



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Prayer Examples Using The First Fifty Psalms



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David was a man after God's own heart. His ability to pray was a work of art and an intimate communication with God. He would come to God with his problems and before the prayer was over, he would be praising God for the answer. God would respond to the beginning of David's prayer and David would praise God with the truths God had just given him.

We all have wounds. Many of those wounds have been shut off from God and even ourselves. Time doesn't heal. It just buries the problem and obscures its influence from our mind. Our heart is still damaged; but, we often can't pinpoint the location of the pain. Here the Psalms are being used to bring all the past and present wounds before God. Issue by issue they are being presented to God so He can heal them. Every closed door is being opened up and God is being invited in. A request is being made to God asking for healing for each damaged area. By the time the prayer is over, God has healed that area and has supplied miracles in its place.

I have placed my prayer under each verse and have expressed the issues from my heart. As I go down each verse, I read it and then take the subject expressed and either put it in my own words or I create a prayer on the same subject. I am using each verse to help me look down into my own heart and see what God is trying to deal with for that moment. If I came back and went over the same verses at another time, I would probably write down different prayer issues. It all has to do with me getting the heart concerns that are buried there out before God. This procedure brings subjects expressed in the Psalms before me and encourages me to consider whether or not they express heart damage lodged in my heart. If I weren't using the Psalms, I might not ever think about praying for that particular subject.

The words below each verse may or may not express your individual situation. However, you can still use the example to show you how to develop your own prayer. Feel free to use this material in any way that is helpful to you. Even if it is a source for you to disagree with, it has served a purpose. Use it or create one of your own for each Psalm. You will most likely find this system to be a real blessing to you. It can help you pray and allow God to talk back to you. Let Him heal, bless, and inspire you to a whole new method of prayer and meditation.

PSALM 1

Lord, I want to be **righteous**.

Psa 1:1 (NIV) **Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.** God, help me not to live my life according to the advice of the wicked or worldly. I commit myself to your counsel. Even when the counsel of the world sounds like the perfect answer, I ask for your guidance and power to not yield to it. Help me not to live my life after the patterns and systems of sinners. Let me be an influence on the sinner rather than being influenced by the sinner. Help me not to join in with those who are gossiping, talking bad about others, sharing people's faults and shortcomings, and enjoying it when people fail or fall.

Psa 1:2 (NIV) **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.** Help me to enjoy the concepts of your Word. Help me to want to know them and live my life by them. Help me to read, study, memorize, and use Your Word for all the decisions of my life. Give me the power to have Your Word in my life in such a way that it becomes the thoughts and guidance of all my days and my nights.

Psa 1:3 (NIV) **He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.** Lord, I have to have Your blessings. The streams of Your Holy Spirit are vital to my moment-by-moment survival. And, they are vital to all I do to minister to others. I and the people around me are counting on the streams of water of Your Spirit to bless, nourish, and empower us. Let the results of Your streams of water be a fully developing Christian life and ministry. Let all that I am and all that I do bring glory to You. Let people see the fruit of Your Spirit and the growth brought about in my life as a mighty work by Your supply. Make it possible for everything I do to prosper for the growth of my life, the meeting of the needs of Your people, and the salvation of the lost.

Psa 1:4 (NIV) **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.** Heavenly Father, I pray for the wicked that Your Holy Spirit would convict them of their sins. I ask that they would see the folly of their ways, repent, and turn to You. Help them to see how their wickedness is ruining their lives. Make it possible for them to come to their senses and accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior of their lives.

Psa 1:5 (NIV) **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.** My God, help these people to get a glimpse of the judgment day. Give them a clear picture of where they are heading. Help us to present the Gospel message to them. When they hear Your message. Give them the ability to understand and respond to it. Let their hearts be transformed before it is too late.

Psa 1:6 (NIV) **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.** Bless the lives and ministries of Your people, oh God. Protect them from the efforts of those used by Satan. Let all the wicked who will not turn to You to be thwarted in all their efforts to circumvent the preaching of the Gospel and the spread of its message. Block the efforts of the wicked and prosper the efforts of Your people.

PSALM 2

I want a mighty move of **salvation** to come to the whole world.

Psa 2:1 (NIV) **Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?** God help me to understand that all the efforts and plans of people and groups in high places aren't in control. Help me not to be impressed with their power, positions, and influences. Give me the ability to see them in comparison to You. Let me always see Your greatness and their insignificance. I need Your revelation that You are completely in control and my faith should always be in You. I accept Your deliverance of all fear of men and governments as to what they might try to do to me. I must obey You and all You require of me regardless of the consequences. I surrender my life and ministry to You and You alone.

Psa 2:2 (NIV) **The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.** I am glad I am on Your side, God. These people are fighting a losing battle. I thank You that You opened my eyes and helped me see where victory lives. I pray against all powers and authorities that pit themselves against You. As they try to stop You, they are also trying to stop Your message to the people under their leadership. Let their leadership be thwarted and their efforts fail. Let the manifestations of Your work and Word be proclaimed around the world. Let all You have to offer go forth regardless of all their plans and resistances.

Psa 2:3 (NIV) **"Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."** Tighten Your chains. Increase Your fetters, mighty God. Bring all their power and influences into the accomplishing of the assignment You have given us. Because they have accepted these leadership positions, they no longer can claim their free-will rights. They are trying to block off the free will of many who want You. Bind the leaders so that the people can choose You. Let every person everywhere hear Your gospel message and receive ample opportunities to respond to it freely.

Psa 2:4 (NIV) **The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.** God, let Your laughter resonate through us. Let us represent Your scoffing as we move forward in spite of all their disdain and conniving. Give us all an opportunity to proclaim the gospel and all the promises You have made to the people of this earth. Let us go out into all nations and present the fullness of Your Word to all who will listen. Help us to feel Your laughter of derision. Help us see and feel how insignificant all their resistance is. Make us so unimpressed that we never allow anything they do cause us to deviate from the plan You have set before us.

Psa 2:5-6 (NIV) Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, **"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."** The installation of Your Son on Your holy hill has established the total victory over all efforts to stop His leadership being offered to all. We accept Him as our King. We bow our knees before Him and listen to His every command. We obey Him and His teaching. We follow His every Word. Your Holy Spirit is leading us into all truths and we are living and ministering them. It is a privilege to serve Him in all ways.

Psa 2:7 (NIV) I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, **"You are my Son ; today I have become your Father."** We have received our sonship through His Sonship. We praise You mighty God for the privilege of being Your children. Thank You very much for adopting us through Your Spirit of adoption. You are the awesome God! We love You and dedicate ourselves to praising You throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Psa 2:8 (NIV) Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. We have received the ministry of Jesus into our lives and ministry. The work He started in His flesh He is free to do in and through our bodies. Our bodies are a vessel of Your Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is taking the things of Christ and showing them to us. We agree with all that the Holy Spirit is showing us. We yield to all that Jesus did; and we give our bodies over to Him to do them again in our generation. Let the Christ Who inherited the nations speak to the nations. Let everything He wants to say and do flow through us to them.

Psa 2:9 (NIV) You will rule them with an iron scepter ; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Prepare the nations for Your rule, dear Jesus. Prepare their hearts for receiving You as their Lord and Savior. Make those who resist You be few. May You only have to dash the few who rebel against You to pieces. Find great faith among the nations mighty God. Let all people and tongues accept and worship You. Help us to obey the Great Commission and plant the seeds of the gospel in every heart. Help us to water it with the life and power of Your Holy Spirit. Let a supernatural work be done in all lives on this earth. Let Your rule in all our lives be one of great submission, love, and obedience.

Psa 2:10-12 (NIV) Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. I pray for all the leaders of all governments, dear God. I pray that they listen to this warning and heed it. Change as many leader's hearts as are willing to be changed. Help them to submit their leadership to Your Lordship. You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Help all leaders to see this and give their lives and ministry over to You. If they won't, my God, replace them with those who will submit to you. Give us leadership that will make it as easy as possible to spread Your gospel message and all the words of the Bible to every person on earth.

PSALM 3

I want to listen to Your words rather than people's opinions.

Psa 3:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. When he fled from his son Absalom. **O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!** Dear Heavenly Father, there are times when friends let us down. They are people we trusted and gave our heart to. These people hurt us the most because they are people we love and we thought loved us. The question keeps coming in my mind: "How can they love me and treat me like they do?" I wonder what is wrong with me that even my friends turn against me. When my friends turn on me, it seems as though others do the same. Help me not see all this as a group decision. Help me to take each person and each issue before You individually.

Psa 3:2 (NIV) Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." **Selah** My friend thinks they are justified in their behavior. They may be thinking that they represent Your truth. They think You will not help me because I don't deserve Your miraculous help. And, that is true. I don't deserve Your help. But, Your grace makes Your help a sure thing in my life. Help me not to agree with them concerning Your help. I can't live without Your deliverance.

Psa 3:3 (NIV) But you are a shield around me, **O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.** This answer of deliverance isn't about my being worthy. It is about Your great love, grace, and mercy. You are my complete protection from the hurtful words, actions, and attitudes that are coming against me. I feel Your love. I know You care for me. Your opinions mean a lot more to me than ten thousand people. As long as You are my shield around me, I can survive any attacks people make against me. Not only will I survive, I will experience Your glory on me. I will bask in the greatness of Who You are. You and Your glory are enough of a relationship to make up for any and all friends who turn against me. Because of Your blessings on my life, I can feel You lifting my head up from depression, sadness, discouragement, frustration, feelings of defeat, feelings of rejection, and loneliness.

Psa 3:4 (NIV) To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. **Selah** It is great being able to come to You with all of my problems. I know You always understand and have the power to heal me. I am crying out to You not just to complain. I am crying out to You so as to be healed. I am coming to You, not because I want something bad to happen to them. I am approaching You for deliverance from all feelings of unforgiveness and desires for revenge. Help me to be healed of all resentment and help me to forgive. I know You have heard me and are answering me from heaven.

Psa 3:5 (NIV) I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. I believe You will heal my swirling thoughts. You will help me to stop thinking about what has happened to me. You will give me rest and peaceful sleep. I lie down with complete trust in You. I know You will take care of the whole situation without me worrying about it. I put the matter into Your hands and refuse to take it back again. I know You will be able to do a better job than I can. I rest in the knowledge that You are all wise and all powerful. I know You will get the job done.

Psa 3:6 (NIV) I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side. God, not one or ten thousand can bring enough against me to exceed the freedom You have provided. Your love is greater than ten thousand that hate me. Your forgiveness is greater than ten thousand that hold me guilt. Your blessings are greater than ten thousand that wish evil to happen to me. Your acceptance means more to me than ten thousand who reject me. You are all I need.

Psa 3:7 (NIV) Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. For those who will not turn from their wicked activities against me, bring them down. You have called me to be used for Your glory to help the needy. You have made me an instrument for You to bless Your people. If my enemies take me down, I won't be able to do the ministry You have called me to do. If they persist in trying to stop me and the ministry You have called me to, then destroy the weapons they are trying to use against me. I not only ask this for me; but, for all Your people. Destroy those who try to destroy them. Your work must not be hindered in the slightest. Take away the power and influence of the wicked on all the earth.

Psa 3:8 (NIV) From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. Selah. We, Your people, look to You for all our needs. You are our deliverer. We only survive by means of all Your blessing on us. We can't live without them. Pour out great blessings on all of us. Help us to share those blessings with one another and with the needy of this world. May Your blessings be on all Your people, mighty God.

PSALM 4

I want to totally put all my **trust** in You, God.

Psa 4:1 (NIV) For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David. Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. You are the only answer to all my problems, God. All other "solutions" are just temporary relief; or, they are false hope. I know You are the only One Who love me. Thank You for not giving me what I deserve. Thank You for giving me grace. Thank You for being open to all my prayers. It is such a blessing to have You right there waiting for my every call. What would I do if You were not there to bless and heal my life?

Psa 4:2 (NIV) How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame ? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods ? Selah

I am so sorry that we have not turn to You and served You like we should. I know we hurt Your reputation in the eyes of those who don't know You. Forgive us God for letting other things take Your place. You deserve our total worship and praise. Help me spend more time with You.

Psa 4:3 (NIV) Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him. Make me godly before You, mighty God. You are so loving and faithful to us. You never let us down. Help us to stop letting You down. I call out to You right now for a better relationship with You. I want all You have to offer. You always hear me when I call out to You. I want to always hear You when You talk to me. Help me to be just as faithful to You as You are to me.

Psa 4:4 (NIV) In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Selah. Help me to not let the sun go down with me still in anger. Help me to stay awake at night and seek You. Help me to wake up early and let You search my heart. Help me to not just talk to You. Help me to listen to what You have to say. You are so incredibly wise. You have a lot more important things to say than I do. I want to hear Your wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. I live by means of the truths You speak into my life. Your truth sets me free from the desires of the body, the pleasures of the world, and the temptations of the devil. Thank You very much for Your truths.

Psa 4:5 (NIV) Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD. Give me Your power to offer obedience as a sacrifice to You. Anoint me with the Holy Spirit so I can present my body as a living sacrifice to You. I put all my faith, trust, reliance, and dependence on You and all You have to offer. You are wonderful and I love You very much.

Psa 4:6 (NIV) Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. We look in all the wrong places for something to help us with our life. Forgive me God for not always turning to You for everything. Let me see Your greatness and beauty. So transform my heart that I see You as everything good. I really don't want anything that comes from somewhere else. I can only trust You to filter out those things that would hurt me. Help me to always see that truth and live by it. Light up my life so I can see You and Your good and reject everything else.

Psa 4:7 (NIV) You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. The things You have to offer as I walk in Your Spirit are so much better than the things of this world. The joy I get from serving and obeying You bring me more pleasure than all the pleasures the world has to offer. Keep me from being confused about the difference. Let me see the greatness of Your joy and hate the things of this world. They never did and they never will satisfy my heart. You and all You have to offer are the only things that blessed me and have never stopped blessing me.

Psa 4:8 (NIV) I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. I relax in Your hands, my God. There is nothing that can happen to me that You don't allow. I trust You with all my circumstances. Nothing is too big for You. You are in charge of my life. You take care of all my needs. You are watching over me. You are protecting me from all harm. You are resisting all my enemies. You are blessing me with all the riches in glory. I go to sleep knowing that everything is taken care of by You. I live in the safety of Your power and love.

PSALM 5

I turn all my **problems** and my **enemies** over to You, God.

Psa 5:1 (NIV) For the director of music. For flutes. A psalm of David. Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Lord, I face many issues that distress me. I have a tendency to take life's problems on myself. I don't know why. But, I worry about things that I know You will handle. I come to You right now and present my situation before You. I know You care and I know You will respond.

Psa 5:2 (NIV) Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. This isn't a cry for help where I feel You won't respond, God. I believe in all Your great love and concern for Your people. This is a cry for help because I know You are the real answer to my problems. I cry to You because You are the God of my life and the King of all my issues. I pray to You so as to give all my worries and fears over to You. Since I have You available to me, there is no reason for me to be concerned.

Psa 5:3 (NIV) In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. Help me to always start my day with presenting myself and all my day to You. Then let me expect You to be with me all day long. Direct my attention to You and all the answers to my prayers. Deliver me from praying and then not being willing to see the great miracles You work in response to those prayers. I will wait with great expectation for a close relationship with You and miracles in all my circumstances. Then when the relationship grows and miracles come, I will praise You for it all.

Psa 5:4 (NIV) You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. Sins hurt my relationship with You, God. Set me free from anything that is not pleasing to You. I thank You for the salvation Jesus purchased for me. Thank You for adopting me into Your family and making me Your child. Thank You for setting me free from a full record of sins. Thank You for crediting Your righteousness to my account. If that had not happened, I wouldn't be able to gain Your pleasure or dwell in Your presence.

Psa 5:5 (NIV) The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. Set me free from pride and self-dependence. Teach me to always look to You for all spiritual growth and blessings. I lay my job, my education, my talents, and my skills before You. I accept Your strength, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in their place. Let the mind of Christ be superimposed over my mind. Give me Your plans, thoughts, and abilities. I need You in all I am and all I do.

Psa 5:6 (NIV) You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors. I believe You will handle all my enemies. I trust You to take care of those who lie against me. You know the truth in these situations. A lot of the time I feel like I have to vindicate myself. Often I am tempted to try to defend myself. I know You will fight against those who lie. I am sorry I don't leave my reputation and my future in Your hands. You already abhor those who hate, assassinate people's character, and live deceitful lives. I know You have asked me to leave these things in Your care. Help me to love my enemies; and, leave the rest to You.

Psa 5:7 (NIV) But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple. God, I don't want to just come to You with my problems. I want to present them and then move on into a love relationship with You. I want to praise You for all Your grace and mercy. You have already done so much for me. I don't want to receive any answers to my prayers and not add it to my praise list. I don't want to take anything You do for granted. I want to praise You constantly for all You have, are, and will do for and through me. I enter Your presence and bow down in complete reverence for how awesome You are. You are so powerful, complete, and have no needs. Yet, You have decided to care about me. There is no reason You had to direct Your attention my way. But, You not only love me You were willing to die for me as well. You are a wonderful, spectacular God! I love You very much!

Psa 5:8 (NIV) Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies-- make straight your way before me. Don't let those who fight, agitate, and resist me to alter my direction of life. I give You my attention. Make Your directions clear to me. Help me see the way You want me to go. Keep me focused on the things You want me to be thinking about. Direct me toward the activities you want me involved in. Protect me from being a reaction to those who are against me and You. I don't want them dominating my thoughts. I want You and Your will to occupy all of my thoughts and decisions.

Psa 5:9 (NIV) Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit. They are the way they are. Nothing I can say or do will make them change. If I argue, defend myself, reason with them, fight them, or try to get even with them; it will not help. Only You can change them or thwart their efforts. I put them in Your hands and look to You to empower me to show Your love to them.

Psa 5:10 (NIV) Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall. Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you. If they will not repent and change, then I ask that You make a judgment against them. Pronounce Your verdict. Take the plans they had for me and let them fall into their own trap. If they refuse to live Your way, then let them be condemned so they can't keep me from doing the work and living the life You have called me to live. Protect all Your people from these type of people.

Psa 5:11 (NIV) But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Lord, I see You as the defender of my life and circumstances. Rather than protecting myself I turn to You for protection. You are so much more qualified to protect me and deal with the offenders. I am so glad that You take care of all these issues. It gives me time and the kind of attitudes to praise You. Being protected by You causes me great joy and inspires singing. My praises and songs of praise are much more heart felt when my trust is in You. I ask for Your constant protection. I give the protecting of myself over to You. I get out of Your way so You can start protecting me Your way. I dedicate myself to spending my time expressing my love for You and all You are doing.

Psa 5:12 (NIV) For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. I believe that You have heard and answered my prayer for protection. I believe You have made me righteous through Your Son, Christ Jesus. Since I have Your righteousness, I believe that You are blessing me. I believe You have surrounded me with Your favor like a shield. Thank You very much for the blessings, protection, and the peace that comes from it.

PSALM 6

Forgive me for my sins, God.

