

40 Days of Prayer

Week 6

Feb. 14-Feb. 18

Chapter 10 of Praying the Bible

⇒ Before you connect with your prayer people this week, read chapter 10 of Praying the Bible.

Jesus' cry on the cross is the same quote found in Psalm 22.

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me and from the words of my roaring?”

Our very own Savior, Jesus Christ prayed the words of Psalm 22 while he was dying for you and me. Our suffering servant chose to praise the Lord while hanging on a cruel cross bearing the sins of ALL mankind. While David, the shepherd boy, penned the words we read today in Psalm 22, these words depict the future event in the life of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Scholars believe that this psalm is a prophetic foreshadowing of the sacrificial death of Jesus, even though David apparently spoke these words himself while being hunted down by King Saul. While crying out in desperation, we see in verse 3 a pop of praise. “Yet you are holy....” And in verse 21 thanks is being offered for God being his rescuer. This compels me to remember to praise God even when life gets difficult and hard to bare.

I'm broken and moved today as I once again recognize the price that my Jesus paid for my sin. Tears are welling up and my heart is trembling to once again consider the torment he bore so that I could have eternal life. And once again, I'm reminded that I sometimes view my prayer life as an obligation, a duty, a checklist of spiritual disciplines rather than an invitation to meet with my Savior. Today, I'm reminded that He desperately wants to be in a relationship with me. And that relationship requires communication. Can you even believe that our 1st 40 Days of Prayer Challenge is coming to a halt on Thursday? I've heard many testimonies of what praying the Psalms has done for your prayer journey. The final words of Whitney in Praying the Bible are....Why not you? Jesus prayed the Psalms, let's continue to commit to praying the Psalms and the Bible, too!

For our daily prayer challenges this week:

February 14: Read through Psalm 14, 44, 74, 104, 134; use these passages to speak to God.

February 15: Read through Psalm 15, 45, 75, 105, 135; use these passages to speak to God.

February 16: Read through Psalm 16, 46, 76, 106, 136; use these passages to speak to God.

February 17: Read through Psalm 17, 47, 77, 107, 137; use these passages to speak to God.

February 18: Read through Psalm 18, 48, 78, 108, 138; use these passages to speak to God.

- ⇒ **Important: When you pray with others, remember to intercede on behalf of EE ministries and other requests made below.**
- ⇒ **Next week we will not be in the prayer challenge but let's keep praying. Stay connected in prayer with others. Keep praying the Psalms, Whitney has provided that great chart on page 91 and 92 in his book. If you haven't downloaded the Five Psalms app, it's quite helpful. (I think you'll like it)!**
- ⇒ **I'll be sending you an email with information in preparation for our next 40 Days of Prayer Challenge beginning on March 7, 2021. We will be using Mark Batterson's "Draw the Circle - The 40 Day Prayer Challenge" book to further challenge our prayer journey and deepen our relationship with Jesus.**
- ⇒ Although we won't be in a 40 Days of Prayer Challenge we will post the Prayer Request and Praises for the ministry of Evangelism Explosion on our **"Click and Pray"** feature that will be located on the home page of the **eeprayernetwork.org** website. Keep popping in for future updates and continued additions to the website. We are so excited that you've connected with us in prayer.