
The view from his Psalm is magnificent. The Lord's lovingkindness looms to heights beyond the reach of imagination. No one knew God's loyal love like David, who had seen God carry him through years of wandering as a fugitive in the desert. God's faithfulness—His utter reliability—is as measureless as the sky. Who could testify to this like Israel's shepherd king, whom God had transferred from pasture to throne, despite all odds, just as he had promised?

Against the backdrop of the evil schemes of wicked men (verses 1-4), rises the majestic mountain of God's perfect righteousness. In contrast to the cutthroat world of political intrigue, God's justice, too deep to fathom, rolls along like the vast, mysterious sea. The wicked destroy, but God "preserves man and beast."

Nothing untangles the nerves and corrects perspective like time contemplating the unchanging nature and character of God. We leave behind fickle affections, tugging us this way and that, which never last—never satisfy. We bask in the goodness of our Lord, who loved us—and will love us—to the end (John 13:1). We trade the rickety props of human security for the faithfulness of God, who has demonstrated His absolute reliability time and time again. The distractions of daily life and frustrations of trafficking with the ungodly melt away. Perfect righteousness and unflinching justice dominate our view and reassure our souls.

Don't miss your chance to visit the heights this summer. Carve out some time to spend rejoicing. See God in all that surrounds you—in all that happens around you. Notice His hand at work in your life. Remind yourself of all God has done for you—all He will do. Make a list of His blessings. Be awestruck by His goodness and staggered by His love.

And tell Him thank you. Thank you very much!

Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Ask God to reshape our church according to His plan protect us from sin and division.
- **Local Outreach:** Don and Debi Isaacs (Awana California GoldenWest)
- **Missions:** Steven Phillips (World Harvest/Serge), *Spain*

Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to pray for you personally. Share your prayer requests

- By email at prayer@northpointcorona.org
- By phone, at 951.734.1335
- On a Response Card in the pew during the worship service

Prayer Team members are available after every worship service.



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Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

(Year TWO) August 2019

O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord! —Psalm 95:1

A Heart with a View

The view from the top of Half Dome is magnificent. I've been up there twice, and I'd love to go again—if I can make it. The hike means leaving behind the bustle of daily life and entering the pristine wilderness of Yosemite Valley. You trade the confusion and bewilderment of city life for an arduous trek up one of the world's largest granite monoliths.

For someone like me, it's an almost insurmountable task, trudging doggedly toward the next bend in the trail, only to find the path steeper around the corner, until you're certain you will never make it. But somehow you do. There's something about focused effort that melts away all the distractions and draws you to the next step, then the next one, and the next. Time drifts absentmindedly by, until finally, you're there at the top. The dome falls away on every side, leaving you to drink in a vast panorama and stand awestruck.

El Capitan dominates your view on the left. Ridge after ridge of the High Sierras fade off into the distance on the right. Clouds that rival the vast mountains in size tower over the Merced River, as it waters the lush valley a mile beneath your feet. The tyranny of life's treadmill can wait. The to-do list can take care of itself. The staggering beauty transcends the grind. The solidity of ancient mountains, the serenity of the glacier-carved valley, they really matter.

King David took a journey one day, three thousand years ago. It wasn't a physical hike, though. It was spiritual. It was a journey of appreciation. He left behind the wiles of the wicked that had him tied up in knots and began contemplating the eternal realities of the nature of his God. He describes "the view" in Psalm 36.

Your lovingkindness, O Lord extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountain of God,

Your judgments are a great deep.

O Lord, you preserve man and beast.

—Psalm 36:5-6

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year TWO)