Psa 6:1 (NIV) For the director of music. With stringed instruments. According to sheminith. A psalm of David. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. I know I have done wrong, Lord. I know I deserve punishment for the things I have done. You have every right to be upset with me. I did fail You and sin against Your Word. I am very sorry for having gone against what I knew was the right way to go. You warned me in advance. My conscience was used by You to let me know You were against what I did. I know it was wrong and I ask for Your forgiveness. I also ask for Your anointing power to enable me to never go in that or anything like its direction.

Psa 6:2 (NIV) Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are in agony. I know I don't deserve Your forgiveness. But, I appeal to Your grace which gives me what I don't deserve, forgiveness. And, I appeal to Your mercy which doesn't give me what I do deserve, continued punishment. The consequences of my decision to sin is causing me to feel weak and faint. My whole body is hurting from the guilt and pain of this decision. Please heal our relationship, O Lord.

Psa 6:3 (NIV) My soul is in anguish. How long, O LORD, how long? My emotions are in pain. I can feel the wrongness of my decision. I can see how important it is to do things Your way. Just the consequences of the decision alone have hurt me in all kinds of ways. Plus, I am suffering because of the silence I am experiencing from You. How long will I need to be punished? How long will this affect our relationship? When can we start communicating as a friend with a friend. I miss our love relationship.

Psa 6:4 (NIV) Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Turn Your face back toward me. See me in my repentant state and forgive me. Deliver me from the pain that I have inflicted on myself by my decision. Save me from myself and my immature decisions. Save me because You never stop loving me. I know I can count on Your love. I know You will never give up on me. I know the silence is a necessary punishment because You love me. I know You do everything You do because of Your unfailing love. I am just hoping that the punishment can be soon. I know You know what is best for me. But, I would like to get back where we were together. I love You.

Psa 6:5 (NIV) No one remembers you when he is dead. Who praises you from the grave? Another reason I would like to reestablish our closeness is because it would kill me to not have You. I can't live without our close relationship. As long as I live I can praise You and worship You. Once my body goes to the grave, I can't use it to show You how much I love You. Let me live a little longer so I can use my body for worship rather than sin. Let me establish such a love relationship that can be carried into all eternity.

Psa 6:6 (NIV) I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. God, I am so sad that I have let You down. It grieves me to realize that I have failed You so many times. Sometimes I feel like I should just give up and stop apologizing, then sinning, apologizing and sinning again. I know that is Satan trying to cut me off from You. The truth is, I can't live without You. I know I make a lot of mistakes. But, my only hope of growing into a better relationship with You is to keep coming back no matter how many times I fail. So, here I am again. Please set me free from this sadness.

Psa 6:7 (NIV) My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes. I know I have opened the door to much of the problems I am having. And, I know that I wouldn't be missing our close relationship at the same time. I admit that it will be much better when I get a closer relationship with You. Having problems with people and not having a very close relationship with You is too much for me. The slightest problems I run into in life become much bigger when we aren't as close as I need us to be. I can't promise to stay pure. But, I can draw closer to You so You will draw closer to me. I seek You with all I am.

Psa 6:8 (NIV) Away from me, all you who do evil, for the LORD has heard my weeping. Thank You mighty God for hearing and answering my prayer. Thank You for coming close to me. The only way I am going to win against sin and the influences of those who do evil is to have You very active in my life. I seek to have all You have to offer. I don't just want to have the bare minimum of Your presence. I want to spend so much time with You that we become one. You are more important than anything or anyone else. I want You to be the priority of my life.

Psa 6:9 (NIV) The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.

Thank You very much for not giving me what I deserve, through mercy. And, thank You very much for giving me Your presence that I don't deserve, through grace. You are a wonderful God. My heart is filled with appreciation and praise for Your love and forgiveness. Thank You for accepting my prayer.

Psa 6:10 (NIV) All my enemies will be ashamed and dismayed; they will turn back in sudden disgrace.

I win against temptation and sinning when I put my total trust in You. I win against these things when I spend my time and live my life with You. Life is so much more victorious when we are working together. Help me see this fact and devote all I am to our relationship. You have defeated strong enemies that I had no chance of winning against. Without You life is horrible. With You life is a wonderful experience. I seek You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Praise Your holy name.

PSALM 7

God, I want Your **gospel** message to go into all the world.

Psa 7:1 (NIV) A shiggaion of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning Cush, a Benjamite. O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me,

Lord, I have all kind of enemies. Some come in the form of temptations offered by others. Some come in the form of people who don't like me. And, some come in the form of things I want that I shouldn't want. I want You to know that I desire to serve You and not yield to any type of temptation or attack. It is my desire to receive Your power to conduct myself in a godly fashion. I am running to You for help. I know I am inadequate to handle any of these things by myself. I come to You for protection. My prayer is to You for being saved and delivered from everything that is pursuing me.

Psa 7:2 (NIV) or they will tear me like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

All these problems I face are bigger than I am. I am turning to You because they are too much for me. I can't just accept them as the way life is. These things will destroy me. There is no hope for me, if You don't intervene. Life will be unbearable and I will end up being shut down to the place where I will no longer be able to minister for You.

Psa 7:3 (NIV) O LORD my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands—

God, I feel that this is happening without me having done anything to cause it. It looks to me that this is happening in spite of my being faithful to You. I believe that You have been protecting me from committing sins against You. I can't think of anything I have done that You are convicting me of.

Psa 7:4 (NIV) if I have done evil to him who is at peace with me or without cause have robbed my foe— As I look over my life, I can't think of anyone whom I have wronged. I think I have treated all those who are my friends with godliness and love. I don't even think I have unjustly treated those who are my enemies. My heart is clear and my conscience is indicating that I have done all that You have empowered me to do.

Psa 7:5 (NIV) then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust. Selah. If these things are happening to me because I have acted incorrectly, please let me see it. I am willing to suffer the consequences of wrong doing. But, I need Your help dealing with all of this. I trust You to correct me and use whatever instrument You need to, to help me be the person You want me to be.

Psa 7:6 (NIV) Arise, O LORD, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies. Awake, my God; decree justice. If all this is happening and I am being wrongfully mistreated, I bring my case before You. My life and my efforts to help others get to know You is hampered when temptations and resistances keep bombarding me on all sides. My life and my outreach to others is stopped unless You move against the things and the people who are attacking me. Let Your wrath go against everything thing that is trying to thwart me from being and doing that which is pleasing in Your sight.

Psa 7:7 (NIV) Let the assembled peoples gather around you. Rule over them from on high; Let Your people all devote their lives to You. Help us submit ourselves to Your rule. You are worthy of our trust and service. We want You running our lives. No one or nothing is capable of doing the work that You do. We believe in Your leadership and Your Lordship.

Psa 7:8 (NIV) let the LORD judge the peoples. Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High. Let Your judgment be based on the righteousness and integrity that has been credited to my account by Jesus' death and resurrection. Look at me through the blood of His sacrifice. I am clean before You because of what He has done in and through me. He is my Savior and You are my Father. There is none like You. You are greater than all things.

Psa 7:9 (NIV) O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts, bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure. You have searched my heart and mind and have found the mighty work of Jesus. I am nothing in myself. But, I can do all things through Christ Who is strengthening me. I just need my circumstances to be cleared so I can take advantage of all Christ has done. Stop the work of the wicked. Make the work of the righteous succeed. I want to go forward in Your blessing and prosperity. I want the opportunity and the anointing to do everything You want done. Open the doors to the righteous that we all may do everything You have commissioned us to do.

Psa 7:10 (NIV) My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart. I know You are bringing Your shield of protection over me. You are the God Who is over everyone and everything. I know You will prosper the lives and ministry of all who serve You. You have saved us from the great evil that sin was about to destroy us in. You saved us from eternal damnation. And You are saving us from all the plans of the evil one. You are saving us so we can show forth Your glory to all the people of this earth. Our hearts are pure because You have purified them. We live because You gave us life. We share this life because You commissioned us to share it to all who are willing to receive it.

Psa 7:11 (NIV) God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day. I relax in all Your decisions. Your verdict is perfect and correct. You will bless the right people and pour out Your wrath on all the right people. Each day Your perfect will, will be accomplished and I will trust and believe in You Who did it. Even if it doesn't look like I think it should, I know You rule and reign in complete power, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, grace, mercy, and love. Your will is what I want. I trust You completely.

Psa 7:12 (NIV) If he does not relent, he will sharpen his sword; he will bend and string his bow. I believe You are getting ready to put a stop to those who are resisting Your gospel message. I know You are faithful to see to it that every person has a perfect chance to hear, experience, and decide on all You have to offer. You have sent us out to tell them about Your great things. I know You will put a stop to those who try to stop us.

Psa 7:13 (NIV) He has prepared his deadly weapons; he makes ready his flaming arrows. You are getting all Your powerful weapons ready to destroy their efforts. Nothing shall be able to keep every person from hearing about Your glory and greatness. Your weapons shall be ready. We move forward in faith knowing that You will do Your part to prepare the way. Nothing shall be able to stand before us as we move ahead in Your Name. Your commission shall be carried out as we believe and obey You.

Psa 7:14 (NIV) He who is pregnant with evil and conceives trouble gives birth to disillusionment. Confuse all their plans O mighty God. Use their deceptions against them. Bring disillusionment into their efforts and schemes.

Psa 7:15 (NIV) He who digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit he has made. Let the traps they have set be the very pit they fall into. Rather than entrapping others, let them be the one who steps in it.

Psa 7:16 (NIV) The trouble he causes recoils on himself; his violence comes down on his own head. Let all the evil that the evil person plans against Your people boomerang on them. Bring them down with all the devices they have prepared to hurt people with. Flood their lives with the sickness, destruction, delusion, perversion, addiction, and futility that they were hoping to inflict others with. Bring all their violence down on their own heads.

Psa 7:17 (NIV) I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High. I praise and worship You for hearing and answering this prayer. Thank You for preparing the way for the gospel to go around the world. Thank You for speaking to all who hear. Thank You for transforming the lives of all You receive. Thank You for all You are doing to get all of us ready for eternity. You are an awesome God. We worship and praise You throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

PSALM 8

God, I want to **praise** You forever.

Psa 8:1 (NIV) For the director of music. According to gittith. A psalm of David. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. God, there is no one and nothing compares to You. Everything You are and do is beautiful. I worship You because of Your character. I worship You because of Your mighty works. I worship You because of Your life giving Word. I worship You because of all Your promises and provisions. I worship You because of Your beautiful creation. And, I worship You because You made me so I could worship You forever.

Psa 8:2 (NIV) From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. Through the lips of children and infants You have shut the mouths of Your enemies. The small, insignificant, foolish things have boggled the minds of those who consider themselves wise. The children and the infants trust You. The powerful, rich, and wise are brought down because they can't understand.

Psa 8:3 (NIV) When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, The heavens testify of Your greatness. They reveal Your beauty and love. They bring me to my knees in adoration and praise. The deeper we look in space the more we see Your majesty. The larger we see the universe the more we see Your unlimited power.

Psa 8:4 (NIV) what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? All this makes me realize how insignificant I am. I am on one little planet in a vast universe. And, I am one person among billions of people who are on this one little planet in this vast universe. Yet, You know my name and how many hairs I have on my head. You are the great God. It is easy for me to worship You and to praise Your holy Name. You alone are worthy of praise. Thank You for caring for me while owning the universe and much, much more. I don't know why You would be willing to care about me. But, I am very glad You do. All glory, praise, and honor be given to You.

Psa 8:5 (NIV) You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. The fact that You are going to raise me up, give me a new, glorified body, and let me rule and reign with Christ takes the concepts to a level that boggles my mind. Not only do You care for me, You have great plans for me. Your generosity is so huge that my heart can't take it all in. The fact that You would send Your Son to die for me, breaks my heart open with torrents of love. You never stop going farther and farther beyond anything I deserve. Your love is eternal and it is aimed at me. There is nothing I wish to hold back from You. There is nothing You have to offer that I don't want or need. I want to receive it all so as to use it to bring praise, glory, and honor to Your Name from me and all I can share this with. You are worthy of praise for every person who has ever existed.

Psa 8:6 (NIV) You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: Help me never to hold back anything from the needy. Let me realize that You have made so much available that there is no reason to be stingy. You have been generous to me. Make me into the same type of person. I want to take on the looks and character of You, my Father. I want Your generosity to flow through me to everyone I get the privilege of influencing.

Psa 8:7 (NIV) all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, Your generosity goes on and on just here on earth. With it I can start to see down the corridors of eternity. I wouldn't want anyone to miss seeing just how great You are. As I look at all You have given me, I see why You have commissioned me to tell everyone I can. This is a message that is beyond any human's expectations. Many have no idea how wonderful You are. Many are struggling to earn it when You have provided it without price. Many are struggling to own it when it all belongs to You and You are giving it to Your people. All we have to do is receive Your Son and we get adopted into Your family. That makes us the inheritors of it all.

Psa 8:8 (NIV) the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Help me not to try to get something the wrong way. I want to go through You to inherit the earth. Make me a good steward of the time, opportunities, and resources You have currently given me. Help me to use them to get as many into Your new, coming kingdom. I want everyone possible to come to You and share in Your great generosity.

Psa 8:9 (NIV) O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You are the great and wonderful God. I want to praise You and worship You constantly. I want to give glory and honor to Your Name in front every person I get the opportunity to speak to. I want to let all know that You are God, that You are a majestic God, and that You are a generous God.

PSALM 9

God, I want You to be **proclaimed** all over the world.

Psa 9:1 (NIV) For the director of music. To the tune of "The Death of the Son." A psalm of David. I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

I love you God. I praise You for all You are and all You do. I will tell everyone about all the wonders You have done. The miracles You have done in my life are so incredible. I thank You for doing so many supernatural things in my life and ministry. I want everyone to know about Your love and care. You are faithful to me every moment of every day.

Psa 9:2 (NIV) I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. I am glad You are my God. I am glad You are the God of the universe. I am so excited with the decisions You have made as to Your character. I know You can be anything You want. I know You have all power and no one can make You be or do anything. Yet, with all Your freedom and power to be anything You choose, You have chosen to be so incredibly generous and loving. I am so glad and rejoice in the fact that You are the Most High. I love singing songs that praise You for all of these decisions You have made.

Psa 9:3 (NIV) My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you. With all the evil that would like to take control, You have exercised Your great power to keep them from taking over Your Kingdom and Your people. It is so wonderful that You are the most powerful. If it were not for You, evil would reign everywhere. The decisions Satan made exhibits what kind of god could be controlling us and the universe. But, You have chosen love, grace, and mercy. And, You are all powerful. So, Your decisions rule the universe. You have used Your power, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to cause such a wonderful thing to come into being.

Psa 9:4 (NIV) For you have upheld my right and my cause; you have sat on your throne, judging righteously. I and all people are getting the benefits of Who You are. With Your grace and mercy You have made the circumstances of my life work together for good. With Your control You have made sure that no good cause goes neglected. With Your oversight, You have seen everything. Nothing has escaped Your observation. No one is being failed by You. You keep righteousness flowing in my life.

Psa 9:5 (NIV) You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever. Evil people, nations, and philosophies rise and then are brought down by Your great care. I live in the benefits of mighty miracles You have worked throughout history. My life is an example of Your great love, grace, mercy, power, and blessings. I have so much to praise You for. If it hadn't been for Your intervention, I would have already been destroyed. I would have lived a short life on this earth. I would have suffered greatly from being overwhelmed with wicked people. Instead, You have constantly stepped in and put a stop to all their plans and efforts. You are an awesome God!

Psa 9:6 (NIV) Endless ruin has overtaken the enemy, you have uprooted their cities; even the memory of them has perished. I can see through historical accounts people and nations who have fallen because of Your great protection. Even those who are not serving You are benefiting from Your wonderful protection. If these enemies of righteousness had, had their way. This whole planet would be overrun with these enemies if You had not stopped them. You enabled people who respected Your justice to win over them. Throughout history You have uprooted their cities and destroyed their armies. People have already forgotten their achievements and understand how different life would be if You hadn't put a stop to their goals and their philosophies.

Psa 9:7 (NIV) The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. I am so glad You are and will always be in charge. I am sure the universe and life as we know it would be so horrible without Your eternal reign. I am thrilled that it is Your throne that makes the verdict for the future of all mankind. I trust You to do perfectly in all judgments. Even though we didn't get to choose You as the God of the universe. I now gladly choose You as the God of my life. If I had been able to pick what kind of God I would want controlling my universe and my life, I wouldn't have had the wisdom to design Who You are. But, now that I see You, I thrill at the beauty of Your character and philosophies. Your heart is more wonderful than I can fathom.

Psa 9:8 (NIV) He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice. You are in control whether people want You to be or not. For those who reject You, I am glad that You govern them in righteous justice. Those who reject You live lives that would bring great distress to all those around them. Since You have chosen all the ways that we all want to be treated, those who reject You also reject all You stand for. They reject You because they don't love the things we love. They don't represent the goodness I enjoy. They would like to create a lifestyle that You and I hate. Your ways are the only way to run life, the world, and the universe. Your ways cannot be improved on.

Psa 9:9 (NIV) The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Lord, when You are giving the oppressors a short season to change their ways, You are always there to protect us from them. You provide us with a place to run and hide from their evil. It would be unbearable if we didn't have You to protect us from them. I am glad You give them a time to repent. I am glad You are longsuffering with them. I am glad that You are gracious and merciful to every person. This is the only hell I am ever going to know. This may be the only heaven they will ever know. I want everyone to have a chance to change their minds and turn to You. Sometime these people make it extremely painful to live around them. But, it is worth it if it provides them with a complete opportunity to see their evil deeds, repent of them, and turn to You.

Psa 9:10 (NIV) Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. Those who finally see how great You are will put their complete trust in You. Your kindness and longsuffering is a wonderful testimony to them of how great You are. And, the fact that You always protect those who have turned to You also gives them the message of Your love. I know it is a very tight balance between giving the wrong doers an adequate chance and protecting us from their evil. But, You are all wise and know how to maintain that perfect balance. I respect Your wisdom. I submit my life's experiences with the unsaved into Your hands. You know what is best for me and them.

Psa 9:11 (NIV) Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. Lord, help me to sing, proclaim, and testify to the nations. Help me to tell them all about Your greatness. Let Your praises flood out of my mouth like a great river. Let Your awesome greatness be made known by every person who loves You. Help all of us spread Your miracles and wonders around the world. Let the whole world know that You are the only One worthy of ruling our lives, the earth, and the universe. There is no one like You. You alone have the character that we need to be in charge.

Psa 9:12 (NIV) For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cry of the afflicted. Avenging belongs to You. I trust You to bring justice to all situations. No one is wise enough to make these decisions. I lay my circumstances, relationships, and possessions at Your feet. You use me and all I have to be Your help to the suffering and afflicted. Let me be Your hands of love and power to touch their lives so they can feel Your care. Let Your care so come to them that they are able to give up all desires for getting revenge. Help us all to put the evil doers in Your hands for You to decide their destiny.

Psa 9:13 (NIV) O LORD, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, My enemies are trying to keep me from sharing You with those who don't know You. I rejoice that I am able to suffer their persecution for Your cause. I am glad I am not loved by those who hate You. I know there are billions of people who want You. And, I know that my enemies have dedicated themselves to the resisting of Your Truth. They hate You and all that You represent. They don't want Your Truth to get to the hungry and thirsting for Your righteousness. They are trying to stand up like a wall in between me and them. They know that Your Truth will set these people free. They don't want them to be free. However, You have paid a great price for the freedom of all who will accept You. I want to get to those seekers and tell them Your Truth. Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death. Let me pass through all the traps that have been set against me. Let me make contact with all who seek to know You. Let me care for all who are ministering in Your Name. Let me serve every Christian and every seeker with Your love, grace, mercy, power, and Truth. I want them to have everything You have to offer.

