

Psalm 4A
Give Answer When I Call

1. Give answer when I call, O God;
You are my righteousness.
To me be gracious; hear my prayer;
You freed me in distress.
2. How long will you, O sons of men,
My glory turn to shame?
How long will you love vanity
And make deceit your aim?
3. The LORD will hear me when I call.
Know this with certainty;
The LORD has claimed the godly one
His very own to be.
4. When you are by your anger stirred,
Be careful not to sin;
Instead be silent on your bed,
And meditate within.
5. Present a righteous sacrifice,
And make the LORD your trust.
Since many say, "Who shows us good?"
Your face, LORD, shine on us!
6. You fill my heart with joy beyond
When wine and grain increase;
Since You alone, LORD, keep me safe,
I'll go to sleep in peace.

Psalm 5B
Listen to My Words, O LORD

1. Listen to my words, O LORD;
Know the whispered things I say.
Heed my crying out for help—
God, my King, to You I pray.
Hear me in the morning, LORD,
When I lift my voice on high,

Setting forth my plea to You,
Looking out with watchful eye.

2. For I know that You, O God,
Find in evil no delight;
Evil cannot dwell with You,
Nor the proud stand in Your sight.
You hate all who practice sin.
You destroy the one who lies;
For the LORD abominates
Those who schemes of blood devise.
3. Yet in Your abounding love,
To Your house will I draw near,
Bowing to Your holy place,
Worshiping in rev'rent fear.
Since, O LORD, my enemies
All around me lie in wait,
Lead me in Your righteousness;
Make Your way before me straight.
4. In their mouth there is no truth;
All their heart destruction seeks,
Like an open grave their throat,
While their tongue with honey speaks.
Make them bear their guilt, O God;
Snare them in the things they planned!
Cast them out for all their sins:
Rebels who against You stand.
5. Yet let all who trust in You
Sing for joy through all their days.
Guard all those who love Your name;
Let them give You joyful praise.
Blessing to the righteous one,
You, O LORD, will surely bring;
With Your favor, like a shield,
You will give him covering.

Psalm 9A
I Now Will Give Wholehearted Thanks

1. I now will give wholehearted thanks to the LORD,
And all of Your marvelous works will record.
In You will be glad and exultingly cry;
And praise to Your name will I sing,
O Most High.
2. When backward my foes were all turned in despair,
They stumbled and perished because You were there.
For You have defended my judgment and cause;
Enthroned, You judge rightly, enforcing the laws.
3. You chastened the nations, the wicked destroyed;
Their names You erased and forever made void.
The foe is consumed and completely erased;
Their cities destroyed and their mem'ry effaced.
4. The LORD will eternally sit on His throne,
Establishing it for His judgment alone.
In righteousness He'll judge the world here below;
And to ev'ry people shall equity show.
4. The LORD is a stronghold to help the oppressed;
A stronghold of safety in times of distress.
Those knowing Your name, Lord,
their trust in You place;
You have not forsaken those seeking Your face.

Psalm 11A
My Trust Is in the LORD

1. My trust is in the LORD;
How can you say to me:
"Now quickly, like a bird escape,
And to your mountain flee!
2. "The wicked bend the bow
With arrow fixed for flight,
To shoot it at the righteous one
In cover of the night!
3. "What can the righteous do
If the foundations fall?"
The LORD is in His holy place;
The LORD rules over all.
4. His eyes will surely see;
His eyelids test men's sons.
The LORD tries just and wicked men;
His soul hates cruel ones.
5. Upon all wicked men
He'll rain entangling snares;
Brimstone and fire and burning wind
He for their cup prepares.
6. For righteous is the LORD,
And He loves righteous ways;
And every one who upright is
Will look upon His face.

Psalm 13A
How Long Will You Forget Me, LORD?

1. How long will You forget me, LORD?
Forever will it be?
How long until You show Your face
Which You've concealed from me?
2. How long must I advise my soul,

And constant sadness know?
How long must I be subject to
The triumph of my foe?

3. Consider me, O LORD, my God;
Give answer to my cry.
Let me see light, or I will sleep
In death with those who die.

4. "See, I have overcome him now!"
My enemy will call;
My adversaries will rejoice
When I begin to fall.

