

PSALM SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIVATE READING AND REFLECTION DURING WEEK 8

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>PSALM(s)</u> | <u>NOTES TO ACCOMPANY YOUR READING, REFLECTION and PRAYERS:</u> |
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| 1 | 33 | Notice the many acts of God that are worthy of praise! What motivates you to want to praise God? What are reasons why you trust in God? What are the ways that you seek to have a righteous life? |
| 2 | 103 | In the NRSV Psalm 103 begins with <i>Bless the Lord . . .</i> In the NIV it is <i>Praise the Lord ...</i> What reasons does the psalmist have for praising God? What understanding of God does the psalmist reflect? |
| 3 | 111 | Notice all of the attributes and all of the acts of God. <i>Holy and awesome is his name.</i> (vs. 9b) What does this mean to you? In what sense are the works of God's <i>hands faithful and just?</i> (vs. 7a) What good works has God accomplished in your life or the life of your family? |
| 4 | 113 | What line or verse of this psalm would you like as your prayer for today? When you read these words what image of God do you perceive? What situations are you aware of where God <i>raises the poor from the dust?</i> |
| 5 | 117 | This is the shortest psalm and the shortest chapter in the Bible. A key phrase is <i>his steadfast love toward us.</i> How do you understand and/or experience God's steadfast love? Try putting these two verses into your own words; write your own paraphrase. |
| 6 | 146 | Consider all of the situations where God acts to the benefit of those in need. With which of the situations do you identify most closely? To what extent do you seek to live a righteous life? |
| 7 | 150 | Pray this psalm, substituting the word <i>WORSHIP</i> for the word <i>PRAISE</i> . Where is your favorite place to worship or praise God? What is your favorite way to worship or praise God? What musical instrument or activity best lifts your spirit in praise or worship? |