

Prayers Against My Enemies

Entering God's Provision for Warfare From Psalms

Intro Note: In the Old Covenant, Israel was constantly at war with other ungodly nations. We're told that the entirety of Old Covenant events were "a copy of the heavenly things", "a shadow of things to come", "symbolic for our present time" and they all happened as "our examples" and were "written for us, whom upon the ends of the ages have come". Our battle is no longer against men, flesh and blood, but rather massive hordes and various degrees of wicked, evil, rebellious spirits that are looking to steal, kill, and destroy. Any humans being used as pawns by the enemy in spiritual attacks have simply been "blinded by the God of this age", and "have been taken captive by him to do his will". All prayers for warfare, judgment, violence, and any other retributions, punishments, or vengeance spoken towards the wicked men, rulers, nations, or enemies is exclusively directed towards the spirits operating behind and through men, while we simultaneously desire blessings, goodness, and repentance for any actual men involved. (Scripture references: Heb. 8:5, Heb 10:1, Heb 9:9, Col. 2:17, 1 Cor 10:6,11, Eph 6:12, John 10:10, 2 Cor 4:3, 2 Tim 2:26)

The purpose of this prayer is draw from the Psalms to reveal and build faith in:

- The nature of our spiritual enemies
- The strategies, schemes, and plots of our spiritual enemies
- Father's heart against our enemies, their desires and their plans
- Strategies we can deploy against our enemies
- Legal requests we can make against our enemies before His Throne

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To every wicked king and ruler that is standing against You Father, and Your anointed Messiah Jesus, we ask that You hold them in contempt, and speak to them in Your deep anger, displeasure, and fury. (Psalms 2)

Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! We ask for You to strike all my enemies on the cheekbone; and that You would break the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people. (Psalms 3)

Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, for to You I pray. We ask that You destroy those who speak falsehood; You detest and reject the bloodthirsty and deceitful. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You. But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield. (Psalms 5)

Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly. (Psalms 6)

"O Lord my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; Deliver me, lest they tear me like a lion, rending me in pieces, with no one to help. Arise, O Lord, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded! Make my enemies be gathered before you, rule over them from on high. Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; For You are a righteous God, and You test our hearts and minds. My defense is You God, who saves the upright in heart. You are a just judge, and You are angry with the wicked every day. We ask You to sharpen Your sword; Bend Your bow and make it ready. Also prepare for Yourself deadly weapons - make Your arrows into fiery shafts. Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. He made a pit and dug it out, make them fall into the ditch which they have dug. Let their trouble return upon their own head. Let their violent dealing come down on their own crown." (Psalms 7)

When my enemies retreat and flee, they will fall and perish at Your presence. For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sit on the throne judging in righteousness. We ask for You to rebuke the nations, that You destroy the wicked, and that You blot out their name forever and ever. You endure forever; You have prepared Your throne for judgment and those who know the name of the Lord will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. Have mercy on me, O Lord! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death, that I may tell of all Your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. I rejoice in Your salvation. Let the wicked sink down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, let their own foot be caught. Lord, You are known by the judgments You execute; snare the wicked in the work of their own hands. We ask for You to turn the wicked into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Arise, O Lord, do not let the wicked prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight. (Psalms 9)

Break the arm of the wicked and the evil doer, seek out his wickedness until You find none. (Psalms 10)

Lord, You test the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence Your soul hates. We ask for You to rain coals upon the wicked – let fire and brimstone and a burning wind be the portion of their cup. For Lord, You are righteous, You love righteousness; and Your countenance beholds the upright. (Psalms 11)

Lord, remember the oppression of the poor, hear the groans of the needy. Now we ask You to arise and set us in the safety for which we yearn (Psalms 12)

I have called upon You, O God, for You will hear me; Incline Your ear to me and hear my speech. Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, - You who save those who trust in You, save me from those who rise up against me. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings, from the wicked who oppress me, from my deadly enemies who surround me. They have closed up their fat hearts; with their mouths they speak proudly. They track us down in each step we take, now they surround us, they have set their eyes,

crouching down to the earth, as a lion is eager to tear his prey, and like a young lion lurking in secret places. Arise, O Lord, confront him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword. (Psalms 17)