Psa 9:14 (NIV) that I may declare your praises in the gates of the Daughter of Zion and there rejoice in your salvation. I want to declare to every Jew and every Gentile the greatness of Your salvation. Your miracles in my life alone boggles my mind. Plus, I am in awe of all the miracles of those who live around me. Then I think of all those for whom You have worked miracles in all the earth. My mouth runs out of words to express praises for them all. You have shown Yourself strong in the lives of billions of people. What an awesome God You are! It going to take all of eternity and all our glorified bodies can express; and, still we will not be able to tell of all Your greatness.

Psa 9:15 (NIV) The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug; their feet are caught in the net they have hidden. Thank You for stopping those nations who have devoted themselves to enslaving humans under their rule. Thank You for resisting those nations who decided to try to take freedom from the earth. Thank You for keeping the national boundaries open so we, who serve You, can go around the world telling everyone about You and Your greatness. Thank You for taking all their leaders and submitting them to Your plans. Those who have taken leadership positions have relinquished their rights to doing what they choose. Their freedom of will is limited to their own decision of what they are going to do with Your Son, Christ Jesus. Their heart is in Your hands. They must do what You desire. They must lead according to Your plans. Bring down all who resist You and Your message. Let me and all those who serve You go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

Psa 9:16 (NIV) The LORD is known by his justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands. Higgsion. Selah. Lord, let Your justice reign in all the earth. Let those who resist the Truth by their wickedness, fall into the traps they have devised for others. Bring them down so that they are no longer able to stop Your Truth from being proclaimed all over the earth.

Psa 9:17 (NIV) The wicked return to the grave, all the nations that forget God. I pray for the nations that have forgotten You. Let the wicked leaders who are being used by Satan go to the grave. Let the enslaved nations be delivered from evil leadership. Open their gates and let Your greatness flood into them all. Let Your people be mightily used by You to show forth Your great love, power, grace, mercy, and provisions. Let all the earth lift up its voice in great praise of Your Name. Let the wicked fall. Let the righteous shine like the noon day sun. Let Your glory fill all the earth.

Psa 9:18 (NIV) But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish. O mighty God, there are so many who are suffering and dying. Please allow me and all who are willing to go to them. Help us to reach them with all You have to offer. I commit myself to be the body that You can use to do Your will in their lives. You will not forget the needs of the needy. I know Your greatness. I know You are their answer. I know You love them with an undying love. I know it isn't a problem with You. I know it is a problem with me. I say yes to Your response to the hope of the afflicted. I am Yours to use to do all Your will in all their lives. I only have me to give; and, I say yes to You.

Psa 9:19 (NIV) Arise, O LORD, let not man triumph; let the nations be judged in your presence. You know that there is a massive effort by Satan to use technology to spread his lies to the nations. I know You know that the people on this planet are being flooded with messages that approve sin. Don't let these men win. Destroy those areas of each nation that have devoted themselves to the spreading of sin. Bring all these people and areas in all nations who are ministers of sin before Your presence. Judge them with Your great wrath.

Psa 9:20 (NIV) Strike them with terror, O LORD; let the nations know they are but men. Selah. Bring terror to those who will not repent. Reprove those who have bought into sin but want to serve You. Destroy those who will not repent. Transform those who have been addicted to sin and will turn to You. Prepare the hearts of all who would accept You, if given a chance. Send Your people forth to proclaim Your Truth to every person all over the earth.

PSALM 10

God, I want to be mightily used by You.

Psa 10:1 (NIV) Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? Lord, there is no one I can turn to but You. I know I have looked to all kinds of other solutions rather than You. I am sorry that I have looked to my own resources as if they could meet my needs and solve my problems. Please forgive me. I want to stay in constant communication with You. I want to always look to You for all my help. Please let Your presence fill my life and my circumstances again. I know You are doing those things that I need in order for me to be corrected. I don't understand Your plan. But, I submit to it. What can I do to reestablish our relationship? What is it You want to accomplish? Let me know what my part is in bringing us back together again.

Psa 10:2 (NIV) In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. Lord, the wicked are doing great damage to the weak. The wicked think they are getting away with all they are doing. They are compounding their wickedness; and, increasing it each day. They are laughing at the weak who are their prey. They rejoice because of the people who are caught in their schemes. They are getting rich as they fill the lives of the weak with their devices. God You resist the proud. These wicked people are arrogant against the weak and against You.

Psa 10:3 (NIV) He boasts of the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD. Heavenly Father, the wicked are constantly boasting in the evil cravings of their hearts. They applaud the greedy. They revile Your Name. They hate You and Your people. They desecrate the hearts of those who want to be pure. They are continually speaking against You and all You stand for. They make fun of all who call on Your Name. They are trying to empty all Your meeting places. They are spending all their time bringing accusations against the righteousness You provide. They hate Your Son. They steal all of the time Your people should be devoting to You.

Psa 10:4 (NIV) In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. God, the wicked think they are too good and too smart to seek after You. They have crowded out all thoughts of You and Your ways. They are doing their best to crowd out the thoughts of You in all the people of the earth. They are filling the educational systems with lies about all You have made. They are pushing the governmental systems to remove reference to You from all public places. They won't seek You and they won't let anyone else seek You either.

Psa 10:5 (NIV) His ways are always prosperous; he is haughty and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies. The wicked are making vast amounts of money and are gaining high positions of influence. They are appearing to be invincible to all who try to defeat them. They think Your laws do not apply to them. They are making fun of all who serve You. And, they think there is no God Who can take them down.

Psa 10:6 (NIV) He says to himself, "Nothing will shake me; I'll always be happy and never have trouble." They are bragging about their power and positions. They think they will always have happiness and never face defeat. They see all this success at polluting society as guaranteeing their future happiness. They think they have no enemies. They consider themselves as being too powerful to be brought down.

Psa 10:7 (NIV) His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue. The wicked feel free to say anything they want. They see no need to control the words of their mouth. They know You are against such words. Yet, they curse, lie, and threaten everyone around them. They have no shame for the trouble they are causing. They feel no wrong with the evil they are inflicting against others.

Psa 10:8 (NIV) He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders the innocent, watching in secret for his victims. They steal children from their homes and women from their families. They put them in sex slavery and sell their bodies without any fear. They are murdering innocent people with drugs and alcohol. They are destroying families without any remorse. They are currently watching in secret for new victims. They have no plans to stop their destruction.

Psa 10:9 (NIV) He lies in wait like a lion in cover; he lies in wait to catch the helpless; he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net. The wicked of this generation are like lions in secret cover. They have no compassion for the helpless. All they care about is their own appetite. They never see the damage they are doing to the helpless. They freely drag them off to slavery, addiction, depravity, and death.

Psa 10:10 (NIV) His victims are crushed, they collapse; they fall under his strength. They are too powerful to resist. Their victims have no way to save themselves. The victims know they are in horrible trouble. But, no one is willing to hear their cry. They can't help themselves and those who should love them won't get involved.

Psa 10:11 (NIV) He says to himself, "God has forgotten; he covers his face and never sees." The wicked think that God has either forgotten or is covering His face so He won't see. He thinks he is going unnoticed. He thinks that the God of all power is going to keep letting him go on untouched. He thinks that the reason he has been so successful is because God won't do anything about it. But, God has already begun His work.

Psa 10:12 (NIV) Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless. Empower Your people with Your power to love. Change our hearts so we will care what is going on. You won't do it without us; and, we can't do it without You. Lift up Your hand first of all to us. Transform our lives so we will do what we have been called to do. We know it isn't You Who have forgotten the helpless. We know it is us. You have provided us with weapons that are powerful. You have given them to us so we would use them to pull down strongholds.

You see what is going on; we see what is going on. We think we are waiting on You; and, You are, in fact, waiting on us. You have given us all the equipment to do this work. First of all, we lack the love to respond to the situation. Open our hearts to this situation. Help me to love You so much that I will get involved in the devastation the wicked are creating. You are greater in me than he who is in the world. All power has been given to Jesus. Jesus is alive in me. His ministry is at work in and through me. I can do all things through Him Who is strengthening me.

Psa 10:13 (NIV) Why does the wicked man revile God? Why does he say to himself, "He won't call me to account"? I think I am the reason why the wicked man is reviling You, God. My delay in doing what it takes to set these people free is giving him the impression that he is safe. My not making myself available to You is giving him time to do what he wants to do. I make myself available to You to call him into account. He can say or think what he wants to. He is wrong. You will use us to put a stop to all these atrocities. I open my heart to Your provisions. Cleanse me for everything that is interfering with Your work in and through me.

Psa 10:14 (NIV) But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.

I know it isn't You Who is failing the people of this world. I know You care. I know You see the trouble and grief that these people are suffering. I know You want to take it all in Your hands. These victims have been calling out to You and I haven't offered to give You my body to handle it with. I am here to learn how to love a planet of people. I am here to learn how to love each individual person. I am here to learn how to be a channel through which You flow to the needs of Your people. You already knew how to do all these things. You didn't need to create me if it was all going to be done by You alone. I am called to show forth Your glory. You want to use me to care and respond. You are the helper of the fatherless. I am the channel through which that help flows. I give myself to You. Here I am, God, send me. I say yes to the response You have for these troubled and grieving people. I say yes to helping all who have committed themselves to You.

Psa 10:15 (NIV) Break the arm of the wicked and evil man; call him to account for his wickedness that would not be found out. Use me to break the arm of the wicked and evil men. You have called me to care what happens to them. It is me who needs to stand up and fight the good fight of faith. It is me who needs to use spiritual warfare to yield to the Holy Spirit's power, wisdom, and training. Open me up to all You have for me. Let's do a collaborative work in the world that drives out the wicked. I believe in You. I know I am nothing in myself. But, I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me. You didn't send me forth to spread Your message of the Gospel without equipping me to do the job. Your power has been made available to drive Satan out of the lives of the people who are willing. Prepare the way for us, O God. Bring the wicked person into account. Ferret out his deeds for all to see. Make it obvious that his deeds are evil and should be defeated.

Psa 10:16 (NIV) The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land. Those people in each nation who refuse to serve You must perish, Heavenly Father. Those who resist Your Name and Your message must be rendered powerless. Please keep them from being able to block Your message. Let everyone who wants to hear it, hear it. Everyone must have a chance to know Who You are and what You are offering them. Please give them a complete opportunity.

Psa 10:17 (NIV) You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, I know You are holding the afflicted up right now. I know You are keeping them alive so we can bring them Your message. I just beg You to help all of Your people to get to them and provide them with Your Truth. Thank You very much for hearing their cry. Help me to hear it as well. I want my heart to be drawn to them. I want to recognize them when I come in contact with them. Help them to stand out in the crowd. Let my eyes be opened to their afflictions. Help me feel their pain. Give me Your compassion for these suffering people.

Psa 10:18 (NIV) defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more. Defend the parentless and oppressed people who are suffering at the hands of men. Keep them safe from the terror that evil men desire to inflict on them. Prepare these oppressed people's hearts for Your delivering message. You have all they need to not only be delivered themselves; but, to start being used by You to set others free.

Help us gain the victory over evil. Anoint us to be Your hands and feet to the needs of the world. Help me see how great You are in me. Help me to stop seeing myself in the same condition I was before You come inside me. You in me changes everything. I must be set free from measuring myself as if You were not present in me. These false attitudes keep me from doing what You have commissioned me to do. I do not want to tie Your hands. I do not want to hinder Your work. I accept the fact that I am completely connected to You; and, You make the difference.

PSALM 11

God, Help Me To Always Bring **My Problems** To You.

Psa 11:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David. In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: "Flee like a bird to your mountain. Lord, You are my only protection. Too often I try to figure out a way to solve my own problems. It doesn't seem to dawn on me that the problem is too big for me. As I look at the tip of the iceberg, it looks like it is something I can handle. When am I going to learn that it is just one domino in a series of events. I want to turn to You from the very beginning. I want to take refuge in You and stay there. Satan's minions are lining up to form an assault against me. As I stand inside of You as my refuge, their threats are meaningless. When I was trying to take on the challenge by myself, everything they said was a serious problem to me. Now, everything they say must pass through You.

Psa 11:2 (NIV) For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. The wicked's plans come from deception. There is no way to know when or where they are coming. This makes it necessary for me to stay inside of Your protection at all times. All my activities must be planned with You as a part of them. I want to include You in all that I do. Help me to always consult You so You will always be protecting me. Help me to never make plans without consulting You. The wicked are always in the shadows. No matter how insignificant the project is, I still need Your protection and wisdom.

Psa 11:3 (NIV) When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Heavenly Father, the very foundations of life are being attacked. The wicked are saying that evil is good; and, good is evil. They are trying to make sin to be normal and righteousness to be strange. They are taking marriage and making it unnecessary. They are destroying the family and making it seem okay to just blend more families together. They are corrupting the minds of the people and then trying to help them accept themselves as they are. The foundations that You have built our lives on they are trying to completely breakup and destroy.

Psa 11:4 (NIV) The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. I know You see all of this. I know You are desirous to activate Your people to learn how to deal with such things. All this is happening so we can grow in our love and training. Your people look at all these things and fail to understand that this is a spiritual battle. I am called to care and respond. I yield to You to do my part in fighting all these problems caused by the wicked. I open my heart to learn how to do what You have called me to do. I know I am somewhat weak in these areas of spiritual warfare. However, Your strength is make perfect in my weakness. I accept these opportunities to see what You see. I want to feel what You feel in Your heart. You are the answer and I open my life for You to flow through me to the need.

Psa 11:5 (NIV) The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates. I want to love the righteous and hate the wicked. I want to yield to Your attitudes and let You train me in on how to respond to Your efforts. I am Your servant. I give my body and life over to Your plans and Your battles. The inequities that exist in this world are my problem. My heart has been hard; and, my faith has been weak. I repent of these things and receive Your transformation in my life and ministry.

Psa 11:6 (NIV) On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. I devote my prayers to the destruction of the efforts of the wicked. They are doing great damage to Your people and are trying to stop Your Truth. I pray for their destruction. I yield to Your power to resist their efforts. Let Your fiery coals and burning sulfur put a stop to their lives that are devoted to resisting Your Truth. Scorch them with Your hot winds. Anoint Your people to go forward and present Your Truth to the lost. Let Your Truth set the people of this earth free from the lies of Satan.

Psa 11:7 (NIV) For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face. I know You are want to use me to do Your work. I know You have saved me so I would share what You gave me with others. I know You don't want Your salvation to stop at me. I submit myself to You and Your plans. I give all that I am to receive Your presence. I want to so see You that I am changed forever. I love what You love. I want what You want. I receive all You are and have to offer. I want all I influence to have You without corruption or inadequacy. Let Your presence and glory shine through me in complete brilliance and beauty. I lay my life at Your feet to be used as You see fit. Let Your righteousness and justice fill the earth.

PSALM 12

God, please change the **character** of our society and leadership.

Psa 12:1 (NIV) For the director of music. According to sheminith. A psalm of David. Help, LORD, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men. Heavenly Father, there are places like America and Europe where in the past You have moved in a mighty way. Now the churches are diminishing or closing down. Even where churches are growing, the people are just coming from other churches. In these areas, few people are coming to You. Since that has been happening, few godly people are living and ministering in these areas. There is no example of faithfulness to You for the people around them to see.

Psa 12:2 (NIV) Everyone lies to his neighbor; their flattering lips speak with deception. Instead, people are lying and cheating each other. Even some of those who call themselves Christians are following the world's pattern for life. People flatter each other for the purpose of getting what they want out of them. Truth isn't a part of the way they approach life. It is okay, according to the world, to lie about anything they don't want to face the reality of. Lying has become a frequent tool for personal and public relations. Even our leaders feel free to lie to the public and then blatantly do the opposite once elected.

Psa 12:3 (NIV) May the LORD cut off all flattering lips and every boastful tongue

Lord, this has to be turned around. Please bring Your hand of punishment to those who practice lying, flattering, and boasting. Pride and boasting have become a major part of building one's self-confidence. We are being told that the only way to be successful in life is to build up our self-confidence. Confidence in You has lost all meaning. Those who are working on their self-confidence say all kinds of boastful and prideful things. They think they are the ones who makes themselves successful. Show them that these techniques do not work. Make it clear to them that world philosophies are a sham.

Psa 12:4 (NIV) that says, "We will triumph with our tongues; we own our lips --who is our master?"

People feel free to say anything they want to. They think they can go completely contrary to Your Truth. They are speaking against You, Christianity, and all godliness. They keep repeating a lie year after year until the public accepts it as truth. If the concept is rejected in society and in government this year, they will just keep presenting it until it is accepted by the majority of the society and passed as a law in government. They don't see You as holding them accountable for all the things they are saying. I am a major cause of this problem, O God. I am silent all day long. I hear what they say around me and I don't do what Jesus did. Help me to have the wisdom of the Spirit and the ministry of Jesus moving in and through my life and ministry.

Psa 12:5 (NIV) "Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says the LORD. "I will protect them from those who malign them."

I believe in You, mighty Lord. I know You are doing Your part. I know You want to also do mighty things in and through me. I know You are working in the society at large. I know You are preparing their hearts. I know the harvest is ripe and ready for the harvesting. I am sure You have provided all the things necessary to bring salvation to all those who do not know You. No doubt everything is in place for Your work to be done in these spiritually dying areas of the world. I present myself as a resource for You to work through. I repent of my lack of love for the situation. I lay my life before You for Your use. I yield to all You want to do in and through all these people. They desperately need all You have to offer.

Psa 12:6 (NIV) And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.

Your words are pure, true, perfect, and powerful. You just need for people like me to open their mouths and speak forth Your Truth. It will do what You have purposed for it to do. The weak and the groaning needy will hear Your Truth and be protected. You will flow through Your words and heal the people of these shattered lands. The maligning of the wicked will be stopped and Your ministry will succeed. You are much more powerful than they are. We will succeed in ministry because You are on our side. The world will see that You are a great God. Your ways will triumph over these lies that are currently being spoken. All the efforts of the wicked, all their hard work, all their scheming and planning, and all the time they have spent will be wasted. With one mighty move of Your Spirit You will sweep it all away like cobwebs.

Psa 12:7 (NIV) O LORD, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever. There is no reason for us to be afraid and silent. We have Your protection. Set us free from intimidation. Give us the boldness of Your Spirit. You will protect those of us who are saved; and, You will protect those who will be saved. I don't care what the wicked think or say. I give up all concern for their opinions. I yield my heart to Your compassion for those who are being blocked off from the Truth. I accept Your power to move right through the wicked so as to get to those who are oppressed. You have empowered me and surrounded me with Your armor. My weapons are powerful to the pulling down of strongholds. I give myself to Your work.

