

Psalm 119:73-80 - *Yodh*

How to Pray in the Midst of Affliction

1. For Personal _____ and _____: (73, 80)

- a. He asks for greater understanding of God's commandments: (73)
 - i. Basis: God made and _____ him. –*Job 10:8; Ps 95:6*
 - ii. Rationale: God alone can teach him how to _____. –*Ps 95:7*
- b. He asks for a pure and obedient heart: (80)
 - i. Basis: he does not want to experience _____. –*Ps 25:3*
 - ii. Rationale: a blameless heart is an _____ heart. –*Prov 28:1*

2. For the _____ of Other Believers: (74, 79)

- a. He wants to be a _____ testimony to other believers: (74)
 - i. Basis: We ought to rejoice in the _____ of others. –*2 Jn 1:4*
 - ii. Rational: Our personal faithfulness has _____ results. –*Ps 73:15*
- b. He want to be a _____ testimony to other believers: (79)
 - i. Basis: he wants to encourage them to be _____ also. –*Heb 12:1-3*
 - ii. Rationale: believers should _____ to the faithful. –*Ps 40:1-3*

3. For the _____ Themselves: (75, 78)

- a. He confesses God's _____ in afflicting him: (75)
 - i. Basis: The LORD thus _____ and _____. –*v.67, 71*
 - ii. Rational: Growth in Christ is _____ than temporal comfort. –*Heb 12:11*
- b. He prays against the human _____ of his affliction. (78)
 - i. Basis: they have acted _____ in slandering of him. –*v. 69*
 - ii. Rationale: God is _____ and will judge rightly. –*1 Pet 2:23*

4. For Divine _____ and _____: (76-77)

- a. He deeply needs God's divine _____: (76)
 - i. Basis: God's covenant keeping love is our great _____. –*vs. 41, 64*
 - ii. Rationale: _____ of Christ can trust His _____. –*1 Jn 1:9*
- b. He deeply needs God's divine _____: (77)
 - i. Basis: facing imminent _____ he needs God's grace to live. –*v. 87*
 - ii. Rational: God does not owe us temporal _____. –*Rom 8:35-39*

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- ⁷³Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
- ⁷⁴Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.
- ⁷⁵I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- ⁷⁶Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.
- ⁷⁷Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.
- ⁷⁸Let the insolent be put to shame,
because they have wronged me with falsehood;
as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
- ⁷⁹Let those who fear you turn to me,
that they may know your testimonies.
- ⁸⁰May my heart be blameless in your statutes,
that I may not be put to shame!