Lord, we ask for You to thunder from heaven, and that You, Most High, would utter Your voice – raining down hailstones and coals of fire. Send out Your arrows and scatter the foe, lightning in abundance, and vanquish them. The channels of the sea and the foundations of the world are uncovered at Your rebuke, O Lord, and at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. Send help from above, take me; Draw me out of many waters. Deliver me from my strong enemy, from those who hate me, for they are too strong for me. They confront me in the day of my calamity, but You are my support. Set me firmly on a broad place and deliver me because of Your delight in me. (Psalms 18)

For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? It is You, God, who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. You make my feet like the feet of a deer and set me on my high places. You teach my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up; Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip. I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. I have wounded them, so that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet. You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. You have also given me the necks of my enemies, so that I can overcome and destroy those who hate me. They cry out, but there is none to save; Even to the Lord, but You do not answer them. Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets. (Psalms 18)

The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted. It is God who avenges me and subdues the peoples under me; You deliver me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent ones. Therefore, I give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name. Great deliverance You give to Your king,

and show mercy to Your anointed, to David and his descendants forevermore.
(Psalms 18)

Lord, answer me in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend me; Send Your help from the sanctuary, and strengthen me out of Zion; Remember all my offerings, and accept my burnt sacrifice. Grant me according to my heart's desire and fulfill all my purpose. We rejoice in Your salvation, and in the name of our God we set up our banners! Lord, fulfill all my petitions. I know that You save Your anointed; You answer him from Your holy heaven with the saving strength of Your right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but I will remember the name of the Lord my God. They have bowed down and fallen; But I have risen and stand upright. Save, Lord! May You answer me when I call. (Psalms 20)

Lord, seek out all Your enemies; with Your right hand find those who hate You. Make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger; Swallow them up in Your wrath, and the fire will devour them. Destroy their offspring from the earth, and their descendants from among the sons of men. For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot which they cannot perform. Therefore, make them turn their back in defeat; Prepare your bow and your arrow, aim at your enemies faces. Be exalted, O Lord, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.
(Psalms 21)

To You, O Lord, I lift my soul. O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. My eyes are ever toward You Lord, for You will pluck my feet out of the net. Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles! (Psalms 25)

Lord, You are my light and my salvation; Whom will I fear? Lord, You are the strength of my life; Of whom will I be afraid? When my wicked enemies and foes came against me to eat up my flesh, they stumble and fall. For in the time of

trouble You hide me in Your pavilion; In the secret place of Your tabernacle You hide me; You set me high upon a rock, and now my head is be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I offer sacrifices of joy in Your tabernacle; I sing, yes, I sing praises to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy upon me and answer me. Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of God In the land of the living. I wait on You Lord; I am of good courage, for You will strengthen my heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!” (Psalms 27)

To You I cry, O Lord my Rock: Do not be silent to me, lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You, when I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary. Do not take me away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbors, but evil is in their hearts. Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve. Lord, You are my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in You, and I am helped; Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I praise You. You are my strength, and You are the saving refuge of Your anointed. Save Your people and bless Your heritage; nourish and shepherd and carry us forever.” (Psalms 28)

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me quickly; Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me. Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. For I hear the slander of many; Fear surrounds me on every side; While they take counsel together against me, they scheme to take away my life. But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who pursue and hunt me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies’ sake. Do not let me be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon You; Let the wicked be ashamed; Let

them be silenced and cast to their grave. Silence their lying lips - which speak proudly and arrogant things against the Godly. Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who take refuge in You openly, and publicly before men! Hide me in the secret place of Your presence from the plots and schemes of man; Keep me secretly in your shelter from accusing tongues. Oh, love the Lord, all You His saints! For Lord, You preserve the faithful and fully repay the proud. I will be of good courage, for You strengthen the hearts of all who hope in You Lord. (Psalms 31)

