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PRAYER GUIDE

A worship-based prayer time
through Psalm 33:13-22



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OUR SURE HOPE IN AN UNSAFE WORLD

Psalm 33:13–22

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; ¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, ¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. ²¹ For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. ²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

REVERENCE

In the prayer pattern Jesus gave His disciples, He instructs us to **begin with a focus of worship**. (“Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name...”). We call this upward focus: Reverence. Before we ask anything of God, we begin with His character, His works, His person, and His promises -take time to focus your entire being on the wonders of who God is.

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PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- He is all knowing (sees all, looks out, observes all)
Prayer prompt: Thank you God for the comfort in knowing that You see...
Chorus: “Oh Lord You’re Beautiful”

- He fashions hearts

Prayer prompt: I praise You Lord that You have fashioned my heart to...

Chorus: Here's My Heart Lord

RESPONSE

We now turn in response to God's character and consider His will, His Word, and His purposes on earth. Let's yield our hearts and minds to the control of the Holy Spirit as we respond to His invitations. Introspection and surrender mark this time of response, as we look to the accomplishment of His will in our lives.

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PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- Confessing our false hopes during threatening times

Prayer prompt: I confess Lord that today I am tempted to put my hope in...

Chorus: "Jesus, Messiah"

REQUESTS

Now that we have rightly worshipped our God and Savior — and we have wholly surrendered to His will for our lives — we can now boldly bring our requests before Him, knowing that we are asking "in His name" and for His glory.

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The basis of our trust: He attends to us, loves us steadfastly, delivers us from death, keeps us alive in times of physical threat, and is our help and shield. Therefore, we are to fear him, hope in him, wait on Him.

PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- **Prayer prompt:** Because of your steadfast love, I will hope in You alone for...
Chorus: Cornerstone
- **Prayer prompt:** My soul will wait on You Lord for...
Antiphonal response: He is our help and shield!

Chorus: Cornerstone

READINESS

As we close we are now mindful of the spiritual battle that awaits us, and more importantly, reassures us of the Holy Spirit's power within us. We entrust our welfare to the power of God's presence and promises. We pledge ourselves to walk in obedience and victory as the fruit of our praying.

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PRAYER PROMPTERS:

- **Prayer prompt:** No matter what happens, we will trust You because Your name is...
Chorus: Living Hope
- **Closing antiphonal declaration:** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.