Prayer Day - **Psalm 34:15-17** February 17, 2016
Psalter #'s: 402, 86, 188, 91
Introduction

I. Prayer Day is a reminder to petition God to bless our labors so that we have what we need.

II. This text sets before us three related truths for us to reflect on tonight:

Providence and Prayer

I. The Lord's Rule

A. Providence is work of almighty God by which He **upholds** and **governs** heaven, earth, and all creatures.

B. On this Prayer Day it is good for us to reflect on the providence of God.

1. David reflects on his life by looking at it through the lens of providence. The occasion -

2. When it comes to our place in this world, what we have, and what we need in another year, may we reflect on God's providence.

II. The Lord's Attitude

A. The emphasis is that God's providential rule over His people is motivated by love.

1. We see that love emphasized in two ways:

2. As we reflect on God's provision and our lives, we see that God's rule is for our good.

B. In vs. 16, David says the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. God does not show grace or favor to the wicked in his sovereign rule, but He is against them.

III. The Lord's Hearing

A. The text explains why we pray to God: his loving care and providence.

B. The Lord hears us and delivers us out of our troubles.