Psa 12:8 (NIV) The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men. No longer shall these wicked freely strut about. Your Truth is going to make them squirm. That which is vile shall no longer be honored among men. Your Truth is going to set them free. You will find faith on the earth when You return. I give myself to Your plans and Your power. You are the mighty God and You shall win this battle for the hearts and philosophies of humankind. You are greater than all the work that the evil one has done. Even though it looks like we are behind in our work, You will make up the difference. I don't relinquish America, Europe, and other places where there is a famine of Your Word. I believe in Your love, grace, mercy, power, and provisions. You will use me and all Your people to bring about a mighty move of Your salvation and transformation. I believe in You, God.

PSALM 13

God, I need to feel Your presence.

Psa 13:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? Lord, I can't make it without You. I have to feel Your presence and experience Your love all the time. Please deliver me from these feelings of distance from You. I know You haven't left me. You know You are still right there. I just can't seem to feel that intimate relationship we usually have. I am willing to continue to move forward in faith. However, I am praying for our closeness. I need everything You have to offer. Living by faith and not by feelings is important. But, Your presence being felt is vital to me.

Psa 13:2 (NIV) How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? When I can't feel Your presence, my thoughts are much darker. It isn't until I feel Your presence that the depressions and sorrows are driven out. My emotions need for You to fill them up so that there is no room for anything else. You alone have the power to control my emotions. Your love pours into my heart and crowds out all the negative feelings and thoughts that my enemy, Satan, send toward me. As long as I can feel Your power, love, and joy; I am able to face everything he throws at me. You are the only reason I am able to live in victory against him and his lies.

Psa 13:3 (NIV) Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death; God, You are the only reason I am alive. I can't live without You. Even though I know You are always there when I don't feel You, I still go through intense moments of anguish. Life ceases to be desirable. Going home to You becomes preferable. I believe You want me to continue to live. I know You want me to fight for life. But, the only battles I win are those fought with Your provisions. One of the greatest provisions I have is feeling Your presence. My emotions get strong. The strength of my will lights up. My desire to go out and do that which is pleasing to You fills my heart. Having a close and intimate relationship with You is not optional. Nothing in our relationship can be lived without. Everything You provide is vital to me.

Psa 13:4 (NIV) my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. Those who are coming against me will rejoice in my defeat. Satan and his cohorts will gloat over my failure. They know I can't make it without everything You have to offer. They will take advantage of my depleted emotions. When my heart doesn't feel You, they move in for the kill. They surround me like a great darkness. You only get glory through my life when I win against them. People see my victories and they hear me give You the credit for my success. I make it clear to everyone that without You I can't make it. So, when You fill my heart with Your emotions, they see me raise up and stand victorious in You.

Psa 13:5 (NIV) But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I believe in You. I know You are doing whatever is best for me. I know You will never stop loving me. Your strength is made perfect in my weakness. My heart is filled with joy over the fact that my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. You have done great and wonderful things for me already. You will give me the strength to endure whatever You have planned that is unpleasant for me. The faith You have given me is locked in You forever. I open my heart to the thoughts, promises, and provisions that cause me to start feeling more of Who You are and what You have done. I redirect my mind away from threatening situations and lock my attention on You and Your greatness. I have a lot to praise You for. I give my time and my emotions over to the process of praising and worshipping You. I turn away for all that depresses me. I turn to You Who creates great joy in me.

Psa 13:6 (NIV) I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me. If I continue to draw near to You, You have promised to draw near to me. So, I open my mouth and start singing songs of praise and worship to You. I step out in faith that You will respond as I move into those things that bring me great joy and intimacy with You. You have always been good to me. You have never failed or let me down. My faith is based in Your promises and all the miracles You have already done in my life. My life is full of large quantities of fulfilled promises. I am giving my thoughts over to praising You for all the past blessings You have poured on me. I devote my time, energy, and thoughts to all those things that You have already done for me. Rather than thinking about what I don't have, I will think about all You have already given me. You are an awesome God. I love You very much.

PSALM 14

God, resist those who try to conceal You.

Psa 14:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

God, all You have created testifies of Your greatness. You are obvious to all who just take a casual look. Your creation has already proven Your existence to everyone. There is no such thing as an atheist. They are the ones who do not exist. You have made Yourself clear to everyone of them. They have to give their heart over to corrupt, vile deeds to bring themselves to the place where they deny that You exist. They have to crowd out all knowledge of You from their mind and heart. They have to become perverted in their thinking. As they try to present themselves as wise they become fools. Your complex creation makes them all fools. It is obvious to even the simplest that all Your creation could not exist and function with such harmony without You creating and running it.

Psa 14:2 (NIV) The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. Even though many have turned from You to their own ways, they are no evidence against Your greatness. They are just representative of their foolishness. Their lives show forth the calamity of their decision. All of their governmental, educational, and philosophical structures produce more confusion and failure. Their lives prove that their decisions to reject You were foolish and tragic. The more they try to prove that life can exist without You, the more they prove the opposite.

Psa 14:3 (NIV) All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. All of us humans have had to find out for ourselves that we can't survive without You. Your Holy Spirit had to convict us of the sins we were committing. You had to draw us to Your way of life. All of us would be totally destroyed if You hadn't reached out to save us. We all are fools without Your awesome intervention and provisions.

Psa 14:4 (NIV) Will evildoers never learn-- those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD? I bring before You, those who are fighting against people who have already come to You. And, I bring before You, those who are fighting against people who will come to You. These evildoers are constantly trying to destroy Your people. They try to destroy those who have accepted You. And, they try to keep those who want to accept You from being able to come to You. These evildoers don't want to call on You and they don't want anyone else to call on You either. I pray against them, mighty God. Devour them like they are trying to devour us.

Psa 14:5 (NIV) There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. Fill the evildoer's life with great and overwhelming dread. Debilitate them to such a degree that we are able to contact the people who are willing to accept You. Breakdown the barriers they have created through governmental laws, educational systems, social pressures, and entertainment agendas. You are present with us to make it possible for us to worship You freely and reach those who want to know You.

Psa 14:6 (NIV) You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. Those who are poor in physical and financial needs and those who are poor in spirit, all need Your help. Your people want to be able to reach them with Your good news. The evildoers are constantly bringing great frustration and resistance to all their efforts to find Your help. You are their refuge, mighty God. We are commissioned to present them with the message that will set them free from sin. We want to talk to them and they want to be talked to. However, the evildoers are constantly frustrating them and blocking us. Let the power of Your protection be sent forth to open all the doors for us and them to get together.

Psa 14:7 (NIV) Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

You have made the Jews and the Gentiles all one people in Christ. Salvation is now available to us all. Let the Jews and the Gentiles all receive Your salvation. Make it possible for every person who wants You to find You. Provide us, Your one body, to be restored to the prosperity of all You have to offer. So bless us with it all that we are able to go wherever we need to go and do whatever we need to do to reach everyone for You. Bring us all into Your heavenly Kingdom. Let us all stand before You as Your children. We worship You forever, our great God!

PSALM 15

God, I want to be a generous person.

Psa 15:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? Heavenly Father, I want to dwell in Your presence continuously. I want to live in You and You in me. You are more important than anything else. To constantly be talking to You and You to me is my total heart's desire. I love You with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. I am looking forward to spending eternity with You. I enjoy working together with You as we reach out to the needs of others. It is such a privilege to have Your miraculous work come into and pass through me to the needs of those Who will receive what You have to offer.

Psa 15:2 (NIV) He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart Thank You for the provisions of salvation that have credited blamelessness, righteousness, and truth to my account. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit Who is training me, empowering me, and moving through me with blamelessness, righteousness, and truth. Without Your provisions I would have no chance of being with You and You with me. My walk, deeds, and words are being transformed by the power of Your Word and the anointing of Your Holy Spirit. You are so wonderful! You have taken care of it all.

Psa 15:3 (NIV) and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, Your Spirit has given me love so I can love my neighbor as myself. He has helped me to feel what my neighbor feels. My desire is to be a blessing to my neighbor with the same intensity as I desire blessings myself. This is a miracle! I am being delivered from selfishness, self-centeredness, self-confidence, and am being given selflessness. You are taking care of all my needs. I don't have to be concerned with that anymore. I have cast all my cares on You. You always care for me. Now I am free to speak encouragement, support, and appreciation to my neighbor. Now I can spend my time doing good, helping, and giving Your provisions to my neighbor. I am now able to spread my neighbor's fame to all I talk to. I can always be a bearer of good news to everyone I come in contact with.

Psa 15:4 (NIV) who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, I hate the deeds of the wicked and vile, heavenly Father. I leave the wicked and vile person in Your hands. You will have to decide their destiny. But, I pray against their deeds. I ask for Your mighty resistance against the wicked and vile things they do. They are using their wickedness and vile activities to suppress Your Truth. This hurts those Who want to love and serve You. This confuses the weak and oppressed. This brings pain, suffering, and death to those whom they contact. Bless and deliver all who respect, fear, and love You. I devote all I am to supporting those who are and will serve You. Help me to speak the truth in love. Give me such wisdom that I am able to tell the truth without hurting anyone. Even if it gets me into trouble, help me to always present Your Gospel message and tell the truth to others.

Psa 15:5 (NIV) who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken. Create a generous and loving heart toward the financial needs of others. The money that comes to me I only want to use the amount that I need and pass the rest to those who need it. I don't want to be a lake. I want to be a river. I don't want to store up anything on this earth. I want to send it to heaven. I want to use everything You give me for the meeting of the needs of the needy and for Your glory. Empower me to never accept money that is for evil. Provide such a love in my heart that I will only accept money that comes through You. Give me Your honesty and integrity as a stream flowing in and through me at all times.

PSALM 16

God, I praise You for the **good** things in my life.

Psa 16:1 (NIV) A miktam of David. Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

God, I start my day and live it all day long in complete trust in You. You are the reason my life is secure. You are continuously watching after me to make sure that I, my relationships, and circumstances are all in Your will for my life. You are deciding everything I am experiencing. Before, I was having to face life based on my decisions and the decisions of evil people. Things were constantly going contrary to Your will for my life. With You as my refuge, even when things look like they are going in an undesirable direction, I know You are producing Your plan in my life.

Psa 16:2 (NIV) I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." I am so glad I have made You the Lord of my life. Now I have Your constant direction. Your guidance is always before me. You are making sure that I understand and am empowered to live the plan You have for me. I wasn't adequate to run my own life. Bad things were regularly happening to me. Even things that started out good went bad. There was no power from You to control them. You are supplying Your lordship over me and my life experiences. Goodness and mercy are surrounding me all the days of my life. I know that everything is working together for good, now.

Psa 16:3 (NIV) As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. All my support and planning are with Your people. I look to them for accountability and friendship. I associate with Your people as the ones who influence my life patterns. I pray, worship You, study Your Word, socialize, and minister with Your people. All my spiritual growth issues are addressed as I spend time with them. As I minister to the lost, I know I am being prayed for by them. I know that all my encounters with the world are being anointed by You. Your people are helping me to be trained, grown, encouraged, and blessed so that I can effectively reach out to others without being contaminated myself. Because of You through them I can influence the world rather than be influenced by it.

Psa 16:4 (NIV) The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips. Those who have decided to go in another direction, I am committed to not follow. People who have dedicated their lives to other gods are not being allowed to influence my life. You are my God. I serve You. I yield to Your power to resist the influences of society. The worship and service of the world is not being done by me. Even when I am around them, I will not join them in their conversations. I dedicate myself to You, God. I will not pretend to go along with their beliefs and life patterns. I believe in Your power, O God, to not be led astray from Your greatness. Let me live a life in front of all who are going in the wrong direction that will exemplify and bring glory to You.

Psa 16:5 (NIV) LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. You are meeting my needs. I don't have to be afraid that I will lose my job if I serve You. I don't have to do things that are displeasing to You so I can make money. You are the One Who is supplying all my physical needs. My present and future are all secure inside of Your protection. All my physical, emotional, financial, relational, and spiritual needs are being taken care of by You. It is so relaxing to know that You are doing all that needs to be done for me.

Psa 16:6 (NIV) The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. My life has a positive influence that is always directing my circumstances. Things happen to me in a good fashion because always put Your blessings on them. Even things that start out bad work together for good. I can feel and see that influence of blessings pushing all the circumstances of my life. You are keeping my life and circumstances heading toward great success in You. All the things I have, have been supplied by You. All the things I will receive in the future are going to be wonderful. Your eternal plans for me are more exciting and dynamic than I can imagine.

Psa 16:7 (NIV) I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I am so glad you give me Your counsel. Your thoughts are so wise and are such a benefit to me. Never have I had such an opportunity to be guided into all the perfect decisions and godly plans. You not only speak to me with wisdom you speak to me in power. When You give me instructions, You give me the power it takes to live them. Your counsel turns into a new life for me. Your counsel penetrates my heart and develops all new systems for living in me. You fill my heart with such truth and transformation that I wake up in the morning with a better approach to life. Each day I grow and improve in whole new areas. You alone are able to move right into my heart and change the controls and motivations I have. You heal me right in the center of my core being. You take who I am and change me into who I need to be. There is no one like You.

Psa 16:8 (NIV) I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. I have given You the priority of my thoughts and deeds. You and what You do dominate my thoughts, plans, and deeds. You have taken the position of power and protection for me. You stand ready to defend me and protect me from anything that tries to shake me up. You keep me stable and ready for all that comes my way. I can face anything because You are always there. Nothing can do damage to me because You exercise Your power and wisdom to intervene.

Psa 16:9 (NIV) **Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,** My heart is filled with joy because of You. Praise is expressed through my mouth all the time. You are so awesome that words fail to represent the truth about You. The emotions that emanate from my heart have such restful effect on my body. You bring me into complete peace. You have made life worth living. You have made me a complete person. Everything about me shows forth the wonders of the work You have done in and through me. I am whom I could not be without You. None of the things I have become were possible without You and the miracles You have worked in me. My life has been shaped by Your glorious handicraft. I am Your art work.

Psa 16:10 (NIV) **because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.** You have kept the grave from being the final authority. Through Your Holy One, Jesus, You introduced the resurrection from the dead. He has led the way for all of us to know about this wonderful truth. We now know that we also will not be defeated by death. We, who serve You, will be raised up from death to spend eternity with You. Now I know You will never abandon me. I know that my resurrect is sure. I know I will live forever with You. Death no longer can create fear in me. I know what is going to happen to me after death. Jesus will be waiting for me. He will lead me through the shadow of the valley of death.

Psa 16:11 (NIV) **You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.** I now live because Jesus has given me a Christian life now. And, He has given me eternal life with You, my God. Jesus is my path through time and eternity. I now have Your joy always with me. You presence fills me with that joy. I will spend eternity inside of all Your pleasures. You are anointing me to be able to live life according to Your provisions. You have provided the blessings, motivations, power, and truth to me so I can live pleasing in Your sight.

PSALM 17

God, thank You for putting Your **righteousness** in me.

Psa 17:1 (NIV) **A prayer of David. Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer-- it does not rise from deceitful lips.** Lord, it would be impossible for me to pray to You and expect anything, if it were not for the righteousness I have received from Jesus. Because of Him I have become Your righteousness in Him. Now I can come freely before You without fear or doubt. I know You will hear my prayers. I can now have confidence that every word I pray will be listened to by You. Since I have now been forgiven of all my sins, my lips address you with Your righteousness. Thank You for making all this possible.

Psa 17:2 (NIV) May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.

My sins were so great and so deserving of punishment that I wasn't able to come to You for vindication. I deserved every bad thing that happened to me. I didn't deserve anything good happening to me. But, now I can ask for good things because of Your grace and mercy. I know You see my situations and are blessing me through the provisions of Jesus. The right that You now see in me and my life are based on Your grace and mercy. The mistreatment I am experiencing from others is being handled by You. I no longer have to protect myself. You will provide all the miracles I need to help me with all my problems and troubles.

Psa 17:3 (NIV) Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.

Through Your Holy Spirit I have been able to start getting control over my mouth. I wanted to say the right things but couldn't. I wanted to stop saying the wrong things but couldn't do that either. Now, with the Holy Spirit's power, I am able to change my conversations with others. With Your righteousness in my heart and the Spirit's power in my mouth, I know You are finding nothing displeasing in me or my conversation. Thank You for making that possible. I know I make mistakes. But, it is great that they are not causing me to be punished. Help me to never use Your grace to go on doing and saying things that are wrong.

Psa 17:4 (NIV) As for the deeds of men-- by the word of your lips I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.

Your Word, Heavenly Father, has brought great power into my life. I thank You for helping me to spend so much more time in it. I thank You for bringing its meaning into my heart and mind. Your Holy Spirit is opening it up to me in such a wonderful and powerful way. I would be so harmful and damaging to those around me, if you didn't send Your words into my life. You speak with such creative power. When You speak, my life changes in a beautiful way. You are making me into a much better person. I will never be able to praise You enough for all You have and are doing in me.

Psa 17:5 (NIV) My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

Ever since You have given me Your grace and mercy, my walk with You has been so much more consistent. Before, I was constantly failing You. As Your Holy Spirit continues to teach and transform me I am living according to Your ways more and more. I use to walk for a while in the things of the world and then awhile in Your ways. Now I am starting to see much more of my life being lived according to those ways that please You. Thank You for keeping my feet from slipping off of Your path.

Psa 17:6 (NIV) I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer. God, You have never failed or let me down. Every time I call on You, You always answer and respond to my requests. I am calling on You now because I know You will always hear me and answer my prayers. I desperately need for You to listen to me. I can't live without You hearing and answering me. My relationship with You is vital. When You listen to me, it gives me such a peace and satisfaction that You are taking care of everything. I know You will only respond to me when I ask You to. I know I have to pray before You will answer. So, I am asking for Your ear as I present my needs before You. Please keep responding to every prayer I pray. I cannot live without You and all You have to offer.

Psa 17:7 (NIV) Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. I am asking for the wonders of Your great love. I want and need these wonders to flow in and through me to those who also need Your help. I and all the people around me need the manifestations of Your love in every area of our lives. Your love gives us a reason for living life. We survive by means of it. The wonders of Your great love helps us to know that You will protect us with the power of Your right hand. I and the rest of Your people are taking advantage of the refuge You have provided us. You are our refuge and strong tower. You are the reason we have nothing to fear. Our foes are already defeated by the provisions of Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Psa 17:8 (NIV) Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings I ask for Your love to keep me with such care and protection that it would be like protecting and providing for Your eye. I want to be as close to You as I can get. I want to be as precious to You as a human can possibly be. I want to be one of Your most precious children. I want to be hidden under Your care like a bird covers their babies under their wings. I want to feel that constant love and protection from Your wings. There is no power and provision like You offer me. When I have You keeping and hiding me inside of You, I know nothing can hurt me. I am completely safe from anything that wouldn't be good for me.

Psa 17:9 (NIV) from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me. I have a lot of evil things and forces that hate me. They would like to destroy me and my influence in this world for You. Satan and all his cohorts hate me and all the work I am doing in response to Your great commission. The evil people working for him are trying to keep me from feeling free to share Your great Name with the needy. Keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me in the shadow of Your wings from them. Without You and Your power and protection, they would stop me and destroy me and all I am doing by means of You. I need Your spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, and ministerial anointing and protection against all of them.

