

Saturday

Deliver the Christians being persecuted from the enemy, O God;
be their fortress against those who are attacking.

Deliver them from evildoers

and save them from those who are after blood.

We will sing of your strength,

in the morning we will sing of your love;

for you are a fortress,

a refuge in times of trouble.

You are our strength, we sing praise to you;

you, God, are a fortress,

a God upon whom all can rely.

Save those in harms way and help them with your right hand,

that those you love may be delivered.

Give them aid against the enemy,

for human help is worthless.

With God they will gain the victory,

and he will trample down the enemy.

(Adapted from Psalm 59:1-2,16-17; 60:5, 11-12)

Sunday

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. The righteous cry out, Lord, hear them; deliver them from all their troubles. Draw close to the brokenhearted

and save those who are crushed in spirit.

Save those afflicted, O God, by your name;

vindicate them by your might.

Hear our prayer, O God; listen to the words of our mouth.

Arrogant foes are attacking; ruthless people are killing—

people without regard for Jesus Christ.

Surely God is our help; the Lord is the one who sustains.

We praise your name, Lord, for it is good.

You deliver people from all their troubles, and bring triumph.

Rescue unharmed those being persecuted from battles being waged, and those that oppose you.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously

in the cause of truth, humility and justice;

let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

(Adapted from Psalm 34:15-18; 54; 55:18; 45:4-6)

***“They raised their voices together in prayer to God.
“Sovereign Lord,” they said...***

(Ac 4:24)

The words prayed by the early Church, as recorded in Acts 4—what is referred to as the “Believers Prayer”—is partially a quote from Psalm 2.

This prayer flowed from concern over injustice inflicted upon the Apostles.

In these dire times, as Christians are being persecuted and martyred at the hands of such evil, we have the precedent established for us to intercede on their behalf. And what could be better than to pray the Psalms as they did?

This is, indeed, the hour for us to unite our voices in prayer.

This prayer guide provides psalms we can pray together daily for the persecuted.

Please invite everyone you know to join along.

But as you pray, also remember the command of our Lord to pray for our enemies (Mt 5:44).



***“They raised their voices
together in prayer to God.”***

(Acts 4:24b)

*Praying
Psalms
Persecuted*

*“May Your unfailing
love be with Your
people, Lord, even as
they put their hope in
You.”*

Sunday

We give thanks to you, Lord, with all our heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds. We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing the praises of your name, O Most High. Turn back the enemy; may they be defeated before you. Uphold the cause of Christ, sitting enthroned as the righteous judge. The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. We sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; we proclaim among the nations what he has done. For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted. Lord, see how your enemies persecute others! Have mercy and lift them up from the gates of death, that they may declare your praises and rejoice in your salvation. The Lord is known by his acts of justice; ensnare the wicked by the work of their hands. Your word tells us that God never forgets the needy; may the hope of the afflicted never perish. Arise, Lord, do not let wicked mortals triumph; let the nations be judged in your presence. Strike them with the fear of the Lord; let the nations know they are only mortal. (Adapted from Psalm 9)

Monday

Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
People of the earth rise up
and rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed.
Lord, how many are the foes of your people!
How many rise up against them!
Many are saying,
“God will not deliver them.”
But you, Lord, are a shield around them,
their glory, the one who lifts their head high.
We call out to the Lord,
and he answers from his holy mountain.
People lie down and sleep;
and wake again, because the Lord sustains them.
May your servants not fear, though tens of thousands
assail on every side.
Arise, Lord!
Deliver your people, my God!
From the Lord comes deliverance.
May your blessing be on your people.
(Adapted from Psalm 2:1-2/Ac 4:25-26; Psalm 3)

Tuesday

May the Lord answer those in distress;
may the name of our God protect them.
May he send help from the sanctuary
and grant support from Zion.
May he give them the desire of their heart
and make their plans succeed.
May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our voice in the name of our God.
May the Lord grant all our requests.
For this we know:
The Lord gives victory to his anointed.
He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary
with the victorious power of his right hand.
Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
May the enemy of our Lord be brought to their knees and fall,
but we will rise up and stand firm.
Lord, give victory to the King!
Answer us when we call in His Name!
(Adapted from Psalm 20)

Wednesday

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.
May the foot of the proud not come against your people,
nor the hand of the wicked drive them away.
(Adapted from Psalm 36:5-11)

Thursday

The Lord is our light and our salvation—
whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives—
of whom shall we be afraid?
Though an army besiege your people, may their heart not fear;
though war break out against them, even then they can be confident.
One thing we ask from the Lord, this only do we seek:
that your people may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of their life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and seek him.
In the day of trouble keep the persecuted safe;
hide them in your shelter and set them high upon the Rock.
Hear our voice when we call, Lord; be merciful and answer.
Do not hide your face from the needy, do not turn your servants away;
for you are their helper.
Do not reject or forsake them,
God, our Savior.
May they remain strong and take heart
and wait upon the Lord.
(Adapted from Ps 27:1-5, 7, 9, 14)

Friday

Blessed are those whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen for his inheritance.
From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all mankind;
from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—
he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with your people, Lord,
even as they put their hope in you.
(Adapted from Psalm 33:12-22)