

## Prayers At Noon Together on International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Noon. On line, virtual event.

The prayers will consist of three psalms, a Scripture reading, and closing prayer. The timing is certain to conclude before 12:30 p.m.

Psalms will be sung congregationally and led by Pastor Br. Shawn Benedict of Ray Of Hope Church.

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Prayerful prose and lyrics based upon Psalm 142

I call to you Lord with my voice,  
with all my heart I plead that you hear me.

I pour out my troubles before you.  
I lay my distress at your feet.

My spirit is fainting within me.  
I trust that you know my path.

On the road where I am walking  
they have hidden traps to ensnare me.

I look to the right and see;  
there is no one to take my defense.

There is nowhere I can escape.  
No one seems to care about me.

So I cry out to You, “God, my refuge,  
all I have in the land of the living.”

Listen O God to my cry  
for I am in the darkest distress.

Rescue me from those who hunt me  
They are too strong for me now.

Free my soul from this prison,  
I will praise your name forever.

Around me the righteous will assemble  
because you have been so good to me.

(doxology) May the people Praise You, O God.  
May all the people praise You.

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Prayerful prose and lyrics based upon Psalm 27

O God, you are my light and my help;  
of whom should I be afraid?

O Lord, You are the fortress of my life;  
whom shall I dread?

When evil people assail me  
and wish to destroy my flesh,

it is they, my enemies and foes,  
who will stumble and fall.

Even if an army surrounds me,  
my heart will not fear.

Though war break out against me,  
even then I would trust in You.

There is one thing I ask of You, Lord  
this alone do I seek,

to  dwell in your  house Oh  God,  
all the  days of my  life,

to  look and  adore your holy  beauty  
to  meditate and stay in your  temple.

You make me  safe in your  dwelling  
 even in days of  evil.

You  protect me in the  shelter of your  dwelling,  
and  set me on a rock  secure.

Now I can  hold up my  head,  
 even in the sight of my  enemies.

I will  offer  within God's  house  
a  sacrifice of  joy.

I will  sing and make  music to the  LORD  
For  ever and  ever.

O  LORD, hear my  voice when I  call;  
have  mercy and  hear me.

In my  heart I have  heard you  say:  
“ Seek my  face.”

It is only your face that I seek,  
please do not hide from my sight.

Do not cast me away in your anger;  
You alone have been my help.

LORD do not abandon or forsake me,  
You alone are my help.

Though even my family forsake me,  
You, O LORD will receive me.

Show me your ways, O LORD;  
lead me on an even path.

When others plot out my destruction  
protect me from their plans.

When false witnesses rise to accuse me,  
and breathe out their fury.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

With the LORD, stand firm and take courage.  
Place all your hope in the Lord.

(doxology) Let the people praise You, O God,  
both now and forever. Amen.

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Prayerful prose and lyrics based upon Psalm 91

When we dwell in the shelter of the Most High.  
When we abide in the shade of the Almighty.  
We pray, Lord You are our refuge,

our stronghold, our God in whom we trust.

We pray You will protect us from the snare  
of the hunter who seeks to find us;  
You promise to conceal as with your pinions;  
and protect us as under your wings.

We fear not the terrors of the night  
nor the weapons that fly by day,  
nor disease that hides in the shadows  
nor the scourge that ravages at noon.

Though thousands fall at our side,  
ten thousand fall on our right,  
We trust we will not be approached,  
God's faithfulness will shield and protect us.

We open our eyes and understand.  
We see how the wicked are repaid.  
We who pray, Lord You are our refuge.  
We have made the Most High our haven.

We pray no evil shall fall,  
no plague come near where we  dwell.  
God has commanded the angels,  
to keep us in all God's ways.

The Angels shall support as on their wings  
lest we strike our foot on a stone.  
On attacking vipers we will tread  
and trample attacking lions and asps.

\*\*God declares; "You love me, so I will bless you,  
protect you for you know my name.  
When you call Me I will answer: "I am with you,"  
I will save you in distress and give you honor."

“With a long life I will content you;  
I will let you see my saving power.”  
(doxology) Give praise to the One Eternal God,  
both now and forever. Amen.

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Holy Scripture Reading: The Book of Ezekiel 37:1 – 14. The Valley of Dry Bones.

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### Yizkor – Memorial Prayer

May God remember the souls of all our brothers and sisters, departed members of the House of Israel who sacrificed their lives for the sanctification of the Holy Name and the honor of Israel.

Grant that their heroism and self-sacrificing devotion find response in our hearts and the purity of their souls be reflected in our lives.

May their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life, an everlasting blessing among us.

Amen.

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The “Prayerful prose and lyrics” based upon Psalms 142, 27, and 91 were assembled for this event. Many resources were consulted. There is no attempt to copy or plagiarize any other published work. Words were chosen for inclusive language and rhythm for easy singing.

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The United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 — the anniversary of the liberation of [Auschwitz-Birkenau](#) — as [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#). On this annual day of commemoration, the UN urges every member state to honor the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism and to develop educational programs to help prevent future genocides. (Source: <https://www.ushmm.org/remember/international-holocaust-remembrance-day> )