Psa 17:10 (NIV) They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance. These are people who have already made up their minds. They don't want You and they don't want anyone else to have You. They feel free to say all kinds of evil things against You, Your Son, and Your people. They are not only corrupt, they are corrupting all kinds of innocent people who aren't protected by Your great salvation. These people aren't going to turn to You. If You agree that they are not going to turn to You, I ask that You would stop their influence and protect the innocent and needy from their mouths.

Psa 17:11 (NIV) They have tracked me down, they now surround me, with eyes alert, to throw me to the ground. They appear to only be Your enemies. The way they are treating me looks like they are against all You stand for. I am devoted to You and all You have to offer me and the needy in this world. When they track me down, they are tracking Your servant down. When they surround me, they are blocking off all You want to accomplish through me. When they throw me to the ground, they are keeping me from doing all You have called me to do.

Psa 17:12 (NIV) They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a great lion crouching in cover. They want to destroy me and all You have commissioned for me to do. Their attitudes and procedures are evil. They are like their father, the devil. He goes around like a lion looking for all he can destroy. They are showing the same signs. They are trying to do the work of Satan. Satan is a defeated foe. Therefore, they are a defeated foe. I appeal to Your provisions against them. Surely they have proven that they are dedicated to working against You and all You are doing through me. Surely they qualify for debilitation and destruction. Judge them on the basis of their activities and character.

Psa 17:13 (NIV) Rise up, O LORD, confront them, bring them down; rescue me from the wicked by your sword. Lord, I am asking for Your presence and power to be brought against these people who have dedicated themselves to doing evil. Bring them into account for their activities and the damage they are doing to others. Their filth is permeating the lives of so many innocent and helpless people. Bring them down, Heavenly Father. By stopping them, You will be opening up the doors for me to help those who do not know You. By bringing them down, You will be making it possible for me to escape the wicked efforts they are sending against me. If they kill me or stop me, I won't be able to do the work You have called me to do. Their weapons are aimed at me and all I stand for. It is Your work that is at stake. It is the needs of desperate people that won't be met.

Psa 17:14 (NIV) O LORD, by your hand save me from such men, from men of this world whose reward is in this life. You still the hunger of those you cherish; their sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children. Lord, I am asking You to use Your hand to save me from all such people who are resisting me because they not only don't want You; but, they don't want anyone else to have You either. They aren't interested in Your eternal rewards. They don't care about Your Kingdom. They are only after all they can get from this world and its system. They aren't seeking any of Your provisions. I am seeking You and all You have to offer. I want to have a close and intimate relationship with You. All my needs are only met as I seek You. I look only to You for the meeting of my needs. I have given up all dependency on all other provisions. Your Holy Spirit has healed me from depending on any other source other than You.

Psa 17:15 (NIV) And I--in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness. My needs for Your righteousness have all met through Jesus. I know that I am going to see Your face. I know I am going to spend eternity with You. If I die before Jesus comes, I know that all my desires and expectations will be fully met in seeing You. I want to be totally pleasing in Your sight here on earth so I won't be disappointing to You in anyway. When I finally get to see You, I want You to be one-hundred percent satisfied with my cooperation with Your Holy Spirit here in this life. I am looking forward to seeing You and having You say You are totally pleased with me and my obedience of Your commands. I want to so yield to Your Holy Spirit that You will see my love for You through all the activities and word of my life. When I see You, I know I will be like You. I ask to take on Your character and love as I obey Your commission to reach all who need You.

PSALM 18

God, I want the freedom to **preach** Your message.

Psa 18:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

God, You are so wonderful to me. I love You deeply. There is no one like You. My heart sings when I think of You. Day and night I love talking and listening to You. I get my life from You. You are the breath I breathe. I wouldn't have the strength to face the day if it were not for You. Life wouldn't be worth living if You didn't give me Your strength and love. Thank You for being my God.

Psa 18:2 (NIV) The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I have built my life on You as the rock of my foundation. All my relationships are based on You as the rock of my life. I have run inside of You to hide from all that would try to do damage to me. You are constantly protecting me and watching over me. Things that would have come into my life to do me harm have been stopped before I even knew I was in danger. Before I even found out that I was about to be in trouble, You blocked it off. I praise You for all the things I haven't had to go through. I thank You for stopping things before they reached me. You are my fortress and my deliverer.

You have shielded me from things that were much worse than I experienced from them. You have saved me from eternal damnation and saved me to eternal life in You. I know that I am going to spend eternity with You. Because You are my stronghold, I don't have to worry about the fact that I am not adequate to make it there on my own. You are my stronghold that guarantees that I will spend eternity with You. You have taken all my weaknesses and put Your strength in their place. I am strong in You.

Psa 18:3 (NIV) I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. All I have to do is call. I don't have to put up with my enemies. You are always there to respond to my call. You never sleep. You are never too busy. You are always there ready to save me from all they are trying to do to me. I praise You and no other because You alone are worthy of all praise. There is no one who will care and do like You do. No one and nothing is going to do better than You. I don't want to steal Your praise and I dedicate myself to not praising anyone but You. You alone are worthy.

Psa 18:4 (NIV) The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. Even when it looked like I was coming to an end of my life, You were there. When things were so hard that I was weary of life, You were there. In moments where I was so depressed that I couldn't think of one good thing, You were there. At times when it felt like heaven had been coated over with iron, You were still there.

Psa 18:5 (NIV) The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. There were times when it looked like it was all over. I saw no hope that I was going to be able to live. It appeared that Satan and all my enemies had won. I saw nothing that was indicating that I was going to be spared. Death seemed certain. My life's commission and all the assignments You had given me seemed to be left undone. There was going to be no more time to reach out to help them. My goals and aspirations were only going to be pipe dreams. The things You and I were going to do together looked to be scrapped. I could feel myself give up and accept an ending of all we dreamed together. My life had come to a sudden and empty end.

Psa 18:6 (NIV) In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. But, all of a sudden, I felt Your strength help me to cry out one more time. Somewhere deep down inside my spirit I could feel You encouraging me to use the last bit of strength to say Your Name. In all the darkness around me I saw one tiny glimmer of light and hope. With the last ounce of faith You anointed me to call out to You. I knew this was my last ditch effort. If this whimper wasn't heard, I was gone. Even though all appeared lost, You were there to respond to my cry. In the moment of my deepest distress I called to You, my Lord. I cried out to You, my God, for help in the moment of my greatest need. From deep inside my heart You heard me. You heard the smallest cry. From Your high and lifted up throne You could still hear my whisper. Like the smallest breeze it came to You. Your ears were so in tune with my heart You heard me.

Psa 18:7 (NIV) The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry. Your response was wonderful. I could feel Your power flow through me. I could see You change the world around me. Circumstances that were much too big for me were shaken and chastised. Your anger shook them to their foundations. You arose from Your mighty throne and came to my defense. I could see how upset You were because of the mistreatment I had experienced. Your anger against my enemies was so powerful that they all trembled. Those who seemed so strong when coming against me, now seemed insignificant before You.

Psa 18:8 (NIV) Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it. It is an exciting thing to have You show Your strength and Your fury in my behalf. I have never experienced anyone who has come to my rescue with such anger. I can see that You feel strongly about the problems, troubles, persecutions I go through. Satan tries to tell me that You don't care. During those times when You wait for awhile before You step in, I have been tempted to believe that You weren't in touch with my problems. I repent for entertaining such thoughts for even a second. This display of Your anger against those who are coming against me is more than enough to bring me into total faith in You and Your provisions.

Psa 18:9 (NIV) He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet. You are actively involved in all my needs. You care like no other. Your response is in pure love for me. As I watch You move against those who have tried to destroy me, I see a mighty God Who loves me intensely. You are all powerful and You are using that power to protect and deliver me. You are withholding nothing good from me. You were just waiting for them to fill up their cup with evil. You were patient with them and gave them plenty of time to change their mind and stop doing evil. But now, since they have not repented and stopped their evil against me, You are bringing Your great wrath against them.

Psa 18:10 (NIV) He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind. Once evil people have had adequate opportunities to change from their wickedness, You bring swift judgment. At the exact moment, You move with great speed to deliver me. It all looked like delay and slow delivery to me. Because of all the suffering they were inflicting on me, it felt like You were taking too long. But now that I see You in action I can see You are not slow at all. You waited the perfect amount of time for them to repent then You delayed no longer. You are perfect in all Your decisions. I often don't see things from Your perspective. Help me to learn from all this. Help me to stay in agreement with You concerning all that You do. I never want to doubt You or feel You are taking too long. Right now I see the speed of Your deliverance. I see how incredibly fast You are coming to my rescue. You are perfect in the speed of Your response to my prayers.

Psa 18:11 (NIV) He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him-- the dark rain clouds of the sky. You are so brilliant in everything You do. Neither I nor my enemies can analyze Your wisdom in all Your decisions. My enemies don't see You coming. They don't know it but they are stopped in their tracks. They don't realize that You are coming. They can't see what I see. Even before You attack them, I see my deliverance being brought about. I see You taking action and know that You are on the way. I am excited even though You haven't changed what I see in the evil of my circumstances. What I do see is You wrapping Your self up in darkness and getting ready to strike. That is exciting to me.

Psa 18:12 (NIV) Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning. You are now moving out of obscurity into full view of me and my enemies. Your anger is now being seen by my eyes and theirs. The preliminary attack is being advanced. Even though You haven't yet touched them, they and I see that You are coming against them. I, who was suffering, am now rejoicing. They, who were rejoicing at my calamity, are now in great fear and dread. Already You have turned the circumstances around. Just by Your getting ready to strike You have improved my situation. Their eyes are no longer on me. They are now cringing at the sight of You.

Psa 18:13 (NIV) The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. The creative power of Your words are being spoken. What was is now being changed into what is going to be. Out of Your mouth comes my deliverance. Your voice is all I need. When You speak, everything changes for my deliverance and benefit. All You have to do is speak the word and it is automatically done. Out of what You say comes the creation of all that I will ever need. What my enemies hear as earth shaking thunder, I hear as a loving voice of my Father. You, the Most High, speak in a resounding voice and I hear my Heavenly Father speaking freedom for my life and circumstances. I love hearing Your voice. When You speak, I know I am totally set free. My excitement builds to great happiness and appreciation. I can see all the answers to my prayers coming through the resonance of Your voice.

Psa 18:14 (NIV) He shot his arrows and scattered the enemies, great bolts of lightning and routed them. My enemies don't hear Your voice, my God. They only feel the results of Your anger. You are coming at them from all directions. Their circumstances, friends, enemies, and systems are all coming against them. Everything they have put their trust in is failing them. Every direction they turn they find failure and defeat. You have rewarded them with the very things they have planned against me. Nothing they do helps their plight.

Psa 18:15 (NIV) The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils. You are showing all who resist me and those who serve You just how great You are. We have represented Your message and You to all the people of the earth. The evil doers have told everyone that You do not exist. They had duped the people and caused them to be ashamed to admit they believe in You. They had hurt the weak and needy and refused to let us help them. But now they are out of the way and we can fulfill the ministry You have given us.

Psa 18:16 (NIV) He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. God, Your healing power is restoring me back to health. You are restoring all that they have taken from me. You are picking me back up and putting me on solid ground. The flood of oppression that they dumped me into, You have pulled me out of. You have reached down from heaven and grabbed me out of the pit of death. Instead of drowning in it You have saved my life. You are helping me to get ready to share You with all who will listen. All of this experience has given me a whole new story to tell. I will be able to share all that has happened to me with the unsaved. I will be able to tell them how great You are.

Psa 18:17 (NIV) He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. Those around me are going through a lot of what I am going through. They are being mauled by the enemy. They too are too weak to defend themselves. My victory will encourage them to put their trust in You. Your rescuing my life has given me more things to tell them. I have seen You in action and I know more of Your love than I did before. The impossibilities that I faced are similar to the impossibilities others face. The fact that You showed Your love to me will give them hope. Nothing is impossible for You. Even though it is impossible for us, we are still not lost. You will demonstrate Your love and set all of us free if we will call on Your Name.

Psa 18:18 (NIV) They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. I know You love everyone as much as You love me. I know that this deliverance isn't unique to anyone. When others are confronted with destruction and hopelessness, You will be their support as well. You didn't support me so that I alone could be delivered. This deliverance has opened the doors to large quantities of people's deliverance. You are just showing me how You work. You are building my faith and trust in You in a more complete way. Since You are my support, I now know just how great of a support You are to everyone everywhere.

Psa 18:19 (NIV) He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. Heavenly Father, this has brought us so much closer. My heart has been overwhelmed with Your love. One minute I thought I was dead and defeated. Then You stepped in and showed me aspects of Your greatness that I have never known. I thought that the experiences I was going through were going to kill me and end my work with You. But, You worked miracles in my life that introduced me to Who You really are. I have never lived with such victory and blessings than I am now experiencing. You have not only delivered me from destruction You have blessed me with more than I have ever had before. I feel Your love and delight in me like I never felt before. All that I went through was worth it.

Psa 18:20 (NIV) The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. If it hadn't been for Jesus, I wouldn't have had any rights or opportunities to call on You for help. My sins and shortcomings would have blocked off my access to You. But by Jesus being the Truth, the Life, and the Way to You; You made me a member of Your family. You put the family robe of righteousness on me. You cleaned me up and gave me direct access to You and all You provide. With Your righteousness in me and Your power to do righteous things with my hands, I have been rewarded with Your mighty deliverance, blessings, and anointing. Your rewards are beyond anything I could have ever thought of or asked for.

Psa 18:21 (NIV) For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God. Before Jesus, I never sought You. I never walked in Your ways. I always did evil. Now with the power of His salvation I have been able to keep Your ways, live on the basis of Your righteousness, and never turn away from You. As a matter of fact, I not only don't turn away from You; I have been drawing closer and closer to You. This victory was all made possible through Your Son, Jesus. Without Him I would have never been able to cry out to You for help. Thank You for giving Him to me and all who will receive Him. He is making a miraculous difference in and through us now and for all eternity.

Psa 18:22 (NIV) All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees. Your Holy Spirit has come into my body and has made it His temple. I now have a Spirit to spirit relationship with Him. He has been teaching me Your Word. He has helped me to know and understand the things that Jesus taught when He was on this earth. He has been empowering me to live according to those Truths. He has been transforming my life and ministry. He has been awesome to me.

Psa 18:23 (NIV) I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin. Because of the provisions through Jesus and the intimate relationship of Your Holy Spirit, my record is blameless before You. You have credited my account with blamelessness and have considered me to be sinless. Now with all of that and the miracles You have been working in my heart, I am growing into a life that is more and more righteous every day. Jesus is living through me and influencing me and those around me with His godliness. I am starting to treat the people around me with more of the character of Christ everyday. None of this is possible without Your constant flow of Your presence in and through me.

Psa 18:24 (NIV) The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. You are looking at me through the blood and provisions of Jesus. You are empowering me with the life and presence of Jesus. You are rewarding me according to all He has done. Your generosity is beyond anything I could ever imagine. You have done all the work and I am getting blessed for it. I praise You for Your grace and mercy.

Psa 18:25 (NIV) To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, First You make me faithful and blameless. Then You treat me with faithfulness and blamelessness. You truly withhold no good thing from Your people. Your love is so wonderful. You alone are worthy of my praise. You deserve my praise before all the people of this world and throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. I owe You my heart and my life. You deserve all that I can do to let everyone know how great You are. I open my heart up to all You have to offer so that I can do all You can do through me. I want everyone to know how great You are.

Psa 18:26 (NIV) to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd. You have made me pure and have straightened out my life. Because of this provision I am able to yield to Your work and present these characteristics to those around me. Because You are in me, I can help the helpless and defeat the crooked. I can treat everyone with purity and show them how pure You are. I can help people to see the difference between Your purity and the crookedness of the evil. They will be able to see the contrast and make a knowledgeable decision in regards to serving You.

Psa 18:27 (NIV) You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. The prideful see no need in trusting You. They think they can do it all by means of their own power, skill, and efforts. As long as they remain prideful they will never see their need for You. It wasn't until You brought me low that I saw how much I needed You. Thank You for bringing me low. Thank You for causing or letting things happen to the haughty. That is their only hope of coming to You. Thank You for the humility You have provided me. The work You have done in my life is beautiful. With Your provision of humility placed in my heart and life, I am now able to continuously experience all that Your salvation makes available.

Psa 18:28 (NIV) You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. You have put Your Spirit in me and have brought His light into my inner most being. His fire is ignited in my heart and is lighting up every room in it. All those dark areas that were closed up because of hurts and wounds, He is opening up and putting His light of healing and blessing in them. Not only have I been brought from darkness into light concerning sin, I have darkness being continually removed by the light of the Holy Spirit. The darkness of past experiences that I still remember are being healed. Things I tried to heal by attempting to forget them are being healed by His light.

Psa 18:29 (NIV) With your help I can advance against a troop ; with my God I can scale a wall. I have gone from total destruction and death to being available to Your mighty work. I am ready to be mightily use by You to defeat the enemy that is occupying the lives and hearts of so many desperate people. With Your anointing on my life, I will be able to set large quantities of people free from the occupation of Satan's influences on their lives. The hoards of evil entities and evil people who are lined up against You and Your work are all prepared for defeat. Jesus defeated them with His death and resurrection. Your Gospel message will bring victory against their efforts to blind the lost. Every barrier Satan has put up to stop Your delivering power from coming to the needy, I can get over or through with Your power.

Psa 18:30 (NIV) As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. Your ways are perfect. I don't need to add anything to Who You are and what You do. I open my life and ministry to total obedience to Your will and Your ways. I want to always speak only those things that are in Your Word. It is flawless and needs no additional work. I want to express Your meaning and Your meaning only. Let Your Holy Spirit so train and implant Your Word in my heart, life, and ministry; that I express Your intentions in all that I say and do. Enable me to present You as a shield for all who are willing to accept You as their refuge. Help me to help them to find You, look to You for help, and let You provide them with protection and deliverance.

Psa 18:31 (NIV) For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? Help me to help them to stop looking somewhere else for help. There is no other way for them to be helped. Anoint me to present You as the only God. People are looking to all kinds of things to try to get help. They keep experiencing failure after failure. Many come to the end of their life and still have not learned that You are their only answer. Those that will hear and do what Your Word says will build their house on the Rock. No matter what comes against them they will be able to stand. Let me be a channel through which You flow into their lives so they will be saved.

Psa 18:32 (NIV) It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. I can't live this life or do this ministry without You. I am too weak and too inadequate to be the person I need to be. Nothing that is pleasing in Your sight is going to emanate out of my life and ministry. It won't happen without You arming me with Your strength. You alone are perfect. I am never going to have anything to do with perfection. You alone are going to be able to produce perfection through my life and ministry. They want, need, and must get You. I want You flowing in and through me. You alone are going to meet their needs and change their life and eternal destiny. Please let me give them You.

Psa 18:33 (NIV) He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. Not too long ago I was as good as dead. Because of Your great intervention I am ready to go wherever You need me to go. I can go where I couldn't go before. I can go with the speed that only You can give. I can reach places that are typically impossible to reach. You have given me abilities that my body was unable to perform. I give this body to Your work so Jesus can stretch out my hands and touch His people. I am ready to let Him use me to do what He wants done in places that I before could not reach. I want His will and His ministry to be free to go anywhere He wants to go.