I sought You Lord, and You heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. I look to You and am radiant, and my face is not ashamed. This poor man cried out, and You heard me, and saved me from all my troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them. I taste and I see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in You! Lord, Your eyes are on the righteous, and Your ears are open to their cry, but Your face is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but You deliver them out of them all. You guard all my bones; Not one of them is broken. Evil will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. (Psalms 34)

Pour out Your unfailing love on those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart. Do not let the proud trample me under their feet, and do not let the hand of the wicked drive me away. Make the workers of iniquity fall; Cast them down so they cannot rise. (Psalms 36)

The salvation of the righteous is from You Lord; You are our strength in the time of trouble. Lord, You will help us and deliver us; You will deliver us from the wicked, and save us, because we trust in You. (Psalms 37)

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, come quickly to help me! Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor who wish me evil. Let them be confounded and put to shame who say to me, "Aha, we've got him!" Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let those who love Your salvation say

continually, “The Lord be magnified!” But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God. (Psalms 40)

Why do You boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures forever. Your tongue devises destruction, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness. You love all devouring words, you deceitful tongue. God will likewise destroy you forever; He will take You away, and pluck You out of Your dwelling place, and uproot you from the land of the living. (Psalms 52)

Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up God’s people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God? Lord, cast them into great fear where they were once confident. Scatter the bones of him who encamps against me; Put them to shame, because You have despised them God. (Psalms 53)

Save me, O God, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your strength. Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them. Behold, God, You are my helper; You are with me and uphold my life. You repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth. I will freely sacrifice to You; I praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good. For You have delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye will see its desire upon my enemies. (Psalms 54)

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and do not hide Yourself from my supplication. Attend to me and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily, because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, and in wrath they hate me. My heart is severely pained within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me. Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, and horror has overwhelmed me. Destroy their schemes and plans, O Lord, and divide their tongues, for I have seen violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity, trouble, and destruction are also in its midst. Violence and ruin are in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets. Let death seize them; Let them go down alive

into hell, for wickedness is in their house and in their heart. As for me, I call upon You God, and You will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I pray, and cry aloud, and You hear my voice. You have redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, for there were many against me. God You will hear my cry and afflict them, You who sit on Your throne in ancient majesty. Because in them there has been no change of heart, therefore they do not fear God. I cast my burden on You Lord, and You will sustain me; You will never permit the righteous to be moved. But You, O God, will bring the wicked down to the pit of destruction; Men of blood and treachery will not live out half their days, but I will boldly and unwaveringly trust in You. (Psalms 55)

The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies. Break their teeth in their mouth, O God! Break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord! Let them flow away as waters which run continually; When he bends his bow, let his arrows be cut into pieces. Let them be like a snail which melts away as it goes, like a stillborn child of a woman, that they may not see the sun. Take them away as with a whirlwind, in Your living and burning wrath. The righteous will rejoice when he sees Your vengeance; when You wash Your feet in the blood of the wicked, so that men will say “Surely there is a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth”. (Psalms 58)

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; Defend me from those who rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity and save me from bloodthirsty men. For look, they lie in wait for my life; The mighty gather against me, not for my transgression nor for my sin, O Lord. They run and prepare themselves through no fault of mine. Awake to help me and behold! Do not slay them, lest my people forget; Scatter them by Your power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield. For the sin of their mouth, the words of their lips, and the cursing and lying with which they speak, let them be taken in their pride. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may be no more; And let them know that God rules to the ends of the earth. As for me, I sing of Your mighty strength and power; Yes, I sing joyfully of Your lovingkindness in the morning; For You have been my stronghold and a refuge in the day of my distress. To You, O God my strength, I sing praises; For

You are my stronghold - my refuge, my protector, my high tower – You who show me steadfast lovingkindness. (Psalms 59)

My soul, waits silently for You God alone, for my expectation is from You. You only are my rock and my salvation; You are my defense; I will not be moved. In You God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, You people; Pour out Your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. (Psalms 62)

Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; Preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the rebellion of the workers of iniquity, who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows—bitter words, that they may shoot in secret at the blameless; They shoot at me and do not fear. They encourage themselves in an evil matter; They talk of laying snares secretly; They say, “Who will see?” They devise iniquities and say “We have perfected a shrewd scheme.” God, we ask that You fire at them with Your own arrow; wound them suddenly. Make them stumble over their own tongue; All who see them will flee away. All men will fear and declare the work of God; For men will wisely consider Your works. The righteous will be glad in You, and trust in You. And all the upright in heart will glory.” (Psalms 64)

Let God arise and let Your enemies be scattered; Let those who hate You flee before You. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at Your presence O God. But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before You God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. I sing to God; I sing praises to You name; I magnify You who ride on the clouds. You have commanded Your strength; Strengthen, O God, what You have done for us. Rebuke the beasts that lurk and hide, the angry bulls who roam the land, until all of them submit. Scatter the wicked who delight in war. (Psalms 68)

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say,

“Aha, aha!” Let everyone who seeks You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, “Let God be magnified!” (Psalms 70)

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in Your righteousness and cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to me and save me. You are my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my Youth. O God do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! Let them be confounded and consumed Who are adversaries of my life; Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor who seek my hurt. But I will hope continually, and I will praise You more and more. My mouth will tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I cannot exhaust their limits. I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only. (Psalms 71)

O God, how long will the adversary reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever? Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? Take out your hands and destroy them. For God is my King from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters. You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces and gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness. You broke open the fountain and the flood; You dried up mighty rivers. The day is Yours; the night is Yours also; You have prepared the light and the sun. You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter. Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O Lord, and that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name. Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the wild beast! Do not forget the life of Your poor forever. Remember and enforce your covenant; For the dark places of the earth are full of the haunts of cruelty. Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed! Let the poor and needy praise Your name. Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; Remember how the foolish ones reproach You daily. Do not forget the voice of Your enemies; The tumult of those who rise up against You increases continually. (Psalms 74)

Lord, we ask that You cut off all the horns of the wicked, but You would exalt the horns of the righteous. (Psalms 75:10)

Lord, Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; According to the greatness of Your power preserve those who are appointed to die; And return to the lap of our enemies sevenfold for the taunts with which they have taunted You, O Lord. So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.” (Psalms 79)

Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved! (Psalms 80)

Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have raised up their heads. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.” For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a covenant against You: O my God, make them like the whirling dust, like the chaff before the wind! As a raging fire burns the forest, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire, so pursue them with the violent storm of Your anger and terrify them with Your destructive winds. Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish, that they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth. (Psalms 83)

“O God, the proud have risen against me, and a mob of violent men have sought my life and have not set You before them. But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion - gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth. Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant and save the son of Your maidservant. Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because You, Lord, have helped and comforted me.” (Psalms 86)

As I dwell in the secret place of the Most High, I abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of You Lord, “You are my refuge and my fortress; My God, in You I trust.” Surely You will deliver me from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. You will cover me with Your feathers, and under Your wings I will take refuge; Your truth will be my shield and buckler. I will not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand; But it will not come near me. Only with my eyes will I look and see the reward of the wicked. Because I have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, my dwelling place, no evil will befall me, nor will any plague come near my dwelling; For You give Your angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways. In their hands they bear me up, lest I dash my foot against a stone. I tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent I trample underfoot. “Because I have set my love upon You, therefore You will deliver me; You will set me on high, because I have known Your name. I will call upon You, and You will answer me; You will be with me in trouble; You will deliver me and honor me. With long life You will satisfy me and show me Your salvation”. (Psalms 91)

I bless You Lord, with all my soul; And all that is within me, I bless Your holy name! I bless You Lord with my soul, and I will not forget all Your benefits: You forgive all my iniquities, You heal all my diseases, You redeem my life from destruction, You crown me with lovingkindness and tender mercies, You satisfy my mouth with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Lord You execute righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. (Psalms 103)

“Praise You Lord! Blessed is the man who fears You, who delights greatly in Your commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; You are gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. I will not be afraid of evil news; My heart is steadfast, trusting in You Lord. My heart is established; I will not be afraid, while I look with confidence upon my enemies.

