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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# **PSALMS**

## A PRAYER EXPERIENCE

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# Psalms: A Prayer Experience

The Book of Psalms is a collection of song lyrics written by several different authors and used by ancient Israel for worship and prayer. There will be three sections to this Prayer Experience, **Worship His Majesty, Consider His Majesty, and Proclaim His Majesty**. Two involve the whole group sharing together, and one for individuals to spend time in contemplation and prayer alone with God. The first section, **Worship His Majesty**, involves reading verses from Psalm 9, hearing a current worship song, and briefly sharing a thought or two with the group. **Consider His Majesty** will send each person on their own to read through a Psalm connected to each Prayer Focus and spend some time writing thoughts, observations and prayers to God. Finally, **Proclaim His Majesty** will bring everyone back together to pray out loud together, and declare their thoughts and observations. Each section uses five categories called a Prayer Focus, to guide us through that section. Each Prayer Focus directs us to different aspects of prayer and reveals a different characteristic of God.

## **Worship His Majesty - Psalm 9 - Group Time (30 Mins)**

For each Prayer Focus, read the passage noted from Psalm 9. Spend a moment in contemplation, even reading it a second time. Then read, listen to, or sing along with the lyrics from the current Psalm (worship song). The YouTube link is included. You can use the space next to the lyrics to jot down your thoughts. Share briefly with your group thoughts and comments on that Prayer Focus.

## Praise His Name - 9:1-2

**Song: Goodness of God by CeCe Winans, performed by Bethel**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0FBb6hnwTo>

I love You, Lord  
For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
'Cause all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father  
I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah  
'Cause all my life You have been faithful, oh yes You have  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
With my life laid down, I surrendered now  
I give You everything, oh Lord  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (oh yeah, oh yeah)  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
With my life laid down, I surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me  
And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God  
I'm gonna sing  
All my life You have been faithful  
(All of my life You've been faithful)  
All my life You have been so, so good  
(So good with every breath)  
every breath that I am able  
(Every breath I'm able)  
I will sing (I'm gonna sing)  
Of the goodness (of the goodness of God, yes I am)  
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

**-Share your thoughts or comments**

## God is King – 9:3-12

### Song: Hosanna by Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnMevXQutyE>

I see the King of Glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes  
I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing  
Hosanna  
Hosanna  
Hosanna in the Highest  
Hosanna  
Hosanna  
Hosanna in the Highest  
I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith  
Oh, I see a new revival  
Oh, it is stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees  
Hosanna  
Hosanna  
Hosanna in the Highest  
Hosanna  
Hosanna  
Hosanna in the Highest  
Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from Earth into eternity  
Hosanna  
Hosanna  
Hosanna in the Highest  
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Hosanna in the Highest

**-Share your thoughts or comments**

## Cry Out to God - 9:13-16

**Song: I Surrender by Hillsong**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4N2ausO6Sw>

Here I am  
Down on my knees again  
Surrendering all  
Surrendering all  
And find me here  
Lord as You draw me near  
Desperate for You  
Desperate for You  
I surrender  
Drench my soul  
As mercy and grace unfold  
I hunger and thirst  
I hunger and thirst  
With arms stretched wide  
I know You hear my cry  
Speak to me now  
Speak to me now  
I surrender  
I surrender  
I wanna know You more  
I wanna know You more  
I surrender  
I surrender  
I wanna know You more  
I wanna know You more  
Like a rushing wind  
Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm  
Stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a rushing wind  
Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm  
Stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a rushing wind  
Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm  
Stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way

Lord have Your way in me  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
I surrender  
I surrender  
I wanna know You more  
I wanna know You more  
I surrender  
I surrender  
I wanna know You more  
I wanna know You more

**-Share your thoughts and comments**

## Seek His Wisdom - 9:17-18

**Song: God I Look to You by Bethel**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEubLmNPxwg>

God I look to You  
I won't be overwhelmed  
Give me vision to see things like You do  
God I look to You  
You're where my help comes from  
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do

And I will love You Lord my strength  
And I will love You Lord my shield  
And I will love You Lord my rock  
Forever all my days I will love You God

God I look to You  
I won't be overwhelmed  
Give me vision to see things like You do  
God I look to You  
You're where my help comes from  
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do

And I will love You Lord my strength  
And I will love You Lord my shield  
And I will love You Lord my rock  
Forever all my days I will love You God  
And I will love You Lord my strength  
And I will love You Lord my shield  
And I will love You Lord my rock  
Forever all my days I will love You God

Hallelujah our God reigns  
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Forever all my days Hallelujah  
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## Celebrate His Royalty – 9:19-20

**Song: Holy Forever by Chris Tomlin, performed by CeCe Winans**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xcFM9CBiOE>

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy"  
All creations cries, "Holy"  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom, if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry, "Holy"  
All creations cries, "Holy"  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever  
Hear Your people sing, "Holy"  
To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominion  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all, Jesus  
Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all (Oh, stands above)  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy"  
All creations cries, "Holy"  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever (We cry, "Holy forever")  
Hear Your people sing, "Holy" (We will sing)  
To the King of kings, (Holy) holy (Holy forever)  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

**-Share your thoughts and comments**

# Consider His Majesty-Individual Contemplation

(45 mins)

Read through the Psalm number listed with each Prayer Focus. Ask God to point out to you truth that he wants you to know as you think more deeply about each Prayer Focus. Write down thoughts that come to you during your reading and express them to God as you write them. Remember, this is a conversation between you and God. He authored the words of the Psalm, His Spirit brings thoughts to your mind, and you can express your thoughts and requests back to him.

**Praise Your Name - 103**

**God is King - 24**



**Cry Out to God - 142**

**Seek His Wisdom - 19**

**Celebrate His Royalty - 144**

# Proclaim His Majesty - Group Declarations

(15 mins)

Look over your notes from each Prayer Focus above. Pray and share your thoughts with your group so you can all Proclaim God's Majesty together.

## Praise Your Name

## God is King

## Cry Out to God

## Seek His Wisdom

## Celebrate His Royalty





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