August 2019

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: School or Job	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
<p><i>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. – Hebrews 12:1-2</i></p>				<p>1) Read: Psalm 68 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to turn the heart of our nation to Himself. May we repent of the idolatry of materialism, self-indulgence, and self-reliance.</p>	<p>2) Read: Psalm 69 <i>Pray for ...</i> Northpoint's outreach in Botswana to strengthen His Church to win people to Christ and build them up in Him.</p>	<p>3) Read: Psalms 70-71 <i>Give praise for ...</i> Those who spread the Gospel faithfully in foreign lands, where Christ is not known.</p>
<p>4) Read: Psalm 72 <i>Pray for ...</i> Steve Flood: Non-staff Elder to have God's protection and blessing for himself and his family to walk in God's ways and grow into His image.</p>	<p>5) Read: Psalm 73 <i>Declare ...</i> Your commitment to Christ: <i>As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord</i> (Joshua 24:15). Ask God build your family up in Christ.</p>	<p>6) Read: Psalm 74 <i>Pray for ...</i> The spiritual needs of those you serve where you work or your teachers at school: May they know Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior.</p>	<p>7) Read: Psalm 75 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's wisdom and justice to rule in the courts in our community.</p>	<p>8) Read: Psalm 76 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to influence our courts to exalt Biblical righteousness in the way they apply our nation's laws. Ask God to win judges to Christ.</p>	<p>9) Read: Psalm 77 <i>Pray for ...</i> Spiritual and academic success for the Akaki school in Ethiopia, in leading many to worship the incarnate Christ.</p>	<p>10) Read: Psalm 78 <i>Rejoice in ...</i> The good work God has provided for you to do, however mundane or challenging the tasks.</p>
<p>11) Read: Psalm 789 <i>Pray for ...</i> Vinoj Zechariah: Non-staff Elder. Ask God for spiritual strength & protection to spread the news of Christ to those who don't know Him.</p>	<p>12) Read: Psalm 80 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your parents. May they love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and their neighbor as themselves.</p>	<p>13) Read: Psalms 81-82 <i>Pray for ...</i> Opportunities to express God's love for others on your job or at school.</p>	<p>14) Read: Psalm 83 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use us to reach our community with the message of His love for them in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p>15) Read: Psalms 84-85 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's guidance for Congress to enact laws that honor Him and lead our nation to do what is right.</p>	<p>16) Read: Psalms 86-87 <i>Pray for ...</i> Protection, strength, and boldness for Christians in the Muslim world, especially in troubled lands: Iraq, Syria, Iran, Palestine, Libya & others.</p>	<p>17) Read: Psalms 88 <i>Thank God for ...</i> The relationships in your life, especially those that can be easy to overlook.</p>
<p>18) Read: Psalm 89 <i>Pray for ...</i> Mike Russell, non-staff elder to be animated by the conviction that God is working in Him to save souls and change lives.</p>	<p>19) Read: Psalm 90 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your brothers and sisters: Ask God to draw them to Himself and keep them in His care.</p>	<p>20) Read: Psalm 91 <i>Pray for ...</i> Wisdom and positive relationships at work or school. Ask God to make you an example of Christian love and joy.</p>	<p>21) Read: Psalm 92-93 <i>Pray for ...</i> Revival in the churches of our community, so we love God's truth and share it with others.</p>	<p>22) Read: Psalm 94 <i>Pray for ...</i> 1) Revival in the Church in the United States. 2) Renewal of our nation's culture to honor God. 3) Removal of godless leaders from office.</p>	<p>23) Read: Psalm 95-96 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to send laborers into His harvest field in Russia and Ukraine, where the need is great & people hunger for the Gospel.</p>	<p>24) Read: Psalm 97 <i>Praise God ...</i> From whom ALL blessings flow. List 20 ways God has blessed your life, and give Him praise for each one.</p>
<p>25) Read: Psalms 98-99 <i>Pray for ...</i> Terilyn Brown, Ministry Director for Children, to lead the children of Northpoint she works with to follow Christ as they see Him in her life.</p>	<p>26) Read: Psalm 100 <i>Pray for ...</i> Pray for God to make you & your family a light of God's truth & love to specific people whom He lays on your heart to win to Christ.</p>	<p>27) Read: Proverbs 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> The quality and effectiveness of your work to serve others and exalt Christ.</p>	<p>28) Read: Proverbs 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> Increased prayer & spiritual power in the churches of Corona. Pray that we love God more & depend on His power, not our own giftedness.</p>	<p>29) Read: Proverbs 12 <i>Pray for ...</i> Prayer in the Church in America. Ask God to create a passion for Him that expresses itself in regular, ongoing prayer.</p>	<p>30) Read: Proverbs 13 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to send laborers into His harvest field from the United States, along with other countries throughout the world.</p>	<p>31) Read: Proverbs 14 <i>Praise God for ...</i> His constant faithfulness, in good times and when things seem hopeless.</p>