Psa 18:34 (NIV) He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. This body of death has been transformed into a vehicle to do Your mighty work. You have made me ready for spiritual battle. Your Holy Spirit is making me ready to be very skillful in meeting the needs of all who need Your touch. The victories that Satan thinks he has are as good as gone. Already You are preparing me and multitudes of others who are ready to defeat him in every life who is willing. I can do mighty things because You are giving me the strength, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and love to use Your powerful weapons to destroy the works of the devil.

Psa 18:35 (NIV) You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. I will have great victory by means of Your mighty work. You will set Your people free from all that Satan has, is doing, and want to do against them. You are protecting me with Your shield of victory. Your right hand of power is working in and through me. You are stooping down to make me great for Your glory and honor. I believe in You to help me to give all the greatness You accomplish through me as glory to Your Name and Your Name only. You alone deserve honor and praise. You alone can and are doing this work. People need to see You alone. They must see You and turn to You for their help. I give You all that I am so You can do all You are.

Psa 18:36 (NIV) You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn. This path to all the people who need You is broadened. You have made it easy for me and all who are willing to get to the needy. My body won't have any problems going where You want me to go. I will have Your preparations so I will be able to go without obstructions or barriers. The time is short and You are preparing the way for me to go with Your speed and with Your success. My physical limitations will not interfere because You have taken care of all my circumstances.

Psa 18:37 (NIV) I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed. The battle is now totally different. Those who were about to destroy me are now being destroyed by me. You have so moved into my life and being that I am now able to pursue the pursuers. Not only have I been delivered, I have been made victorious. You are giving me the opportunity to pursue those who have resisted my life and ministry and overtake them. They will have to give up all they have conquered. They will have to release them and let You heal them. You are giving me the power and provisions to not turn back until all the destroyers are destroyed. Every person they have deceived will be given an opportunity to hear Your message and be set free.

Psa 18:38 (NIV) I crushed them so that they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet. Your victory in and through me is going to be complete. You are the great God Who has made perfect provisions for all who will give their ministries over to You. I and those willing will reach every person on this planet with Your powerful message. Satan and all his cohorts will not be able to stop us. They will be crushed and they will not rise. They will fall beneath our feet. Your message will go into all the world and be preached to every person. You have made all this possible and You have commanded us to yield to it. We say “yes” to You.

Psa 18:39 (NIV) You armed me with strength for battle; you made my adversaries bow at my feet. I have Your provisions. I yield to those provisions. I go in Your Name to use those provisions and make them available to all who will use them for Your glory. Your strength is more than enough to do the job You have called me and many others to do. It is enough to make all our adversaries to bow at our feet. We have to have this success in order to deliver these needy people. They bow before us for Your glory. You are using us to conquer them. But, we only conquered them because You made them bow down. It is Your victory and I want all the world and all in eternity to know that it is Your victory.

Psa 18:40 (NIV) You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes. I give up all memory of my enemies’ strength. I give up all fear that they caused me to have. I no longer see myself under their attack. I see myself in the place You have put me. I was only under their attack because I was trying to defend myself. They only looked powerful because I was comparing them with me. I have seen You in action and I now have a different perspective of who they are. They are nothing to me because You live in me. Because You live in me, my enemies turn their backs in flight. Because You live in me, I am now able to destroy my foes. My foes are the foes of the lost. When I destroy my foes, You and I are destroying their foes. This isn’t a selfish battle. This is a worldwide battle for all who will call on You.

Psa 18:41 (NIV) They cried for help, but there was no one to save them-- to the LORD, but he did not answer. These foes have no one to turn to for help. Satan is too powerless to defeat You. He can’t come to their rescue. They can’t get You to help them. You are against them and all they do. Their defeat is swift, complete, and permanent. The whole world shall hear about Your greatness, mighty God. Nothing shall be able to stop us from completing Your assignment that You have commissioned us to do.

Psa 18:42 (NIV) I beat them as fine as dust borne on the wind; I poured them out like mud in the streets. This is a great victory mighty God. The whole world will see You use Your people to accomplish everything You planned for us to do. The world will see how powerful You are. They will see they don't have to admire Satan's power. He has been fooling and lying to them. They are going to see the Truth and will know that You are the only, true God. There will be no confusion in their hearts. They will be able to see the Truth and make their decision as to what they are going to do about it. Every person on earth will be without excuse. You will help us do the job You have told us to do. You will help us be innocent of any of their blood.

Psa 18:43 (NIV) You have delivered me from the attacks of the people; you have made me the head of nations; people I did not know are subject to me. This body You have given me is now completely Yours. I give all accomplishments and victories to You. Not because they were mine to give. But, because they truly belong to You. All that You accomplish through me belongs to You. If You make me head of anything, I lay it at Your feet. If You make anything subject to me, I subject them to You. I want You to be head and I want all to be subject to You. I believe and trust You to keep me from exalting myself in any way. If the work You call me to do leads to any greatness, I cry out to You for protection from it. I can't handle anything that brings glory or honor to me. It would totally destroy me like it did Satan. You alone can handle glory and honor. You have absolute power and it hasn't corrupted You absolutely. Instead, You are totally gracious, merciful, generous, loving, and pure. You alone are worthy of any prestige, positions, leadership, or control.

Psa 18:44 (NIV) As soon as they hear me, they obey me; foreigners cringe before me. I know that great things must be done in and through me and all who are willing to give their ministry to You. I know You are going to be doing incredible things so as to defeat Satan and set needy people free from his influence. But, I must have just as mighty a work done in me so that none of it will kill me. I cry out to You for a complete work to be done in me so I will yield to You to do Your work of greatness; and, so I will be completely set free from all pride or any other sin or shortcoming that would destroy me. We all need You to protect us from Your greatness as You work through us. Let Your Holy Spirit move into our spirit in such a way that we will be able to be used by You in complete safety.

Psa 18:45 (NIV) They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds. You are taking all the confidence away from people who acting like they knew they were right. Their bold and authoritative speech fooled large quantities of people. They came across as if I was a fool and they were the experts. Sincere people who want to do and believe the truth are duped by their confident presentations. Now they are losing heart. They are no longer able to boldly present their lies. You are stripping them of all their authority, positions, and influence. All people are seeing them as they really are. They are coming out of their places of authority and influence. They are leaving places of education, religion, government, and entertainment. They are giving up their places of leadership. Their weaknesses and lies are being revealed. Their character is being opened up so all can see. Great fear is stripping them of all boldness, determination, assurance, and blatant deceit.

Psa 18:46 (NIV) The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!

All are going to see that You live. All the lies about You are going to be laid bare. Me and all who will give their ministries up to You will be able to share Your Truth without hindrance. You are opening all doors. You are making sure every person gets a chance to hear, see, and experience the Truth. I praise You for Your grace, mercy, love, and generosity. There is no one like You. We all exalt You, my God and Savior. Thank You for doing such a wonderful work in and around the lives of those who need to hear about You. Thank You for opening up such great opportunities to spread Your Gospel message to the whole earth.

Psa 18:47 (NIV) He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me,

You have changed everything. Governments, political systems, religious systems, social systems, and anything else that has stood in resistance to You and Your message; have all been destroyed. I have a clear path to present You and all You have to offer to everyone. There is no where I can't go to present the Gospel message to everyone. All shall know about Your greatness. No one shall be ignorant of Your Truth. Nothing shall hinder everyone from hearing all about You. You have opened the doors and no one can close them. You have given me and all who will obey, the opportunity, power, abilities, time, resources, character, and desire to go into all the world and preach Your Gospel to every person. Thank You awesome God for Your greatness.

Psa 18:48 (NIV) who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from violent men you rescued me.

I have been delivered. I have been freed. I have been empowered. I have been sent. I can now walk over the top of them and go straight to those who will hear Your message. My enemies can no longer stand in my way. They can't do anything to even try to stop me. They thought they were in control. You have shown them that You, Who are in me, are greater than they are. You have exalted me far above them so I can do my job. They were violent against me and were keeping me from getting to the people You sent me to. But, You have rescued me and have given me complete victory over them. There is no longer anything they can do to stop me.

Psa 18:49 (NIV) Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD; I will sing praises to your name.

Now I am free to praise You among the nations. Now I can shout Your Name before all people. You have made it possible for me to say all the great things You have done. I can sing Your praises freely to all mankind. I now present Your great Name to all. All shall hear about You and shall see how great You are. None shall be missed. Everyone will get a chance to experience all You have to offer. There will be no one left with any kind of excuse. If any reject You, they will do so with more than enough evidences to make You their God.

Psa 18:50 (NIV) He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever. You Jesus, Who sits on the throne of David, shall have great victories through the lives and ministries of all who will obey You. God is using us to serve You before all mankind. We go and proclaim all God's greatness so all can hear about His unfailing kindness to You. You and we, Your descendants, will be blessed forever. Through You we will not only succeed in our current assignment; but, we will rule and reign forever. We take advantage of all Your great provisions through Salvation. We raise up and yield to You and Your ministry, Jesus. We live; but, it really isn't us living. It is You Who are going into all the earth proclaiming this Gospel message. When we give You the glory of this success. We aren't being modest. We are telling the truth. It really is Your ministry, the ministry of Christ, that is flowing in and through us. In the end You will have done all that You and the Father have decided. I and all who will obey all that You taught, will simply be instruments in Your dynamic hands. It is Your ministry, work, miracles, accomplishments, and transformations that are flowing in and through our lives and bodies. God has opened these doors to us so as to give You, mighty King, great victories.

PSALM 19

God, I see You in Your creation and in Your Word.

Psa 19:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. I see Your greatness all around me. The beauty of all You have created. Nothing would be here if it weren't for You, O God. You give us beauty, unity, and supply. All of Your creation is not only there, You have given us eyes to be able to see it, ears to be able to hear it, a nose to be able to smell it, and touch to be able to feel it. Your creation touches deep within our heart with Your love. You have spared nothing from us. From it we can see how great a God You are.

Psa 19:2 (NIV) Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. I hear what You are saying God. I receive Your message of love and provision. Your creation is telling me that You not only give me the basics You are providing me excesses. Your creation could have been a lot less and still met all my needs. But instead, You have blessed me with abundance. I could have seen in black and white. But You have given me full color. I could have heard in monotone, but You have given me stereo. I could have see in mono-vision, but You have given me depth perception. All the smells could have been good or bad, but You have given me a wide variety of fragrances. Day and night I hear Your message of love.

Psa 19:3 (NIV) There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Everyone everywhere is able to see Your greatness. Your creation is telling them that You exist. They can look all around them and know that You love them. No one has been missed with the message of Your great provisions. I thank You for being so generous with Your message. Everyone has heard the voice of Your creation and has learned all they need to know. Your creation has made it clear to us. You are right here ready to give us all our spiritual blessings. Just as You have supplied all our physical needs. So You have supplied all our spiritual needs. Your Holy Spirit is explaining all of the meaning to all the people. I know what You stand for. I know the kind of person You want me to be.

Psa 19:4 (NIV) Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, I understand that You want me to provide Jesus' message generously. I hear You as You speak through all Your creation. This world is just the beginning. The heavens are all going to be made new. This creation is just the seed that is to be planted. From it will grow a great universe. The seed is beautiful. But, the plant that grows from it will be awesome. The organization and unity of this beginning creation will be transformed into a place where everything will be perfect.

Psa 19:5 (NIV) which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. The light You have provided us through the sun is like the light You have given us from Your Son. I rejoice in the morning of His coming. I bask in the light of His radiance. His ministry past across our horizons. The warmth of His love filled my heart. The darkness of my soul disappeared. The shadows of sin ran away. Like a champion who rejoiced in doing His work, He saved me from the depth of my despair. You are the bridegroom coming forth for Your bride. We, Your Church, run to meet You in the sky.

Psa 19:6 (NIV) It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. The sun You have created gives me the message. I can see Jesus in all His glory. His message is flowing from me and all Your people. Get ready for Jesus His light is shining all around You. His truth is spreading from one end of the heavens. His glory is being revealed to everyone. The heat of His message is melting every person's heart. His love is traveling all around the earth. I will do everything I can to see to it that all hear Your voice.

Psa 19:7 (NIV) The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Not only have You given us Your creation, You have provided us with Your Word. It too is making know all Your greatness. It revives our soul through its power. I know You are real because of its transformation. You have proven that You can be trusted with everything I am. You have never failed me. Your Word has done everything You have sent it to do. You have always fulfilled all Your promises. You have taken my simplicity and given me Your wisdom.

Psa 19:8 (NIV) The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Everything I have read in Your Word has proven to be true. Every Truth I have received into my life has brought me joy. When I went out to live on the basis of Your Word, I could see where I was going. Your Truth radiated out all around me. I was no longer in the dark. My path was clear and I felt no more confusion. I didn't have to worry about what was going to happen next. I could see where You wanted me to walk. And, I could avoid the paths of evil. I was no longer like a blind person. Groping and stumbling through life. What a joy it is to always be guided by the brilliance of Your Word.

Psa 19:9 (NIV) The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. I used to fear the opinions of others. I used to try to follow all their wishes. My life was governed by society. I wanted to look, act, and believe like them. But, You have put a deep desire in me to please You. My concern for what You want now governs my life. Your opinions are my priority. Your laws are the guide for all I do. I am experiencing Your purity. You are keeping me for all eternity. You are my eternal Father. I know I can trust everything You say. Not only are all Your words pure, everlasting, and totally reliable; they are righteous in every way.

Psa 19:10 (NIV) They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. There is nothing in this world that compares to You and Your Word. I give up my pursuit of worldly things. There is nothing of value in all that the world has to offer. Those things I use to consider important are no longer my concern. Your Holy Spirit has opened my eyes to the Truth. I can see what is important and what satisfies. The things Your Word has held up as important are real. Thank You for delivering me from all the confusion. You have redirected my goals. You have redefined my desires. You have transformed my purpose in life.

Psa 19:11 (NIV) By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. You have provided warnings for all that is dangerous. Things that look good to me were deadly. I couldn't tell when I was endangering myself. My ability to understand what was good and what was bad was misdirected. I was too simple and without understanding to choose the things around me. Then You stepped in and warned me about everything that would do me harm. Now I see the dangers. I am running from all that is waiting to hurt and kill me. I am running toward all You have provided. I am and will continue to receive all Your blessing and rewards. Rather than always being damaged and having to cry out for Your deliverance, You have shown me how to stay in Your will and Your plan.

Psa 19:12 (NIV) Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. I know You have much more to teach me. I am just beginning to learn the greatness of Your ways. My faults, failures, and shortcomings are always with me. But, Your strength is made perfect in them all. I am not proud of my errors. I am only excited that You are using my lack of ability to show me how much I need You. Forgive me for being so weak. Take them and teach me how much I have to always depend on You for everything. I know there are things wrong with me that I don't know about. They are hidden from my mind. Use even those to teach me. Change them and make me more available to You. Your forgiveness will make me into a person who is completely yielded and attached to You.

Psa 19:13 (NIV) Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. I lay my will at Your feet. I want Your will, not my own. Your Holy Spirit has helped me to want You. He has started me on a path to placing my will into Your plan. However, I don't want my will to operate on its own. I need You in that area too. Thank You for helping me to willfully come to You. That was the extent of my involvement in Your plan of salvation. From now on forever I need You to keep me from willfully sinning. Remove sin's power from me. Transform me so I can live a blameless, innocent life. Free me from all transgression. Bring me into a close and intimate love relationship with You.

Psa 19:14 (NIV) May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. I want everything I say and everything I ponder to be those things that are pleasing to You. You are my foundation, my protection, and my salvation. I believe in You for the control of my mouth and my heart. Store all Your Truth in my heart. Keep it constantly in front of my thoughts. Let it govern every word from my mouth. Let my mouth then direct my body. Make me completely pleasing to You in word and deed. Produce Your greatness in me. Then let it flow through me to all those around me. Let my words and deeds represent Your glory and honor to all who will listen to Your Truth.

PSALM 20

God, I ask for Your blessings on Your People.

Psa 20:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. I pray for those in distress, mighty God. I pray for your protection over Your people. Satan wants to destroy them and all they are doing for Your glory and honor. They carry Your Name into all the earth. They represent Your greatness to those who don't know Your character and love. They are an example of Your protection and help. They are showing the whole world how You help in time of need. Answer their prayers and deliver them from all that would harm them. Prosper them abundantly as They spread Your Word.

Psa 20:2 (NIV) May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. I am Your temple. I am the dwelling place of Your Holy Spirit. I open my heart up to them and all their suffering. Pour Your help out through me in any way that pleases You. I am a part of Your Holy City in Zion. Let Your support flow through me to them. I pray and plead their case before Your throne of grace and mercy. Let Your mighty help and support flow into their lives and ministry. Every one of Your people need Your help and support. They can't live without all You have to offer. Many are suffering and dying for Your cause. Protect them and bless them with Your favor.

Psa 20:3 (NIV) May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. Selah. Jesus has become my sacrifice and burnt offering. He has died in my place. You have accepted Him as my substitute. He has opened the door to my free access to You. I take advantage of this free access. I move forward into the Holiest of Holies. I come before Your throne with confidence. I know that You have adopted me as Your child. I am sure You hear and answer my prayers. I see all Your people being delivered. Through the eyes of Your Spirit I see them being set free to proclaim Your glory to all the earth. Because of Jesus' sacrificial provisions I care and respond to all the pain they are suffering.

Psa 20:4 (NIV) May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Bless the desires of those who are serving You. Fulfill their heart's cry. They want the lost to be delivered. They have left homes, family, security, and comforts to tell everyone about Your great love. They only want people to hear about You. They want these people to know about Your Kingdom. They minister to them so they will be a part of Your family. They want them saved from eternal damnation. Their heart's desire is to be totally pleasing in Your sight. All their plans are for You, God. They have given up all their own plans. Give them great success in all that they plan to do. Let them see all Your plans succeed through their lives and ministry.

Psa 20:5 (NIV) We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests. I will praise You and give glory to Your Name as I hear of all their victories. I will worship You and lay my life out before You as they give report of all who have accepted You. I devote myself to worshipping and praising the wonderful God who protected them and provided them open doors with safety. Thank You God for making me a part of all their ministry. Thank You for letting me suffer in my heart for their situations. I pour out my heart in sorrow so I can come back before You with great joy. I join them in all their requests. I agree with them for all that they are praying to do. Let the requests and the desires of these, Your people, be answered with great speed and great blessings.

Psa 20:6 (NIV) Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand. You have proven over and over again that You are faithful to Your people. All those who have been anointed by Your Holy Spirit are saved and protected. Jesus, the first fruits of Your anointing, demonstrated Your great faithfulness to Your people. He provided us with a beautiful picture of how much You care for those who serve You. You constantly answer me from Your Holy Heaven. Your saving power flows from Your right hand to the needs of Your people. Your power is obvious to all who look to You. Thank You for using Your power to bless those who have left all to serve You.

Psa 20:7 (NIV) Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Many have tried to do Your work while trusting in technology. Many have felt that Your power and glory could be replaced by human plans and efforts. Many have built big building and huge ministries for their own glory. They have surrounded themselves with powerful systems of worldly procedure. In the mean time You have millions who are working through Your Spirit. They receive no glory or appreciation. Their trust is completely in You, God. They quietly sacrifice for Your glory and praise. It is the ones who have put their trust in You, Lord, that I pray for. Those who have put their trust in the Name of the Lord our God. Anoint them with great power. Use them to do a mighty work for Your Name. Bless everything they put their hands to. Let Your Name be lifted up through their life.

