

# Companion Devotional



# Hear My Prayer — Devotional & Discussion Guide

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Based on Psalm 54:2: “Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.”

## Overview

This devotional guide accompanies the short story *\*Hear My Prayer\**, following twelve-year-old Marcy Gibson as she and her mother flee abuse and find refuge in the town of Riverside, Oklahoma. The guide explores themes of trauma, trust, answered prayer, friendship, and healing through discussion questions, scripture reflections, journaling prompts, and prayer focus.

## Devotional: God Hears Even the Quietest Prayer

Marcy never expected God to show up in a women’s shelter bathroom. But there, hidden in plain sight, was a poster with a promise she needed:

“Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.” —Psalm 54:2

That verse didn’t erase her pain. It didn’t bring back her sister or undo the trauma. But it gave her something sacred—hope that she hadn’t been forgotten. God hears whispered prayers. Shaky ones. Silent ones. Angry ones. Desperate ones. And He answers in ways we often don’t expect—through a new town, a kind stranger, a safe place, or even a chatty girl with a popsicle stick.

If you’ve ever wondered if your prayers mattered, this story reminds us: Yes. They do. And God is still listening.

## Reflection Questions

- What stood out to you most about Marcy’s story? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Have you ever prayed a desperate prayer like Marcy? What happened afterward?

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- In what ways did God provide for Marcy and her mother—even though the original plan (the shelter) didn't work out?\_\_\_\_\_
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- Why do you think Karen's kindness made such a big impact on Marcy?\_\_\_\_\_
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- Travis is misunderstood by some, and Kellie is judged by Marcy at first. How does this reflect how we sometimes misjudge others?
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- What does this story teach you about God's timing and provision?\_\_\_\_\_
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## Journal Prompts

- Write about a time when God answered a prayer in a way you didn't expect.

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- Write a prayer asking God to help you trust Him—even when things feel uncertain.

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- Who is a “Karen” in your life—someone who treated you kindly when you needed it most?

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- Is there someone you've misjudged like Marcy misjudged Kellie or Travis? What would you say to them now?

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- Write your own version of Psalm 54:2 in your own words.
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### Prayer Focus

Dear God,  
Sometimes I feel like no one hears me.  
But You do.

Thank You for listening to even the prayers I don't know how to say.  
Help me to see the people You've placed in my life to remind me of Your care.  
Give me courage like Marcy, love like Karen, and wisdom like Mama.  
Teach me to trust that You are always near—even when life feels uncertain.  
In Jesus' name, amen.

### Bonus Activity (Optional)

Create your own "Prayer Poster" like the one Marcy saw in the bathroom. Draw or collage a scene that brings you peace—add a favorite scripture or prayer in the center. Hang it somewhere you'll see it when you need encouragement.