5. But Your unfailing love I trust;
Your saving pow'r I praise.
The LORD in bounty dealt with me;
My songs to Him I raise.

Psalm 16A
Keep Me, O God

1. Keep me, O God, I trust in You.
O LORD, I this confess:
"You are my Lord; apart from You
No good do I possess."

2. The holy and majestic ones
Upon the earth I prize.
4 But those who choose another god,
Their sorrows multiply.

3. I'll not join in their gifts of blood,
Such off'rings I'll not make;
Nor will I ever on my lips
The names of idols take.

4. The LORD's the portion of my cup,
And my inheritance;
You've given me the lot I have,
Kept in Your providence.

5. The bound'ries You have set for me,
Enclose a pleasant site;
My beautiful inheritance
Is truly my delight.

Psalm 26A
LORD, Vindicate Me

1. LORD, vindicate me; I have walked
In my integrity.
And I have trusted in the LORD;
I've been unwavering.
Examine me and prove me, LORD;
Test heart and mind, I pray.
Since I behold Your steadfast love;
Your truth has led my way.

2. I will not be with worthless men,
Nor with the hypocrite.
I hate the crowd of wicked men;
With evil I'll not sit.
I'll guiltless wash my hands and come
Before Your altar, LORD.
And I will shout with thankful voice;
Your wonders I'll record.

3. O LORD, I love Your dwelling place;
Your house is my delight.
The place in which Your glory dwells
Is lovely in my sight.
With sinners do not take my soul,
With men who blood have spilled.
Their hands perform a wicked scheme;
Their hands with bribes are filled.

4. But I have set myself to walk
In my integrity;
O deal with me in graciousness,
Redeem and set me free.
My foot now stands on level ground,
A place of uprightness;
And where the congregation meets,
The LORD I there will bless.

Psalm 31C
O LORD, Be Gracious to Me

1. O LORD, be gracious to me,
Because of my travail;
My eye from grief is withered,
My soul and body fail.
My life is spent with sorrow,
My years with sighing fade,
My strength fails in affliction,
My bones become decayed.
2. My adversaries mock me,
My neighbors look with dread,
My friends did not come near me,
They turned around and fled.
Forgotten like a dead man,
I'm like a broken pot.
Their whispers terrify me—
Because my death they plot.
3. I say, "You are my God," LORD;
With faith in You I stand.
Save me from persecutors;
My times are in Your hand.
O may light from Your presence
Upon Your servant shine;
And in Your lovingkindness
Make Your salvation mine.
4. O put me not to shame, LORD,
I trust in You to save;
Let shame confound the wicked,
Brought speechless to the grave.
Let lying lips be silenced,
So insolent and vain,
That speak against the righteous,
With words of proud disdain.

Psalm 31D
How Great the Good

1. How great the good You've gathered

For those revering You,
Stored up for all who trust You
Where sons of men may view.
Within Your secret presence,
There You preserve their life,
Away from whispered scheming,
And far from tongues of strife.

2. The LORD be blessed forever,
He showed His love to me;
Besieged once like a city,
I faced the enemy.
I said when filled with panic,
"I'm cast out from Your sight."
But still You heard my pleading,
When I cried out in fright.

3. O love the LORD, you godly!
The LORD the faithful keeps.
But one whose deeds are haughty,
Full recompense he reaps.
So then, be strong and steadfast,
And let your heart be brave;
All you who wait with patience,
Wait on the LORD to save.

Psalm 36C
About the Wicked

1. About the wicked and his sin,
My heart within me cries:
There surely is no fear of God
At all before his eyes.
With flattery he views himself
As good in his own eyes;
His sin he's certain no one will
Discover and despise.

2. The words he utters with his mouth
Are wickedness and lies;
He ceased from doing what is good,
Abandoned being wise.
He meditates upon his bed,

Some evil to invent;
He sets himself in ways not good,
From evil won't repent.

3. Your love, LORD, reaches up to heav'n,
Your faithfulness the skies.
Your justice is like mountains great,
Like depths Your judgments wise.
LORD, You preserve both man and beast,
How precious, God, Your grace!
Beneath the shadow of Your wings,
Mankind their trust will place.

4. From all the bounty of Your house,
They feast till satisfied;
From rivers full of Your delights,
You will their drink provide.
Because the flowing spring of life
Is surely found with You;
And in that shining light of Yours,
We have the light in view.

