



Prayer Guide for Thursday, January 14

Psalm 10

Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

² In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;
let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

³ For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.

⁴ In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;
all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

⁵ His ways prosper at all times;
your judgments are on high, out of his sight;
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

⁶ He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."

⁷ His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

⁸ He sits in ambush in the villages;
in hiding places he murders the innocent.

His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

⁹ he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;
he lurks that he may seize the poor;
he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

¹⁰ The helpless are crushed, sink down,
and fall by his might.

¹¹ He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

¹² Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted.

¹³ Why does the wicked renounce God
and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?

¹⁴ But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,
that you may take it into your hands;
to you the helpless commits himself;
you have been the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;
call his wickedness to account till you find none.

¹⁶ The LORD is king forever and ever;
the nations perish from his land.

¹⁷ O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

¹⁸ to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

PRAYERS OF LAMENT (10 minutes) (times are mere suggestions)

Begin with lament and mourning for all the evil and grief we have seen in the past year. Move gradually through repentance to thanksgiving to the sovereign and ever faithful God.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNITED STATES (20 min.)

Pray for revival, unity, love, and faithful gospel ministry in our churches.

Church planters we support or supported recently:

Stephen and Mandy Love, Redemption City Church in South Bend, Indiana

Josh and Carley Hibbard, Trademark Church in Boise, Idaho

Dan and Lauren Mays, Flanagan Community Church in Flanagan, Illinois

Parachurch and mercy ministries

Pray for those touched by and fighting the Covid 19 pandemic

Pray for racial, social, and political reconciliation and for justice

Pray for our government leaders

Local government

Governor Pritzker and state legislators

Local U.S. Reps. Sean Casten, Lauren Underwood, and Brad Schneider

Illinois Senators Durbin and Duckworth

President Trump and the Federal Government

President-Elect Biden and the incoming government

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD (25 min.)

Pray for the advance of the gospel around the world.

Missionaries we support:

David and Caroline Niblack: Married for just over a month. David is Interim Director of the Bible Institute of Geneva in Switzerland and chaplain to the first-year students. Caroline is an anesthesiologist. Pray for the adjustment to married life together, for the search for a permanent director for the Bible Institute, and for wisdom lead and to minister to students.

Sarah: Discipleship ministry to Muslim women in Southern France and North Africa. Pray for wisdom and creativity for ministry in the midst of pandemic that has closed doors and prevented travel.

Moses and Harriet Kintu: Faculty at International Leadership University in Nairobi, Kenya, teaching New Testament and Counseling, they are also working

to train Cru staff throughout Southern and Eastern Africa. Their primary focus this year will be on developing informal training programs for pastors who little academic training and low incomes. Also pray for God's provision and for protection for their family health.

Ron and Leslie Radke: Ron works with Wycliffe Bible Translators and is currently working long distance with a team in Gabon to translate the Book of Luke. The initial draft of the translation is complete and they are beginning to refine the translation. Ron also consults with other translation projects and training programs

Pray for the Persecuted Church and suffering believers

Churches suffering from government repression in places like China, North Korea, Iran, and most Muslim countries.

Churches suffering from terrorist and criminal violence in places like Nigeria, Somalia, India, and Central America

Individual believers suffering in prison or as hostages because of their faith

Ken Elliott, 85 year old Australian missionary doctor kidnapped in 2016 and held somewhere in North Africa

Raymond Koh, Malaysian pastor, kidnapped in 2017

Leah Sharibu, Nigerian school girl kidnapped in 2018 with 106 other students who were all released except Leah because she would not renounce her Christian faith.

Pray for the many places of conflict and tragedy in our world as God brings them to mind.

CLOSE IN PRAISE THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND HEARS THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE (5 min.)