

PSALM SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIVATE READING AND REFLECTION DURING WEEK 4

<u>DAY</u>	<u>PSALM(s)</u>	<u>NOTES TO ACCOMPANY YOUR READING, REFLECTION and PRAYERS:</u>
1	78:1-8	What <i>glorious deeds</i> of the Lord have you experienced? How have you shared with the coming generations? Pray in praise and thanksgiving for God's almighty acts through the ages and in your life.
2	31	This is a Psalm of Lament which includes petitions to God for rescue and deliverance. There are also expressions of trust in God. Notice all the affirmations of confidence and trust. Look for the references to <i>rescue, redeem, deliver and save</i> . Pray your own petitions seeking God's redeeming grace in your life!
3	66	A Psalm of Praise and Thanksgiving. The reason for the praise and thanks is the " <i>awesome deeds</i> " of God which include answering the psalmist's prayer. Look @ vss. 16-20. What would you include in your telling <i>what he has done for me</i> ? What are some occasions you know of when God has <i>listened and has given heed to the words of my prayer</i> ?
4	77	Has your faith journey ever led you to a time when the words of vss. 1-3 would have been your prayer? What are some questions you have about God? Pray verses 11-15 over again!
5	107	Beginning with vs. 4, notice the circumstances of four different groups of people (identified by the word " <i>some</i> ") and how God acted on their behalf. There is a refrain after each group, <i>Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love . . .</i> Offer your own prayer for the steadfast love of God!
6	111	Read this psalm looking for: (1) attributes of God; (2) ways that God's great works are described; and, (3) references to the covenant. In verse 7 the psalmist writes, " <i>The works of his hands are faithful and just.</i> " Could you make the same affirmation? Why? Why not?
7	145	Look for all the references to God's works. What attributes of God do you see in this psalm? Who are the persons for whom God's favor is expressed? Pray for some persons you know who represent one of these same groups!