



## PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 7PM

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### • INTRO

Welcome to Prayer Service! It's been an interesting week, hasn't it? (Maybe that's an understatement.) And who knows how much more "interesting" it's going to get. Again and again, we are reminding ourselves that in these tumultuous times, we need to turn our attention to the Lord and fix our eyes on Jesus. Let's stop refreshing our news feeds for a moment and listen for what God wants to say. We need to remember now as much as ever that we are exiles in this land; our true home awaits us. We are citizens *first* of God's Kingdom and second of the nations in which we reside. Whoever wins the election, whatever happens in the months to come, there is a King above all kings. Let's lift our hearts and voices to the *true* King and trust Him with our world.

### • PAUSE

"As I enter prayer now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God." (Lectio365) *Pause and pray.*

As we read **Psalm 12** together, be open with the parts that confuse or challenge you; meditate on the parts that stand out to you:

***"1 Help, LORD, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race. 2 Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts. 3 May the LORD silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue—4 those who say, 'By our tongues we will prevail; our own lips will defend us—who is lord over us?' 5 'Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,' says the LORD. 'I will protect them from those who malign them.' 6 And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times. 7 You, LORD, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked, 8 who freely strut about when what is vile is honored by the human race."***

### • SONGS

**"Crown Him (Majesty)"** [Click Here - https://youtu.be/hgy-gob13kA](https://youtu.be/hgy-gob13kA)

#### VERSE 1

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for me

And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

## VERSE 2

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

## CHORUS

Majesty Lord of all  
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall  
The King of kings  
O come adore  
Our God who reigns forevermore

## BRIDGE

All hail Redeemer hail  
For He has died for me  
His praise and glory shall not fail  
Throughout eternity

## VERSE 3

Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole  
That wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round His pierc-ed feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet

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### • **PSALM 12:1-4**

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“Help, Lord.” Sometimes, that’s all we can pray: it’s all we have time to pray in the moment of crisis, or we simply can find no other words. *Help, Lord.* When it seems that our world is spinning out of control, when it feels like no one is good-hearted, when it appears that every source of information is tainted, when it seems that the places of power are inhabited too often by those who “harbor deception in their hearts,” who think they answer to no one but themselves, *help, Lord.* Do we care about truth, honesty, and integrity as much as the Psalmist does? Are we as passionate about justice and righteousness? How might the Word of God instruct us here?

*Help, Lord.* Is anything troubling your heart right now? How would you finish that prayer, “Help, Lord...” today? *Pause and pray.*

### • **PSALM 12:5-8**

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The Lord “rises up” to defend the poor and the needy. Do we stop to listen to the “groans” of the afflicted and downcast the way the Lord does? Do we look to help them in our world, or press on with our own agendas? Jesus said in Matthew 25 that what we do for the “least of these” we do for Him. No matter what the outcomes of this election are, the needy and afflicted will need our love. If this is the Lord’s concern, will we make it our own, too?

What a contrast is this section about God’s words from the previous section about the arrogant and deceitful speech of the wicked. “...*the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.*” Meditate on that for a moment: God’s words are pure, God’s truth is flawless, like the finest gold.

In a world in which “what is vile is honored by the human race,” let’s intentionally focus now on the God who is unchanging, who is righteous, who loves justice, whose words are pure and true. *He is the one with ultimate authority: He is the King of kings. Let’s take refuge, find solace, and resolve to live by this truth. Pause and pray.*

- **SONG**

“King of Kings” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/Of5IcFWiEpg>

**VERSE 1**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

**CHORUS**

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

**VERSE 2**

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

**VERSE 3**

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

**VERSE 4**

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

- **Closing**

*“Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way.*

*Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.*

*Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.”*

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