



PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 7PM

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• INTRO

Welcome to Prayer Service! Tonight, we journey through Psalm 16. This special prayer is a captivating reflection of what life with God is really like. The prayer begins in verse 1, “in you I take refuge,” and the next 10 verses describe what it looks and feels like to live with God as our refuge: it all boils down to *trust*. In times like these, we need to recover this vision for our lives more than ever. There are so many nuggets of faith and wisdom throughout this prayer; try and pick one that speaks to you the most and hang onto it for a while. Here’s a good example, verse 8: “*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*” What a powerful thought! Imagine living each moment with this awareness. It’s available to us all. So, let’s pray together.

• 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 16** together, be open with the parts that confuse or challenge you; meditate on the parts that stand out to you:

“¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.’ ³ I say of the holy people who are in the land, ‘They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.’ ⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. ⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. ⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

- **SONGS**

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/HHzevDE3xhU>

VERSE 1

Good news of great joy
For ev'ry woman ev'ry man
This will be a sign to you
A baby born in Bethlehem
Come and worship do not be afraid

VERSE 2

A company of angels
Glory in the highest
And on the earth a peace among
Those on whom His favor rests
Come and worship do not be afraid

CHORUS

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord
My soul magnifies the Lord
He has done great things for me
Great things for me

VERSE 3

Unto you a child is born
Unto us a Son is giv'n
Let ev'ry heart prepare His throne
Let ev'ry nation under Heav'n
Come and worship do not be afraid

BRIDGE

Of His government there will be no end
He'll establish it with His righteousness
And He shall reign on David's throne
And His name shall be from this day on
Wonderful Counselor
Everlasting Father
Wonderful Counselor and His name shall
be
Everlasting Father oh yeah

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“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/pkSqUq6KWCg>

VERSE 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

VERSE 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

VERSE 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

VERSE 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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- **PSALM 16:1-4**

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The opening words of this prayer are a petition for help: *“Keep me safe, my God...”* The rest of the Psalm unpacks this initial request with declarations of faith and trust, describing what it really means to “take refuge” in the Lord. *“Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.”* Fear can come from many sources: sometimes, very tangible and external, threatening our physical safety; sometimes, more internal and intangible, from relational or emotional sources. What fears right now are causing you to pray, “Keep me safe?” To what or whom do you turn to feel safe? Bring your fears, both tangible and intangible, to God.

Pause and pray.

Who do you know that is facing real threats and difficulties, experiencing fear? Intercede for their hearts and their lives, that they might experience the peace and trust that arises from finding refuge in God.

Pause and pray.

- **PSALM 16:5-11**

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Reread this passage several times, slowly and prayerfully. Invite the Spirit to speak to you personally through the Word of God. What word or phrase is standing out to you? Whatever it is, meditate on it: repeat it, reflect on it, ask God what He wants you to do with it. Pray it into your life and the lives of others that come to mind.

Pause and pray.

- **SONG**

“Doxology” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/d-k5ZabK3nE>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen, amen, amen

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- **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.”***
(Lectio365)