Give discernmentg to me, your servant; then I will understand your laws. v. 125

_____ PE. Your laws are wonderful. No wonder I obey them! I pant with expectation, longing for your commands. vv. 129, 131

_____ TSADHE. Your laws are perfect and completely trustworthy. v. 137

_____ QOPH. But you are near, O LORD, and all your commands are true. v. 151

_____ RESH. The very essence of your words is truth; all your just regulations will stand forever. v. 160

_____ SHIN. I will praise you seven times a day because all your regulations are just. I have obeyed your laws, for I love them very much. vv. 164, 167

_____ TAW. I have wandered away like a lost sheep; come and find me, for I have not forgotten your commands. v. 176

Psalm 120

I am tired of living among people who hate peace. I search for peace. vv.6-7

Psalm 121

I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD. vv. 1-2

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." v. 1

_ Psalm 123

Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy. v. 3

Psalm 124

What if the LORD had not been on our side? v. 1

Psalm 125

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people. v. 2

Psalm 126

We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy. v. 2

Psalm 127

Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. v. 1

Psalm 128

How joyful are those who fear the LORD-all who follow his ways! vv. 1

Psalm 129

From my earliest youth my enemies have persecuted me, but they have never defeated me. v. 2

Psalm 130

O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is unfailing love. v. 7

Psalm 131

I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp. v. 1

Psalm 132

I will bless this city and make it prosperous; I will satisfy its poor with food. v. 15

_ Psalm 133

How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony. v. 1

____ Psalm 134

Lift up holy hands in prayer, and praise the LORD. v. 2

__ Psalm 135

Praise Him, you who serve the LORD, you who serve in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God. vv. 1-2

___ Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! Give thanks to the God of gods. Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His faithful love endures forever. vv. 1-3

Psalm 137

Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem. Our captors demanded a song from us. But how can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a pagan land? vv. 1, 3-4

Psalm 138

Every king in all the earth will thank you, LORD, for all of them will hear your words. Yes, they will sing about the LORD's ways, for the glory of the LORD is very great. vv. 4-5

Psalm 139

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. vv. 23-24

Psalm 140

I said to the LORD, "You are my God!" Listen, O LORD, to my cries for mercy! LORD, do not let evil people have their way. vv. 6, 8

_____ Psalm 141

Listen when I cry to you for help! Accept my prayer as incense offered to you, and my upraised hands as an evening offering. vv. 1-2

__ Psalm 142

I cry out to the LORD; I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles. vv. 1-2

_ Psalm 143

Come quickly, LORD, and answer me, for my depression deepens. Don't turn away from me, or I will die. Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you. vv. 7-8

Psalm 144

O LORD, what are human beings that you should notice them, mere mortals that you should think about them? For they are like a breath of air; their days are like a passing shadow. vv. 3-4

Psalm 145

The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on his creation. vv. 8-9

_____ Psalm 146

He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. The LORD frees the prisoners. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down. vv. 7-8

____ Psalm 147

No, the LORD's delight is in those who fear him, those who put their hope in his unfailing love. v. 11

_____ Psalm 148

Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for he issued his command, and they came into being. v. 5

____ Psalm 149

Praise his name with dancing. Let the praises of God be in their mouths. vv. 3, 6

Psalm 150

Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD. v. 6