You will exalt my horn with honor. The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked will perish and come to nothing. (Psalms 112)

We give You thanks Lord, for You are good! Your mercy endures forever. I called on You in distress; You answered me and set me in a broad place. You are on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? You are for me among those who help me; Therefore, I will see my desire on those who hate me. It is better to trust in You than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in You than to put confidence in princes. My enemies surrounded me, but in Your name I will destroy them. They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; But in Your name I will destroy them. They surrounded me like bees; They were quenched like a fire of thorns; For in the name of the Lord I will cut them off. They pushed me violently, that I might fall, but the Lord helped me. Lord You are my strength and song, and You have become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the house of the righteous; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Lord, Your right hand is exalted; Your right hand does valiantly. I will not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. You have chastened me severely, but You have not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them and I will praise You. This is the gate of the Lord, through which the righteous enter. I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it. Save us now, I pray, O Lord; Send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed You from the house of the Lord. You are our God, and You have given us light; You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I exalt You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.” (Psalms 118)

“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart! My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word. I cling to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame! Let Your mercies come also to me, O Lord— Your salvation according to Your word. So will I have an answer for him

who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word. My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For Your words are ever with me. Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.” (Psalms 119)

I lift up my eyes to the hills— From where comes my help? My help comes from You Lord, who made heaven and earth. You will not allow my foot to be moved; You who keep me will not slumber. Behold, You who keep your people will neither slumber nor sleep. Lord You are my keeper; You are the shade at my right hand. The sun will not strike me by day, nor the moon by night. You preserve me from all evil; You preserve my soul. You preserve my going out and my coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. (Psalms 121)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let God’s children now say— “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, When the wicked rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us; Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the rivers would have gone over our soul; Then the flooding waters would have gone over our soul.” Blessed are You Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Psalms 124)

Those who trust in the Lord Are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever. For the scepter of wickedness will not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts. As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, lead them away with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Your children!” (Psalms 125)

Lord, Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me. You will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.” (Psalms 138)

Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, You bloodthirsty men. For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? Do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalms 139)

“Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness and in Your righteousness, answer me. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore, my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I ponder on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name’s sake! For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.” (Psalms 143)

Save me, O God, for the waters have threatened my life. I have sunk in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, where a flood overwhelms me. I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched; My eyes fail while I wait with confident expectation for You God. Those who hate me without cause are more than the hairs of my head; Those who would destroy me are powerful, being my enemies wrongfully; I am forced to restore what I did not steal.

Do not let those who wait confidently for You be ashamed, O Lord God of hosts; Do not let those who seek You be dishonored, O God of Israel. Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Confusion and dishonor have covered my face.

For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the insults of those who insult You have fallen on me. When I wept and humbled myself with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth for mourning my clothing, I became an object of scorn to them. Those who sit in the city's gate talk about me and mock me, and I am the song of the drunkards.

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, at an acceptable time; O God, in the greatness of Your favor *and* in the abundance of Your lovingkindness, answer me with truth and salvation. Rescue me from the mire and do not let me sink; Let me be rescued from those who hate me and from the deep waters. Do not let the floodwater overwhelm me, nor the deep waters swallow me up, nor the pit of Hell shut its mouth over me.

Answer me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is sweet and good and comforting; According to the greatness of Your compassion, turn to me. Do not hide Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; answer me quickly.

Draw near to my soul and redeem it; ransom me because of my enemies – lest they glory in my distress. You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor - how I am insulted; My adversaries are all before You; You fully know each one. Reproach and insults have broken my heart, and I am in despair. I looked for sympathy, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me poison for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

May their table with all its abundance and luxury become a snare to them; And when they are in peace, may it become a trap. Blind their eyes so that they cannot see, and make their loins shake continually in terror and weakness. Pour out Your indignation on them and let the fierceness of Your burning anger overtake them. May their encampment be desolate; May no one dwell in their tents.

I am sorrowful and in pain; let Your salvation, O God, set me securely on high. I will praise Your name God with song and magnify You with thanksgiving.

The humble have seen it and are glad; You who seek God let Your hearts

revive and live. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise His own people who are oppressed.

Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah, that His servants may remain there and possess it. The descendants of His servants will inherit it, and those who love His name will dwell in it. (Psalms 69)