

Bible Sunday

Prayers on Psalm 119.129-136 (ESV)

Prayers

As we gather to pray, we consider the prayer in Psalm 119.129 – 136.

You can either read the passage through as a prayer, or use the text below which is an adaptation of the text.

- ¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
- ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.
- ¹³³ Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
- ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

English Standard Version (ESV)



Heavenly Father,

We worship you because your testimonies are wonderful

We long to keep your laws.

The unfolding of your words gives light

May the light of your word help us to understand your glory, making us wise for salvation.

Lord, we ask that we would long for your commands, as we long for a drink in the heat, or food when we are hungry.

God, we ask that you would turn to us and be gracious to us, as you do to all who love your name.

We ask you to keep our steps steady, as you have promised to do,

Please keep us from being ruled by our sin.

Redeem us from man's oppression, that we might keep your laws.

Make your face shine upon us, and teach us your ways.

Father, we come to you and ask that you give us a love for those who do not yet know you.

That we might talk of your wonderful words, your mighty acts and glorious forgiving love to us your children.

Amen

If you have talked about our work in Malawi, the congregation may like to pray for the people they have heard of.



Please pray for Clapperton Mayuni, General Secretary of the Bible Society in Malawi and his team, that they would be encouraged in their work.

They would love to see a great impact in the work they are doing, because unless lives are changed, it's not worth doing. Join them in praying that many young people will have the word, and they will see children understanding the stories.



Please pray for Tadala Mphatso and her family. They live in Manase township in southern Malawi. Cyclone Idai did reach their town and there has been damage to properties and yet normal life continues.

Tadala asks that God protects her family and helps her in school; that God would continue to bless them with Bibles for all the children who do not yet know God and who need a Bible so they can get to know him.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer for the people of Malawi.

