



#### THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

## Lament: A Surprising Foundation of Hope

### Psalm 88 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.

<sup>2</sup> May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.

<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I am like one without strength.

<sup>5</sup> I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,  
whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.

<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.

<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavily on me;  
you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

<sup>8</sup> You have taken from me my closest friends  
and have made me repulsive to them.

I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.  
I call to you, LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to you.

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#### Psalm 88 - cont.

<sup>10</sup> Do you show your wonders to the dead?

Do their spirits rise up and praise you?

<sup>11</sup> Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?

<sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,  
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?

<sup>13</sup> But I cry to you for help, LORD;

in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup> Why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

<sup>15</sup> From my youth I have suffered and been close to death;  
I have borne your terrors and am in despair.

<sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.

<sup>17</sup> All day long they surround me like a flood;  
they have completely engulfed me.

<sup>18</sup> You have taken from me friend and neighbor—  
darkness is my closest friend.

## Prayers for April 26 - May 2, 2020

**West Siders ::** Ken and Laura Swanson

**West Side Ministry ::** Session

**Mali Children ::** Tenedjo and Lala

**Local Church ::** Calvary Chapel Tri-Cities - Kennewick

**Additional Concerns ::** Robert & Margaret Storms, Lil Leggett, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, George & Jan Jacobson, Janet Bell, Tom Abrams, Hideki Long, John & Martha Zimmerman, Steve Schlahta, Kelsey Pratt, Kadi Hinkle, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, Scott Dudley and Family (death of his mother Rita Dudley on April 24)

**In Military Service ::** North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Illinois-Noah Ellis; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington/Oregon-Jacob Ellis

This week we are praying for Karla and Todd Poulter with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Hawaii. They recently wrote: *"How we appreciated your prayer and encouraging e-mails last week! My (Karla) mom passed into eternity early on Thursday morning; we left Hawaii hours later, arriving in Salt Lake City Friday morning (after overnighing in San Francisco). We trust that God's timing was perfect in this, and feel hopeful yet uncertain of my mom's salvation. I am comforted by His grace and by the beauty of trees flowering against the mountain backdrop as Spring begins. And by the gift of Mom's wedding ring which I'm now wearing. Todd and I are having a good time with Val (Mom's husband) and Jim (Val's son), though of course it's a hard time for Val. Pray for our presence to communicate the love of Jesus Christ to them, and for the many legal and financial tasks to be done."*

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