

God Shall Bless Us
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Psalm 67
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- I. The closer we are to God the more we will feel the need for Him to _____ us (V. 1)
- A. Your will be done on earth (Matthew 6:10)
- II. God blesses us so He will be _____ on the earth (V. 2)
- A. To all peoples, nations, and languages (Daniel 4:1-2).
- III. The highest duty and privilege of man is to praise his _____ (V. 3).
- IV. When the nations come to know God, He makes them _____ (V. 4).
- A. Let the earth be glad (Psalm 96:10-13).
- V. God's _____ to us should go hand in hand with our praise to Him (V. 5-6a).
- A. My word accomplishes what I please (Isaiah 55:11-13).
- VI. God blesses us so that the world will _____ Him (V. 6b-7).

Group Discussion

1. What are your initial takeaways from Psalm 67?
2. How does becoming a Christian impact a person's felt the need for God's blessings?
3. Read Matthew 6:10. How does Jesus' prayer remind us of how much we need God's blessings?
4. How have God's blessings to you led to His name being known on earth? How could you improve at this?
5. Why does God's judgment of the world (V. 4) make the nations glad?
6. How does receiving God's blessings compel us to praise Him? How might praising God yield blessings from Him?
7. What does verse 7 say is the end goal of God's blessing on earth?
8. Do the nations of the earth fear God today, as verse 7 demands? How do you know? What is the Christian response to this reality?
9. What does having gospel connections, conversations, and conversions have to do with God's glory over all the earth?

Recommended Reading for Further Study:

Psalm 86, 96, Mark 14:1-9

Church Bible Reading Plan

This Week: 1 Samuel 8-13:7

July & August: Memorize Psalm 139:7-12

Philippians 4:6-7

“. . . do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.

PRAY that our love for our neighbors will cause us to be sensitive to their need for Jesus.

PRAY that we would express our love for God and His Church by watching the sermon either by DVD or online and connecting with a small group.

PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.

PRAY for YOUR ONE.

PRAY for Nathan and Becky F. as they prepare to return to Indonesia.

PRAY for the people of Puluk to hear and respond to the Gospel. Nathan and Becky shared last week in worship service about the people in the village of Puluk who are asking for missionaries to come to their village so that they can learn about God.

PRAY for Dr. John and Karen T. and Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to the mission-field soon.

Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:

PRAY that we will love each other and reach out to our membership and encourage one another. Go through the church directory and try to connect with someone *each day*.

PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself.

PRAY for us at Apollo Baptist Church to keep the food pantry stocked.

PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability as they face the current difficulties.

PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.

PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continuing ministering.

Our Church Family:

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to effectively lead our church.

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.

PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.

PRAY for our Sunday School leaders to find ways to keep in touch with their class/department.

PRAY for the office staff in the challenges they face as they work from home.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:

- ASU West College Ministry: Please pray for the student leaders and others that Christ will be magnified despite the COVID restrictions.
 - August 15-16 Move-in for out-of-state students
 - August 20 First day of class (combination of virtual and in-person)
 - August 27 Christian Challenge Connection Night — This is an evangelistic event where we engage students with discussion around spiritual topics. We have significant unknowns as to how we will run this event based on COVID restrictions.
 - Sept. 3 First Christian Challenge Meeting
- Larry D. had a brain bleed on Monday, August 3 and is in Thunderbird Banner. He is doing better, but unsure when he will be released.
- Mary R.'s kidney tests have revealed that her kidney function has gotten even worse than before. Please pray for healing and wisdom.
- Twyla H. is home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for the pneumonia to be completely gone.
- Phil and Barb K. both have COVID and have been in the hospital but are home now. Their son, Michael, died recently from COVID so they are also grieving the loss of their son.
- Brenda R. needs a bone marrow transplant due to bone cancer. The doctors are working out a plan with the insurance to help her receive this procedure.
- Wanda and Tom H.'s son, Derek, was diagnosed with stage 2 colon cancer. Treatments are in process followed by surgery in December.
- Mary C., daughter of Jeanette C., has Stage 3 breast cancer. Treatments have begun. Pray for healing and for their hearts to turn to Christ.
- James and Julena's unborn child (Daryl and Linda S.'s grandchild) has a significant chromosomal disorder with many life-threatening issues. Pray for peace, comfort and healing.
- Pray for healing for Jane (Julia B.'s mom). She is dealing with some serious health issues.
- Others that you are aware of.