5. To all those who acknowledge You,
Your love forever show;
On those who upright are in heart,
Your righteousness bestow.
By proud feet let me not be crushed,
Nor led by evil hand
To where the evildoers fell;
Thrust down, they cannot stand.

Psalm 37A Do Not Be Angry

1. Do not be angry or outraged
When evil men you see.
Do not be envious of those
Who do iniquity.
For they like grass will quickly change,
Will wither and decay.
Just like a green and tender plant
They soon will fade away.

2. Trust in the LORD and cultivate
The good that you possess.
Be settled in the land and choose
To live in faithfulness.
Enjoy the LORD and He will give
Your heart's desire to you.
Commit your pathway to the LORD;
Trust Him; He will be true.

3. He'll manifest your righteousness
As clearly as the light,
And show the justice of your cause
Like noonday shining bright.
Before the LORD be still and wait,
For Him wait earnestly.
Do not let schemers anger you
With their prosperity.

4. Let anger cease to be in you,
And turn away from wrath.
For only evil will result
With anger's aftermath.
For evildoers will not last;
Cut off, they cannot stand.
But those whose hope is in the LORD,
These will possess the land.

5. And so in just a little while
The wicked will not be.
You may seek out where once he lived,
But him you will not see.
As for the humble patient ones,
The land they will possess,
And there will savor the delights
Of peaceful blessedness.

Psalm 37B Wicked Men Against the Righteous

1. Wicked men against the righteous
Plot and gnash their teeth at him.
But the Lord laughs at the wicked,
Knowing that his day will come.

Swords and bows the wicked ready
To destroy the poor and just.
But their bows will all be broken,
In their hearts their swords be thrust.

2. Better is the just one's pittance,
Than the wicked's many gains.
Wicked arms will soon be broken,
But the LORD the just sustains.
Days of blameless men the LORD knows,
And their heritage endures.
Unashamed in times of evil,
They in famine feast secure.

Flowers fill the fields, then wither;
Smoke may rise, but quickly clear.
So will all the wicked perish,
And the LORD's foes disappear.
Sinners borrow, not returning,
While the righteous freely give.
Those He blesses, earth inherit;
Those He curses will not live.

Psalm 37C **Steps a Man Takes**

1. Steps a man takes are established
By the LORD for His delight.
If he stumbles, he'll not fall down,
By the LORD his hand's held tight.
Though once young, I am quite old now,
Yet throughout the life I've led
I've not seen the just forsaken
Nor their children begging bread.

2. His descendants are a blessing;
Through the day he lends and gives.
Turn from evil; practice goodness
That you may forever live.
For the LORD, who loves true justice,
Will not leave his godly ones;
They will be preserved forever,
While cut off are sinners' sons.

3. In the land the righteous settle,
Dwelling in it endlessly,
For the whole land in the future
Their inheritance shall be.
Words of wisdom speaks the righteous,
Justice comes forth from his lips;
Since God's law within his heart is,
In his steps he never slips

Psalm 37D **Though the Wicked Hound the Righteous**

1. Though the wicked hound the righteous,
And his life they seek to end,
In their hands the LORD won't leave him,
He'll not let him be condemned.

Wait upon the LORD expectant,
Walk the way of His command;
As earth's heir He will exalt you,
You will see the wicked banned.

I have seen the ruthless flourish
Like a tree in fertile ground.
But he passed on, gone forever;
Though I searched, he was not found.

See the blameless; watch the upright,
For his future there is peace.
But all sinners face destruction;
Future hopes for them will cease.

By the LORD the just are rescued;
He's their strength in troubled days.
From the wicked He delivers;
All who trust the LORD He saves.

Psalm 52B **Mighty Man, Why Boast in Evil?**

1. Mighty man, why boast in evil?
For God's mercy is all day long.
With your tongue you plot destruction,

Like a razor, you work deceit.
You love evil more than goodness,
And deceit more than truthful words.
You love all words with destructive pow'r

2. O you sharp and deceitful tongue.
God will break you down forever,
Seize and tear you from where you live.
By your roots He then will pull you
From the land of all living men.
Just men see with awe, yet laughing,
This man would not make God his trust,
But he trusted his abundant wealth,
And in malice he gained his strength.”