Psa 20:8 (NIV) They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. Those who have put their trust in human effort and techniques have fallen. You have brought them to their knees in defeat. You have proven that You are our only answer. We must all put our trust in the Name of the Lord, our God. I put my trust in Your Name, O God. I lay my life at Your feet. You alone are the answer to my needs. You alone are the answer to the lives and ministry of Your people. Let Your great power show all Your people that technology can't compare to Your Spirit. He will do this mighty work. I trust Him to do what nothing else has been able to do. Your message will go all around the world. Everyone everywhere will hear of Your greatness. All will receive plenty of opportunities to receive You as their Savior.

Psa 20:9 (NIV) O LORD, save the king! Answer us when we call! Lord, You have made all of Your people kings and priests for Your glory. King Jesus has shared His positions and power to His people so they would be able to do all that was required of them to do. I have no excuse for not obeying Your commandments and Your commission. I yield to the work of Your greatness. You will flow through me and all Your people. We will see what You can do through us. You will prove to us now and in eternity that there is no one like You. We will feel, experience, and be used to allow Your power and holiness to flow to the needy. We will yield to Your supernatural power. You will use us to show Yourself powerful to deliver. We will see that Your way is the only way the great commission can be done. Without You, we can do nothing.

I call on You, my God. I cry out to all You have to offer. I lay down everything else so that I may have You. You are the only answer to the great needs of this world. I am never going to be able to do anything for You. Every accomplishment I make is going to be with You. I plead before Your throne of grace for Your work in and through my life and ministry. I open my heart to all You have to offer. There is nothing I can do without. There is never a moment that I can make it without You. There is never a decision that I can make without You. I need You and You alone. My heart cries out day and night for You. I am lost without Your constant presence. My ministry is dead without Your constant manifestations. People don't need me. They need You. I have nothing to offer but this body. I offer it totally to You. Meet the needs of Your people through it. Bless them abundantly through Your love.

PSALM 21

God, I want to be a citizen of Your **Kingdom**.

Psa 21:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength. How great is his joy in the victories you give!

I rejoice in all Your power. If there were something or someone more powerful than You, I would be living in great uncertainty. But, because You are more powerful than anything that exists I know I am totally protected. I trust Your character. I know You are worthy of control. I know that when You grant me opportunities You have done the right thing. Your power comes to me through Your wisdom and love. I only want the victories You approve of.

I thank You mighty God, that You have given us an eternal King that is always at Your right hand making intercession for us. He is appealing to You in my behalf. I often don't know what to attack and what to yield to. Life's circumstances come at me and I don't always know their source. I question whether You are correcting me or am I being attacked by Satan. But, King Jesus is always sending me the right type of strength. He is interceding for me to be empowered to resist when I need to resist. He is seeing to it that I have power to yield when I need to yield. I am now in great joy because I am getting great victories in all my life. When I need a victory over my body's desires I have victorious power over it. When Satan is attacking me, I have victorious power over him. Thank You God for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He does a much better job of praying and interceding in my behalf than I would.

Psa 21:2 (NIV) You have granted him the desire of his heart and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah. Jesus is Your Son in which You are greatly pleased. He is one with You. When He intercedes for me You grant Him the desires of His heart. I always pray in His Name because I know He is always there making my situation known to You. You never turn Him down and He represents my prayers to You. I make mistakes in my prayers. But, He makes the necessary corrections and presents them according to Your will. I only get those things that are a blessing to me. Jesus so filters my prayers making sure You give me what is best for me. I am always safe to present everything to You because I know You will take all my requests and shape them to my benefit.

My heart can desire things that are not pleasing to You. But Your Holy Spirit is constantly working on it and bringing it into a more beautiful condition. Your Holy Spirit is taming it and directing it away from selfishness. I am getting more and more of the desires of my heart. My heart is gradually lining up with Your will and Your plans. It is so exciting to see my heart coming closer to being pleasing in Your sight. The requests of my lips are becoming much more Spirit inspired. You are helping me to want what You want. You are showing me what to request. My prayers are being answered in great quantities. We are working together in a greater closeness.

Psa 21:3 (NIV) You welcomed him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head. Heavenly Father, Jesus has raised me up with Him in heavenly places. He is sharing all His blessings with me. He has made me joint heirs in His reign over principalities, powers, and rulers in dark places. He has given me authority over them and their efforts. He has brought His power and might into my life. He is making me into a weapon against them. He is bringing me under His control. He is working through me to do that which is greatly needed. His kingship is using me to do His mighty work. I am yielding to His great deliverance. He is doing in and through me all that has to be done. His crown and authority are being released through me to give to the needy the answers to their needs. Satan is being driven back because of His work in and through my life. People are being delivered because Your Holy Spirit has made me into who I need to be.

Psa 21:4 (NIV) He asked you for life, and you gave it to him, length of days, for ever and ever. Jesus, my King, has asked You, God, for eternal life for Your people. Through His great sacrifice You granted His request. He will rule and reign forever and we will reign with Him throughout eternity. He has generously shared what You have given Him with us. I throw my life at Your feet in great appreciation. I am not only saved and given eternal life. I now have His power and His greatness working in and through me. He and I working together can now bring Jesus' greatness to all who will listen. They will hear about their opportunity for eternal life. They will see how great and generous You are. Only Your power will be able to reveal to them all the love You have. It is hard for them to comprehend that a great God like You would do so much for them. I pray for them that they would see and believe in Your generosity.

Psa 21:5 (NIV) Through the victories you gave, his glory is great; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty. Through Jesus' ministry in and through my life, I am experiencing wonderful victories in the lives of others. They are starting to proclaim that Your glory is great. Others are starting to see the splendor and majesty of King Jesus. Multitudes are praising Your Name. The hearts of people all over the world are filled with great appreciation for how much You have bestowed on them. We are all seeing how being a servant is the way You make all You have to offer available. You are complete in Yourself. Yet You share so much with us. You exhibit no selfishness. You don't hold back any good thing. You want us to be a part of all You are. You have great splendor and majesty and then cause it to shine by pouring it on all Your people. It is going to take all of eternity to praise You for such great love and open handedness.

Psa 21:6 (NIV) Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence. You have granted Jesus eternal blessings and made Him glad with the joy of Your presence. Then He immediately turns around and makes all Your people joint heirs with Him. No one in all the earth does that. I have spent all my time trying to get things I could claim as my own. I have grieved over the fact that people don't appreciate me and the things that I do. When I get a little bit of position, power, or notoriety; I want to keep it and use it to lord over those around me. I want to get more. I want to keep what I have. And, I want to use what I have to make my life better. But You don't have any of those attitudes, mighty God. You open up the flood gates of all You have and are to me and the rest of Your people. You have melted my heart with Your love and generosity. I want to be like You.

Psa 21:7 (NIV) For the king trusts in the LORD; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken. Through Jesus the throne of David will last forever. Your Kingdom is coming into existence for all who are willing to be decontaminated. The purity of Jesus is being placed in our life. Your Kingdom will have no spiritual or physical disease. I open my heart to Your deliverance. I also put my trust in You, Lord. You alone can cleanse me so I won't contaminate Your Kingdom. I will be made permanently clean. Jesus will rule over an unshakable Kingdom. You, the Most High, will build it on Yourself. I want to be a part of that Kingdom. I know I have to take on Your character to do so. You are only building it with those who will yield to Your purifying power. I appeal to Your unfailing love. Make me a part of this Kingdom of David. I yield to all Jesus has to offer. He is my Lord and King. I have bowed my knees before Him. His life and ministry is flowing in and through me. I believe in His complete power to transform me. Nothing is impossible for Him to accomplish in me.

Psa 21:8 (NIV) Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes. God, as You cleanse Your Kingdom; I volunteer to yield to Your power. Use me to set the captives free. Drive out all the satanic influences. Let the Word of Your power flow through me to the conquered. I will go, say, and do what will set them free. I am commissioned and I must not fail You. Put Jesus' great power and love in me. Pour through me Your deliverance and salvation. Fulfill Your great commission through me as I go forth in Your Name. Lay hold on all Your enemies. They are occupying the lives and circumstances of the weak. Extend Your right hand in and through me. Use me to seize Your foes and cast them out of the lives and circumstances of those You have purchased. Go in me to all who want You. My body, soul, and spirit are Yours. I can only obey the responsibilities You have placed on me, through Your provisions and presence.

Psa 21:9 (NIV) At the time of your appearing you will make them like a fiery furnace. In his wrath the LORD will swallow them up, and his fire will consume them. Once You appear, O God, it is going to be too late to change another person. You will put an end to all who are still spiritually diseased. I won't be able to preach Your Gospel to them. They won't be able to accept You as their Lord and Savior. All will have made up their minds. All will have accepted or rejected the provision of Your Lamb of sacrifice. I have to have done what You have commissioned me to do. I have to have given them an opportunity to see You and accept Your greatness. I have to let them see all they need to see so they can make an eternal decision. I plead before Your great throne of grace and mercy for all Jesus has to offer. I want to have all I need to have to do this work. He must be my life and ministry. He must rule and reign in all I am and do. Without Him, mighty Father, I can do absolutely nothing. I fail miserably at all my assignments. You will pour out Your wrath on all that are and do evil and I will not have done my job.

Psa 21:10 (NIV) You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from mankind. These people must be completely without excuse. They must make a totally knowledgeable decision. I must have seen to it that they see Jesus in all His fullness. I am the weak link in this work and ministry to all the world. I would totally fail them all. They would experience their destruction. And, they would never know what it took to escape Your judgment. Let Your Holy Spirit train me in all that Jesus said and did. Let Your Holy Spirit create in me the fullness of Christ. Let the power of Your Word so transform me that I proved all You have to offer. Let everyone on this planet receive the most powerful and dynamic message possible. Let Your fullness and greatness be so revealed that there isn't one person who can justify their decision to not accept You. I pray for all Your people. Do this same work in them. Let every Christian be completely free of the blood of the wicked. Empower them with the fullness of Jesus in their life and ministry. Let them go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to every person. Let them do it with total submission to all that Jesus has to offer.

Psa 21:11 (NIV) Though they plot evil against you and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed; Set me and all Your people free from the influence and resistance of those who do evil. I ask that You would either transform them and deliver them from their evil; or, keep them from succeeding. I ask that You would help all Your people by delivering them from the plots and wicked schemes against them and Your Kingdom. Use me to pray for Your people. Use me to pray against all who plot evil against You and Your great plans. They cannot succeed. But, You have made us responsible to use our weapons to bring them to defeat. Ultimately they will fail in all they try. We have to love those who are being damaged by them in the mean time. We have to be willing to care for those who are suffering by their hands now. I open up my heart to this issue. I pray against them and all they are trying to do now.

Psa 21:12 (NIV) for you will make them turn their backs when you aim at them with drawn bow. Let me be Your drawn bow, mighty God. Use me to help the helpless. Many are suffering because of their evil deeds. Let Your power flow through me to their situation. Give me guidance to strategically destroy all their efforts. Let Your people be set free from their plans. Let us turn them back with the dynamics of Your provisions and power. Let the whole world see You use us to bring them the answers. Let the whole world see that You want to involve them in a great and mighty ministry. Let them see that You have spectacular plans for using them throughout eternity. Let them see that this world is boring. They are being busy with useless and mundane things. If they will accept You and Your plan. You will show them a work that will thrill them now and for eternity. Let them see us and all You are doing in us. Let them be excited as they realize how great the plans are for those in Your eternal Kingdom.

Psa 21:13 (NIV) Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might. Thank You very much for hearing and answering these requests. You are the High and Lifted Up God. With our mouths and with our lives we exalt You. I praise You for Your great strength and might. You have total power and can do anything You want to. Yet You have devoted it all to blessing me and all Your people. I devote my heart, life, and voice to singing praises to You. You are glorious and wonderful. Everything You do is perfect. Words are inadequate to express how wonderful You are. Let everything I am be an expression of song and praise to You. I not only want to praise You, I want to help multitudes to raise their voices and lives up before You.

PSALM 22

Thank You, God, for all the provisions of Jesus.

Psa 22:1 (NIV) For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning." A psalm of David. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

Heavenly Father, You would be having to turn Your back on me if it were not for Jesus taking my sins. Instead, You turned Your back on Your own Son. Because of that, I am now saved and delivered from all my transgressions. Thank You very much for such incredible love, grace, and mercy. Who else would do such a thing? You are God. You have no needs. Yet You get involved in my life's situation. I find it hard to care for some of my closest friends. You sacrificed Your only Son. What a wonderful God You are.

Psa 22:2 (NIV) O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. My sins had separated me from You. When I tried to remain a sinner and also call on You, You would not answer. Prior to my accepting Jesus as my only way, I tried to get You to do things for me. I would get mad at You because You wouldn't do what I prayed. I thank You for refusing to let me talk to You until I went through Jesus. Jesus not only opened the door to talking to You. He provided forgiveness of sin and built me a relationship with You. Thank You for Your silence. Thank You for forcing me to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I desperately needed all Jesus had to offer.

Psa 22:3 (NIV) Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. You are brilliant and all powerful. You know exactly what is best for me. Even when You refuse to do things the way I think You should, I praise You for Your decisions. You alone deserve to be in charge. My life has drastically improved since I have become more dependent on You. The more I open up my life and give You control, the more miracles take place in my life and circumstances. All Your people love and praise You.

Psa 22:4 (NIV) In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. All the people who passed salvation down to me put their trust in You. Your power set them free. You so blessed their lives that they became excited and started sharing it with those around them. Your deliverance was so wonderful that all those before me shared their experiences with all who would listen. Your message spread with such consistency and with such power that it traveled from generation to generation until it reached me. Because they all put their trust in You and because You delivered them, it made it possible for me to put my trust in You and receive deliverance. Thank You for delivering them and thank You for delivering me.

Psa 22:5 (NIV) They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. You opened up the opportunity for them to cry out to You. You then responded to their cry with salvation. You helped them to put their trust in You. You never ever let them down. Because You are real we have never been disappointed. Because You exist we always receive Your protection and deliverance. Because You have done all these wonderful things for them, they were able to pass them on to the next generation. It has kept going through the generations until it reach me. Thank You for all the greatness You have provided all generations of people.

Psa 22:6 (NIV) But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. God, I have never been popular. I have experienced all kinds of rejection. People have often looked right through me. When they were picking people to work or team up with I have been the last to be picked. My accomplishments on this earth have been small. I haven't impressed the people of this world. They don't come seeking my opinion. They feel like I don't have anything to offer. I have put my hand to so many things that have failed. Even Your people have rejected me. Few have had any desire to be around me. I stand in the middle of a crowd and no one sees me. Most don't know or care that I am there.

Psa 22:7 (NIV) All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: If they do notice me, they seem to feel like I have nothing to offer them. Those who reach out to me soon find someone they would rather be with. Many have made fun of who I am. Many have taken what I said and turned it against me. They have considered my statements to be useless. They have laughed at my expressions and thoughts. They mock me and insult me. They listen to me then shake their head at what they hear. My message is foolish to them and my life doesn't impress them.

Psa 22:8 (NIV) "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." You have kept me from looking like them. You have made me into someone who thinks different. My thoughts don't fit into anything they can understand or appreciate. My approach to life causes them to completely reject me. They decided that I am a failure who thinks You are going to rescue me. They laugh at the thought of anyone who puts their trust in You. They are sure that I am not a person You would want to deliver. And, they really don't believe that You deliver people in the first place. They see me as proof that people have to save themselves.

Psa 22:9 (NIV) Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. It has been You that started me off in this life. You are the One Who put me in a place where I could find You. You started talking to me about Your existence. You made Your presence known to me from as far back as I can remember. You started shaping me before I could head in another direction. You surrounded me with perfect situations. My experiences were exactly what I needed to help me start heading toward You. You knew what kind of parents and relatives I needed so as to provide me with my best chance to come to You. You picked the geographical location and the best time for me to be born.

Psa 22:10 (NIV) From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. You have been my and everyone else's God from birth. You have given us all exactly what we needed to come to You and serve You. You are always right there to lead us in the right direction. You have spared nothing to give us our best chances. You are the righteous, loving, gracious, and merciful God from our very beginnings. With Your incredible wisdom, knowledge, and understanding You personally hand designed every person's birth and future. When we stand before You in eternity, You will be able to show us exactly why You made us the way we are. And, You will be able to prove to us that we were born in the very best place we could have been born. Everything You have done in our life has been perfect.

Psa 22:11 (NIV) Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. From all of this I have learned that I needed You then and I need You now. I give up any criticism against You for making me look the way I look. I accept the circumstances of my life without resentment against them. I apologize for the times I have wished that You had made me look different. I am sorry for my attitudes toward those You chose as my parents. I repent for my complains against the circumstances You sent to shape me. I know that all these attitudes hurt the intimacy of our relationship. In reality I have been blaming You for these things. The insinuation was that You made a mistake. This caused me to not trust You for other things. I repent of all this and ask You to come near to me. All the rest of my life desperately needs Your great shaping. I see now that You have done a great job in my past and present. The troubles I am going to be facing in my future also need Your loving, gracious, and merciful touch.

Psa 22:12 (NIV) Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. My future is exhibiting many signs of potential problems. People and circumstances are forming like raging bulls who want to cut off any possible escape. They would like to grind me into the ground. If I represented my cause only, that would be a small loss. However, all these differences that cause people to reject me are differences that You have purposely put in my life and heart. You have shaped my thinking and my plans. You have caused me to set different goals. You have produced in me a different philosophy. They hate me because I carry You and the things You stand for.

Psa 22:13 (NIV) Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. Satan is coming at me like a roaring lion. He wants to tear me to pieces so I can't show forth Your greatness. He has his mouth wide open trying to come against me. But, it isn't me he is wanting to destroy. It is Your ministry. He doesn't want the lost to hear about You. He hates You and all You stand for. He resists all efforts to set people free from his evil devices. He thinks he can destroy me because I am only human. He sees me as an easy prey.

Psa 22:14 (NIV) I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. In my own strength I am as solidified as water. When I try to protect myself, I can't stand up and fight. Since it is spiritual warfare, none of my human techniques work. Where I can usually be strong and skillful, I find myself falling apart. Where I am usually confident and determined, I am weak and undecided. It is obvious to me that I am not the answer to my life's problems.

Psa 22:15 (NIV) My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. At those times that I decide to neglect those things You have to offer, my abilities and skills wither and fail me. When I fail to call on Your anointing, I lose my ability to argue my own case. When I neglect reading Your Word and communing with You in prayer, I lose all those things that I thought I was good at. All my talents and education seem to completely fail me. I no longer find health and life in me. I find myself flat on my back with no chance of continuing to live.

Psa 22:16 (NIV) Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. Because of my neglect of You, those that would typically be people You would not allow to come against me, they are building up confidence that they can defeat me. People who are completely devoid of any knowledge of You are starting to see me as an easy prey. They have me staked to the ground. I am helpless in myself. When I am in a right relationship with You, usually I can easily defeat these enemies of Your Name. With my neglect of my relationship with You, I have become nothing against the weakest of my enemies.

