



# UNCERTAIN TIMES

## PRAYING

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PSALM 5:1-3

## **Acts 2:2-4**

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

## **Psalm 5:1-3**

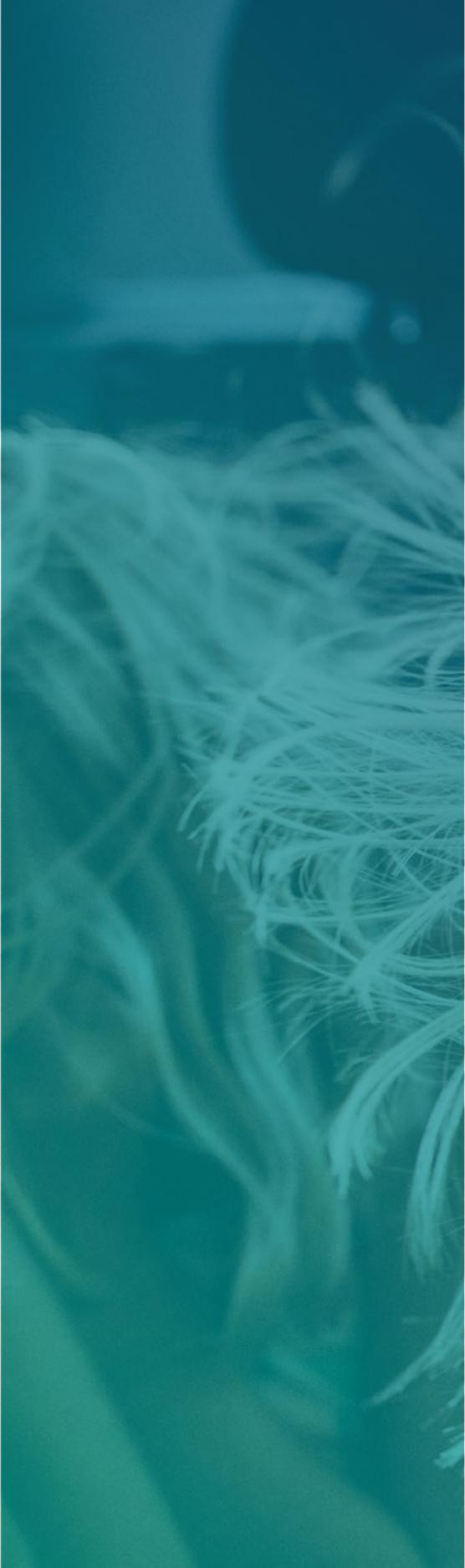
Listen to my words, Lord, consider my lament. <sup>2</sup> Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. <sup>3</sup> In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

# Praying

1. God hears our prayers but listens to our hearts.

## Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.



<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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2. God answers our prayers by responding to our hearts.

## **Blessing of Unanswered Prayers**

I asked for strength that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might



feel the need of God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I had asked for, but everything that I had hoped for. Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all humanity, most richly blessed.

Source: <https://www.beliefnet.com/prayers/protestant/gratitude/the-blessing-of-unanswered-prayers.aspx>

# Praying

1. God hears our prayers but listens to our hearts.
2. God answers our prayers by responding to our hearts.
3. God's response to our prayers brings peace to our hearts.

# **Waiting in hope for God's deliverance**

I will keep watch to see what he will say  
to me... wait for it, it will surely come...  
the righteous live by their faith

**Habakkuk 2:1-4**