3. But in God's house I am growing
Like a green fruitful olive tree.
Without ceasing I am trusting
In the firm loyal love of God.
I will give You thanks forever,
For it's You that has done all this;
In Your good name I will set my hope
In the midst of Your godly ones.

Psalm 56A
Be Merciful to Me, O God

1. Be merciful to me, O God,
For man has hounded me;
He fights against me all day long,
To crush me utterly.
My foes pursue me all day long,
In pride wage war on me.

2. When fearful, I will trust in God
Whose word I do revere.
In God I've always put my trust,
No terror will come near.
What can a mortal do to me
That I could ever fear?

3. Throughout each day they twist
my words;

Their thoughts toward me are hate.
They meet, they lurk, they mark
my steps;
To take my life, they wait.
Can wicked nations flee Your wrath?
O God, humiliate!

Psalm 56B
You Have Recorded All My Ways

1. You have recorded all my ways,
All pathways that I took;
Within Your bottle placed my tears,
Are they not in Your book?
When I cry out then my foes flee;
I know God is for me.

2. In God whose word I give my praise,
The LORD's word I revere,
In God I now have put my trust,
So I will have no fear.
In God is where my trust will be;
What can man do to me?

3. Your vows are binding on me, God,
I'll render thanks to You.
For You have saved my soul from death,
My feet from stumbling, too.
So I will walk before God's sight
With life and in its light.

Psalm 91B
The One Who Has a Refuge Safe

1. The one who has a refuge safe,
The Most High as his dwelling place,
Will with Almighty God abide,
And in His shadow safely hide.

2. I therefore of the LORD will say,
“He is my refuge and my stay;
My citadel of strength is He,
My God, in whom my trust will be.”

3. For He will with His watchful care
Preserve you from the trapper's snare;
Yes, He will be your sure defense
Against the deadly pestilence.

4. He'll hide you with His outspread wing,
Beneath His pinions safety bring;
His faithfulness, forever true,
Provides a shield and fort for you.

Psalm 143A

LORD, Listen to My Prayer

1. LORD listen to my prayer
As I for mercy cry.
In faithfulness respond,
In righteousness reply.
To judgment do not bring
Your servant to be tried;
No living man can stand
In Your sight justified.

2. My enemy pursued
And crushed me to the ground;
He has, as those long dead,
In darkness kept me bound.
Therefore my spirit faints,
I'm overwhelmed within;
My heart in me dismayed
And desolate has been.

3. Yet I recall the past,
The works Your hands have done;
And I consider all
Your wonders, every one.
I will reach out for You,
To You I'll stretch my hands;
My soul thirsts after You
Like dry and thirsty lands.

Psalm 143B

O LORD, My Spirit Fails

1. LORD, my spirit fails,
Your answer swiftly send;
Hide not Your face from me
Lest I to depths descend.
Because I trust in You,
O grant that I might hear
Your steadfast love again
As morning light draws near.

2. I lift my soul to You;
Teach me the way to go.
In You I refuge take,
LORD, save me from my foe.
Because You are my God
Instruct me to obey;
Let Your good Spirit lead
Me on the level way.

3. To glorify Your name,
O LORD, preserve my life.
Your righteousness I claim;
Deliver me from strife.
And in Your steadfast love,
Cut off my enemy;
Since I am serving You,
Slay those afflicting me.

Psalm 147A

1. Sing Hallelujah! O how good
To praise our God with song!
For it is pleasant and is right;
To Him all praise belongs.

2. The LORD builds up Jerusalem,
Brings Isr'el's exiled sons.
He binds up all their wounds and heals
The broken-hearted ones.

3. He counts the number of the stars;
He names each one of them.
Our Lord is great in pow'r and might
His wisdom has no end.

4. Those humbled low the LORD will raise;
He casts the wicked down.
O praise the LORD our God with thanks;
With harp His praises sound.

5. He covers all the sky with clouds,
Makes rain for earth below;
He is the One who makes the grass
Upon the mountains grow.

6. Food for the cattle He provides,
And all their need supplies;
He also feeds the raven's young,
And hears their hungry cries.

7. In strength of horse or speed of man,
The LORD takes no delight;
But those who fear and trust His love
Are pleasing in His sight.