

Psalm 143 - Pauline Psalm: Penitential

Psalm: Longing for God

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[A Psalm of David.]

An Urgent Appeal

1 Hear my prayer, LORD, Listen to my pleadings! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

1 LORD, hear my prayer; pay attention to my request, because you are faithful; answer me in your righteousness.

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

2 And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For no person living is righteous in Your sight.

2 And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no man living is righteous.

2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no living person is righteous in your sight.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.

3 For those who oppose me are pursuing my life, crushing me to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those who died long ago.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore my spirit feels weak within me; My heart is appalled within me.

4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart is appalled within me.

4 As a result, my spirit is desolate within me, and my mind within me is appalled.
4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your accomplishments; I reflect on the work of Your hands.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your doings; I muse on the work of Your hands.

5 I remember the former times, meditating on everything you have done. I think about the work of your hands.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I spread out my hands to You; My soul *longs* for You, like a weary land. *Selah*

6 I stretch out my hands to You; My soul *longs* for You, as a parched land. *Selah*.

6 I stretch out my hands toward you, longing for you like a parched land.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. *Selah*.

7 Answer me quickly, LORD, my spirit fails; Do not hide Your face from me, Or I will be the same as those who go down to the pit.

7 Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails; Do not hide Your face from me, Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.

7 Answer me quickly, LORD; my spirit is failing. Do not hide your face from me; otherwise, I will become like those who descend to the Pit,

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Let me hear Your faithfulness in the morning, For I trust in You; Teach me the way in which I should walk; For to You I lift up my soul.

8 Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; For I trust in You; Teach me the way in which I should walk; For to You I lift up my soul.

8 In the morning let me hear of your gracious love, for in you I trust. Cause me to know the way I should take, because I have set my hope on you.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Save me, LORD, from my enemies; I take refuge in You.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; I take refuge in You.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, LORD. I have taken refuge in you.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

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10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 For the sake of Your name, LORD, revive me. In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

11 For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me. In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

11 For the sake of your name, LORD, preserve my life. Because you are righteous, bring me out of trouble.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And in Your faithfulness, destroy my enemies, And eliminate all those who attack my soul, For I am Your servant.

12 And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies And destroy all those who afflict my soul, For I am Your servant.

12 Because of your gracious love, you will cut off my enemies. You will destroy all who oppose me, for I am your servant.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.