

## Praying Psalm 67

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This week's readings from Sunday to Saturday: Psalm 66–72

### Psalm 67 (ESV)

**Psa. 67:1** May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

**2** that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**3** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**Psa. 67:4** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

**5** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**Psa. 67:6** The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.

**7** God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

### Adoration

In verses 1 and 2, Psalm 67 tells us that the Lord is generous and has the power to save his people. Speak those attributes out loud to God, praising him for his gracious generosity and for the strength of his power.

[Pray for 10 seconds.]

As verse 4 describes, God sits in judgment over all the peoples of earth. His judgments are true, fair, and equitable. And he governs over the nations upon the earth. Praise God for these facets of his character, in your own words.

[Pray for 10 seconds.]

Psalm 67 displays a majestic God, worthy of praise to the ends of the earth. He is worthy of reverence and awe from all peoples, verse 7. And knowing him gives all peoples a reason to be

glad and sing for joy, verse 4. Express with your own voice, that you come before God today with gladness, joy, and reverence for him.

[Pray for 10 seconds.]

We praise you today, O Lord, with the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb from Revelation 15:<sup>1</sup>

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Hallelujah! We give glory and honor to your name.

## Confession

Psalm 67 is a song of hope and praise to God. The Psalmist has confidence in God’s sovereign rule over all things, and he believes God will give generously to his people, as seen in verses 6 and 7. If we’re honest with ourselves, we have moments of doubt — whether in God’s sovereign care or our belief in his all-powerful nature or in his generosity and his goodness toward his people. Be specific, and confess your hopelessness and doubt to God.

[Pray for 20 seconds.]

O God, we express our sorrow and repentance for our moments of hopelessness and doubt. Forgive us for the times when we become so burdened by our cares and worries that we forget what you have spoken to us in your Word. You are God, and your words are trustworthy and true.<sup>2</sup> We know and we believe that you are the same yesterday, today, and forever.<sup>3</sup> We remember how you have cared for your people in the past, you are with us in our present circumstances, and your rule and your reign extend forever. Wherever we may experience hopelessness and doubt today, give us assurance through your Word and by your Spirit. Allow us to say with Psalm 42 and 43: “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God...”<sup>4</sup> You, Lord, are our salvation and our God. We turn from our sins and commit ourselves in faith, to you and to your ways today.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Rev 15:3–4.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. 2 Sam 7:28; Rev 21:5; Rev 22:6.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Heb 13:8.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Psalm 42:5, 11; 43:5.

## Thanksgiving

Throughout Psalm 67, in verse 1, verse 6, and verse 7, God blesses his people. Offer up your words of thankfulness. Mention specific blessings you have received from God. And thank him for the favor he shows to his people.

[Pray for 10 seconds.]

One of the ways that God has made his face to shine upon his people is through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God. Express your thankfulness for Jesus the Son. Specifically thank God for what he reveals to us about who God is.

[Pray for 10 seconds.]

Like the request of Psalm 67, verse 2, thank God that his saving power has been made known among all nations. Thank him that we have heard the good news of God's plans for the world in Jesus Christ.

[Pray for 10 seconds.]

## Supplication

Let's join in prayer with the words of Psalm 67 — O Lord, "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy." Ask God, that all nations and people groups would hear of God's saving power, and that they would hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask God specifically to raise up more laborers to faithfully share the gospel in places that have never heard of Jesus.

[Pray for 10 seconds.]

Now, let's ask God for people in every nation and people group to respond to the gospel message with faith, that they would worship God with gladness and sing for joy at what he's done for us in Jesus.

[Pray for 15 seconds.]

## Benediction

Lord Jesus, we praise you and thank you for what you have shown us about yourself in Psalm 67. You have commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations.<sup>5</sup> All the authority has been given to you, and we have the unimaginable privilege to be your witnesses.<sup>6</sup> By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us a greater awareness of what it means to abide in Christ, to be ministers

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<sup>5</sup> Cf. Matt 28:18–20.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Acts 1:8.

of reconciliation,<sup>7</sup> and to be disciple-makers in your image. We pray today for faithfulness and fruitfulness to your mission and to your message.

We believe that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.<sup>8</sup> But how will the nations call on the One in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? O God, raise up and send out more laborers to lift high the name of Jesus, and to shine the light of Jesus in the dark places of our world. And we know that not even the gates of hell will prevail against your Church.<sup>9</sup> So we pray for healthy, thriving local churches, in our communities and to the ends of the earth.

And, Wherever we are, whatever you bring before us today, we pray Psalm 67, verses 1 and 2 — May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us, that his way may be known on the earth, his saving power among all nations.

AMEN.

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<sup>7</sup> Cf. 2 Cor 5:18.

<sup>8</sup> This paragraph adapted from Romans 10:13–14.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. Matt 16:33.