

Psalm 8

For the director of music. According to gittith. A psalm of David.

1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.

2 Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honour.

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8 Questions

Read v1-3

How should we respond to the majesty of God that we see in Creation? (v2)

Do you ever feel your life and your work are insignificant?

Read v5-9

What significance does God give us and our work? How does David know this?

Read Hebrews 2:5-9

How does the writer rate humanity's performance as stewards of God's world? Why is this?

What or who is God's solution to humanity's mismanagement of His world?

Prayer Points

Give thanks for:

The good weather we're enjoying
Provision of enough food for most people
Our community unity at a time of crisis
Our government's welfare provision
The royal family, and our government and opposition

Pray for this country:

Sick and suffering patients and their families with limited contact
Scientists working to discover a safe effective vaccination and tests for the virus
The protection of key workers and the provision & distribution of sufficient PPE
Families and single parents with children off school, needing teaching.
Households with limited internet access.
Protection of the nation and world from game-addiction and pornography-addiction.
For those confined to prison, hospital, and care homes in greater danger.

Pray for the world:

The mental health of all the world with the dangers, worries and isolation this pandemic causes.
For the revitalisation of Gospel preaching Churches across the world.
For countries with very limited health care provision and government support for the unemployed.
For the world to realise God is in control, not us, and to turn to him at this time.
For countries where persecution adds to the suffering from the pandemic.

Pray for one another:

For those you know who are most vulnerable and those in hospital
For opportunities to speak of the hope and peace we have in Christ to your own family, neighbours, and friends.
For those who are sick and bereaved around the Church family.
For those who are isolated, lonely, and fearful.