But because You have gone before me into this battle, You have already allowed them to do this to You. You stepped in and took my place. You laid down and let them attack You instead of me. You gave them Your hands and Your feet to be pierced. When I was an enemy of all You stand for, You removed me from this situation and let them attack You as if You were me. I deserved to go through all this alone. I was like a sheep that always wanders off. I was like a stiff necked, hard headed person who always tried to do things my way with my own efforts. I got myself in this situation through pride and arrogance. But, You didn't care that I deserved it. You took my place anyway.

Psa 22:17 (NIV) I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. You allowed them to strip You and beat You until Your bones were showing. That is what they wanted to do to me. I would have been attacked and defeated. I would have been receiving exactly what I deserved. But, You allowed people to stare at You. They gloated over Your defeat. They were thrilled that they were able to maul You. They have hated You and wanted You to be dead. It was me they would have destroyed. But, it was You Who died in my place.

Psa 22:18 (NIV) They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. As You hung on the cross in my place, they divided most of Your clothing and cut it into pieces to be shared. The seamless inner garment they cast lots for. I would have had all my possessions taken from me. But You gave them all Your earthly possessions in my place. You let them do all these things to You. Because of Your great love, grace, and mercy You became the sacrifice for all of my sins. You could have resisted and destroyed them. You didn't deserve to be treated like You were. You did nothing to cause any of this to happen. You let it happen just so I could be set free.

Psa 22:19 (NIV) But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. The most horrifying thing You went through was God's rejection. As You took my sins on Yourself, He could no longer look at You. The separation between You and the Father was more excruciating than all the beatings, thorns, and nails. Hanging on the cross was extremely cruel. But, being separated from Your Father was more devastating than anything we can know or understand. Thank You for going through all of that for me. Thank You for making me a new creation. Thank You for making it possible for me to be adopted into Your family. Thank You for helping me to become a son of Your Father.

Psa 22:20 (NIV) Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. Now I can give up my own efforts. I can cry out for deliverance for those who come against me. My life has become valuable to You and to the needs of the needy. You are now standing in between me and all who want to kill me. You can now hear my prayers and will respond to all my requests. Those who had power against me are no longer a threat to my life. Those who had weapons that were designed to destroy me, no longer can use them to hurt me.

Psa 22:21 (NIV) Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. Satan and all his people have made their plans and devised their traps. But I cry out to You, O God. Save me from Satan and those who are listening to his voice. Rescue me from all the temptations of Satan. Set me free from all the enticements of the world. Give me the victory over the desires and weaknesses of my body. Bring me into a mighty move of Your Spirit. Fill me with Your presence. Make me completely unavailable to anything they have to offer. Remove all desire for anything they have to offer.

Psa 22:22 (NIV) I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. I give myself to being a servant that declares Your Name to all who will listen. I yield to Your Holy Spirit in the meeting places. I open up my heart to expressing praise. From the depths of who I am I worship You. I present my life and my body to You for service. My time, money, and efforts are Yours to be used for Your glory. I give You everything I have and everything I am. I present myself to You to help all who serve You. Let me be used to serve them in any way they need.

Psa 22:23 (NIV) You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! Let me encourage all who are Your people. Give me all You have to offer. Send me to lay out my life for all they lack. May I help them to serve You and praise Your holy Name. May I be a blessing and an encouragement to Your people. Enable me to point every person to Your greatness. Open me up to pour out all You have to give them. Empower me with anything I can transport to serve their every need. Help me to bring glory, honor, and praise to You. Provide me with complete transparency. I want them to only see You in all You do in and through my life.

Psa 22:24 (NIV) For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. Let me present Your message of generosity to all who need it. You will never fail them. You will love them and save them just like they are. They can come to You without changing first. They can come in their sinful condition. Through Jesus' sacrifice You will look at them and love them. You care about all their sufferings and afflictions. You will not turn Your back on them. You hear their cry for help. You have already created all their provisions. You are just waiting for them to look to You for deliverance.

Psa 22:25 (NIV) From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. You have placed all my reasons for praise in my heart. Your greatness has inspired every praise I give. Nothing I say is exaggerated. Instead, my words lack power to express how great You really are. You have been so wonderful and loving that I find more material for praising You than I have the ability to put into words. I freely express how much I love You. I have You to enable me to do what I have committed to do. I can now determine to please You. I can fulfill all those things I have agreed to perform. Your power is moving in and through me. My life is taking on the character of Your Son. He is giving me His presence. He is living His life through every area that I have yielded to Him. He is making me more pleasing before You. I am seeing Your work be accomplished in a greater way than ever before.

Psa 22:26 (NIV) The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him-- may your hearts live forever! Let the poor eat and be satisfied. Let me so serve You that none go hungry. I want Your supplies to flow in and through me to them. I want to be so trustworthy that You can use me to provide them with anything they need. I know that this trustworthiness can't come by anything I can produce in myself. I yield to Your trustworthiness. Help me to constantly be receiving Your honesty, purity, godliness, and integrity. Keep me in complete faith, trust, dependency, and reliance on You for my character. So transform me that You are able to pass incredible resources through me to all who are poor and needy. Enable me to give You the glory and honor for all of these things that pass through me.

Psa 22:27 (NIV) All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, I believe in Your faithfulness. I believe in Your great wisdom. I believe that You will do all that can be done to bring every person to You. Let every heart that will listen to Your Holy Spirit, turn to You and worship. Help me and all who are willing to spread Your message to every person on this earth. Give us Your provisions so we can do it with Your speed. I pray for all Your people to be anointed with all You have to offer. Bless them, protect them, and use them to do everything You have commissioned them to do. Pour Your power on them. Give them the ministry of Christ. Let Jesus work through them to accomplish everything You want done.

Psa 22:28 (NIV) for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. Everything belongs to You, God. Jesus purchased everything that every person needs. I am asking for the people of this planet to come to You. You own all the dominion. You reign over all the nations of the earth. Prepare the hearts of every person. Give them ears to hear what You have to say. Give me and all who are willing the necessary provisions to provide them with Your gospel message. Let all who will listen be transformed and ready to stand before You. Let all the people of every nation hear and be completely informed about You. Give everyone everything they need to be able to accept You as their Lord, Savior, and God.

Psa 22:29 (NIV) All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him-- those who cannot keep themselves alive. God, let all mankind bow their knees before You. Bring those who are rich in spirituality and godliness to eat at Your table. Give them a great heart for worshipping before You. Even those who have or will die, bring before You. Make alive all of us who lack the power to do it for ourselves. I look to You for life here and in eternity. You alone hold life in Your hand. I know I will live eternally even if I die. I know I will see Your face and serve You forever. You are protecting me from anything that would try to separate me from You. Even though I can't protect my eternity, You will. My faith is in Your ability and love. I know You are keeping everything I have committed into Your care. I now commit all that I am and all I will ever be into Your protection and control. I also commit all that I say, think, and do into Your care. You are my God.

Psa 22:30 (NIV) Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. Help me to provide the message of Your greatness to every generation. I want You to be known by every future generation. Use me to make sure that every age group gets to hear everything they need to hear so they can serve You. Help me and all who are willing to see to it that every future generation is told about You. Help me to live such a life that they not only get a chance to hear; but, that they would see You in my life and ministry. Enable me to live an exemplary life before them. Give me Your provisions so they would be able to follow my example as I follow Christ.

Psa 22:31 (NIV) They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn-- for he has done it. Help me and all who are willing to so provide Your message that it starts a movement. Enable us to start an unquenchable fire of Your Holy Spirit that keeps burning and spreading around the world. Make it such a move of Your Spirit that it keeps going from generation to generation around the world. You are worthy to be praise by all people of all generations. You have the wisdom and power to do superabundantly far beyond anything I am able to think or ask for. You have already done what it takes for Your glory to be spread to every person who has, is, and will be living on this earth. There is no one like You. Praise Your great and holy Name!

PSALM 23

Thank You, God, for all the **protection** of Jesus.

Psa 23:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Heavenly Father, I, like a sheep, have no real defenses. My abilities to provide for my basic needs are extremely limited. My view of life is very short. I live in my own little world without much thought about all the things I need to prepare for. Fortunately, Jesus is my shepherd. He has all the qualities I lack. Since He has made me a part of His flock, I have been completely taken care of. He can see all the situations that surround me. He takes care of all my potential dangers. And, He makes sure that all my basic needs are met.

Psa 23:2 (NIV) He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, God I thank You that His provisions are much better than I could provide for myself. He makes sure that I get the rest, food, and drink I need for living a full life. I thought I needed asphalt, concrete, and stones to walk on. I gravitated toward places where everyone had pretty much eaten everything up. I was spending my time in areas where there was fierce competition for everything I needed. Now because of You I am resting, eating, and drinking in open spacious places where there is plenty for everyone.

Psa 23:3 (NIV) he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. As You know, God, I had been in great agitation. Everyone was trying to get ahead of me. I wanted what others had and they wanted what I had. Nothing I got satisfied my soul. I always felt empty, hollow, and dry. Depression seemed to be my usual emotion. Frustration was following right behind. But then You gave me Jesus. He came into my life and rebuilt my heart and healed my emotions. He replaced all my desires to get what I didn't have with righteousness. I now care about others. His righteousness has satisfied my cravings and feelings of desperation. Because of Him my supply is no longer limited to my abilities. He fills my life with the assurance that He is extremely wealthy. This relaxes me, God, and keeps me from coveting things that others have.

Psa 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Heavenly Father, there were times I thought I was going to die. Great fear and dread filled my heart. My eternal destiny was very dark and scary. I was going to have to face it all alone. Now You have provided me with Jesus. He is always walking beside me. He has already gone through the valley of the shadow of death. He has cleared out all my enemies and will walk with me through it. Thank You God for providing Your Son. I feel so secure no matter where I am. He has a rod to destroy all of my enemies. He has a staff that guides me and pulls me out of danger. I have seen them in action and I know they will provide me with all safety.

Psa 23:5 (NIV) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. You, Jesus, are feeding me with physical and spiritual food. Even though all my enemies would love to take it all away, You stand there with all authority in heaven and earth. Even though they try to scare me and make me worry, You keep anointing me with the oil of Your Holy Spirit. He fills my heart with faith and trust in You. He has taught me that they are all defeated foes. I will go right on eating and drinking. I will keep all my dependency on You. You are supplying superabundantly above all I can think of or ask for.

Psa 23:6 (NIV) Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Because of Your Son, Jesus. I now know that goodness and love are going to stay with me all the days of my life. I am and will continue to dwell in Your house, O God, forever and ever. My needs are totally met. I can give up all my concerns for my needs. I give You all my worries and fears. I trust You with my life and all my physical and spiritual needs. I give up all human and satanic systems for getting my needs met. I put my trust in Your way of doing things. You will empower me to give and live generously with all who are around me. I commit my life and ministry to You, God. I open my heart up to those who need You. I am Your instrument for carrying all You have to offer to the lost and needy. I am well cared for. I want them to have all You have given me.

PSALM 24

God, I want to **open** up my whole **being** to You.

Psa 24:1 (NIV) Of David. A psalm. The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Lord, sometimes I forget that You own it all. I think that problem is what causes me to worry about a lot of things. I get to looking at all the calamity and chaos and let it confuse me. Satan is just causing problems. He doesn't own or control it. I am sorry that I give him more credit than he deserves. There are other times that I get carried away with the circumstances. I allow them to look impossible to me. That attitude hurts my relationship with You. I acknowledge the fact that You own it all and You control it all.

Psa 24:2 (NIV) for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

You took the world from a watery chaos and then started separating it and forming it into a beautiful place to live. Once I ignore the damaging influences of sin to creation, I only see Your beauty and power. As I start to look at the big picture, I can see Your greatness. My little, insignificant problems are no real challenge to You. My faith soars as I compare them with Your greatness. It becomes easy for me to believe in Your answers to my prayers. I look at Your great creation and know that You will meet all my needs.

Psa 24:3 (NIV) Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

What have I been thinking? Why have I wasted all my time on concerns for worldly issues? I had been completely cut off from access to You. Prior to Jesus I couldn't come before You. I had to worry and struggle for everything I got. You and all You have to offer weren't available. When I start living my life as if Jesus never saved me, I am wasting all Your provisions. I am sorry that I have started living my life as if I hadn't accepted Jesus as my savior. I give up living away from where You are and Who You are.

Psa 24:4 (NIV) He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. Jesus gave me clean hands and a pure heart. Jesus set me free from looking to my idols of self-dependence, trust in money, and reliance on world systems. Jesus has planted my feet on Truth. He has put truth in my mouth and in my heart. Thank You God for providing Your Son and all His provisions to me. Now I can come before You with all my needs. I don't have to live without all You have to offer. I can walk right up the hill to all Your provisions. I can stand in Your Holy place and have complete fellowship with You. I give myself over to living on the basis of all Jesus has done for me. I give up living like I am not saved.

Psa 24:5 (NIV) He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. I believe in Your blessings. I know You are a great and loving God. I look to You for the meeting of all my needs. You will vindicate me. You will be God in my life. I repent of all unbelief and dependency on other sources. You will bless me. I open my heart to all that, that implies. I yield my life to You so I can start living it on the basis of Your provisions. I want to start acting and think like You are in control of my life. I want to give up being influenced by false concepts. Instead of worrying and struggling, I want to relax in Your hands and trust You totally.

Psa 24:6 (NIV) Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Selah. I join the people who seek You. I give my time and effort to going after You and all You have to offer. I only want You. I only seek Your presence. I am not interested in living my life for anything or anyone else. You are the answer to all I need. There is no one else that can help me. I want to fill my days with You and only You. I want everything I do, say, and think to be based on You and Your provisions. I want all my provisions to flow through You. I ask that You would be my life and ministry. I yield all that I am to You and Your plans. Let Your greatness flow in and through me to all who will receive You. Make me a channel through which You flow to the needs of all people.

Psa 24:7 (NIV) Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. The gates of my heart are wide open to You, King of glory. I not only want You as my Savior, I want You as my everything. I receive You as God's Word to my whole being. I receive You from Your old and new Testament. I yield to Yours laws as my guidance. I yield to Your grace as my permission. And, I yield to Your Truth as my power. I receive everything You have to offer into all that I am. I die out to myself and live again through Your life and ministry. All the gates and doors of my heart and life are open to You and closed to everything else.

Psa 24:8 (NIV) Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. I have You, King of glory, in me. You are strong and mighty. I accept a new way of life. I accepted a new life at salvation. Now I accept a new WAY of life. I not only have You credited to my account; I have You living in my life. You are my way of life. You are strong and mighty to meet the needs of all who will receive You. As I go forth to proclaim Your glory, You will be strong and mighty in their life. You will defeat their enemies. You will destroy those who try to stop them from coming to You. I am strong in battle because You are strong in battle.

Psa 24:9 (NIV) Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. I say “yes” to everything You want. I agree will all of Your plans. I yield to all Your might and power. I open up all my gates and doors so You can flow in and through my life into the lives of others. I and they must have all You have to offer. We CANNOT live without You. You are our only answer. Nothing else is going to supply what we need. I pray for all who are hurting. Help them see how much they need You. Help them to open their gates and doors to You. Help them yield to Your salvation and to Your great provisions. I and they desperately need You and all You have to offer. Please be our God.

Psa 24:10 (NIV) Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory. Selah. There in no one like You. There is no one to take Your place. Not only are You all powerful. You are all loving, all gracious, and kind. Who else would use their power to heal. No one else could be all powerful and still die for our sins. Only You would take all Your great provisions and make them available to someone like me. Even those who don't have much power or influence, still won't even share their time with me. We who lack much of anything, live as if we are too important to love others. Yet You Who has everything, spends great and intimate time with me. You Who has no needs, loves me, blesses me, and protects me with Your almighty power. There is not one like You in all of existence.

PSALM 25

God, I want to know Your ways and Your paths.

Psa 25:1 (NIV) Of David. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; Lord, I give You my life. I want You to be in control of who I am and what I do. I give You the decision making of my mind and heart. I like the way You think and the plans You have for me. My plans are always shortsighted. They are always lacking real beauty or compassion. You know what is best for me and for those around me. When You run my life, I see such wonderful things happen. More and more each day I am seeing how much I need all You have to offer. Your wisdom is so awesome that nothing can compete with the way You take care of Your people.

Psa 25:2 (NIV) in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. My faith and trust has switched from myself and the world's systems to You. I tried all those things that sounded good to me. Everyone of them have failed and let me down. My enemies took advantage of the inadequacy of the systems I trusted in. They drove me into shame and defeat. It wasn't until I started putting my trust in You that I started to see the fallacy of all these other things. I believe in You. You have never let me down. You always have much better ways of doing things. Nothing is going to improve on Your ways.

Psa 25:3 (NIV) No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. Help everyone to see how You work, mighty God. Show them what You have shown me. The shame and defeat they are experiencing is caused by their lack of faith and trust in You. Help to do my part in sharing all the victories I have received from You. Let my experiences be a shining beacon to all who will look to You. All the treachery of the unsaved is killing them. The shame they are experiencing is creating great depression and guilt. They act like all their failures don't bother them. But, in the quiet of their times alone they suffer for it all. Show them how to be delivered. Use me to help them see.

Psa 25:4 (NIV) Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; Lord, I am sure I haven't even scratched the surface of all Your ways. Just the few that You have shown me are spectacular. The few I know about have transformed my life. The few that I have experienced have given me a deep hunger and thirst after much more. Show me as many of Your ways as can be made available to mankind. Broaden my knowledge and experience in all of these ways that You want to teach us. Let Your paths be seen by me. I want to only go where You want me to go. I want every moment of every day to be completely ordered by You. Open my mind and heart to where You want me to be at any given moment. Let me be there. Let me say what You want said. Let me talk to the person or people You want talked to. Help me be exactly what You want me to be so as to fulfill Your ways in my life.

Psa 25:5 (NIV) guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. My life is changing and growing constantly. As You put those things You have to offer me into my life, I can see the miracles taking place. The Truth You are giving me is bringing about beautiful changes to all that I am. You have revolutionized every area of my life that You have touched. With such wonderful work going on in me, I crave much more of You. Keep guiding me into Your Truths. Keep teaching me more about You. Fill me with Your character. Make me to be like You. Let Your presence so shine in and through me that I live a fully changed life. You are God. You are in command. You rule all of existence. You Who are all powerful are the One Who has saved my life and forgiven my sins. I have put my complete trust in You for every moment of every day. You have done a wonderful job of taking care of all my days.

Psa 25:6 (NIV) Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Thank You for Your great mercy and love. May You concentrate on me as You pour them out to Your people. I desperately need an abundant supply. I am only as successful in all You have sent me to do, as Your great mercy and love move me forward. Nothing I have to offer is going to fulfill Your plans and ways for others. Just as I need You so do they. Let an abundant flow of Your great mercy and love move in and through me to the needy. From the very beginning of time, You have been this type of God to all who serve You. You have never changed and You never will. Let Your attention be on all of Your people. Let the focus of Your mercy and love be aimed at them all.

Psa 25:7 (NIV) Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD. God, I lived as a sinner before I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. The activities of my youth could do harm to my future. You require that I be obedient to my parents so my days can be long on this earth. Yet I failed them and You. I know You have forgiven me of all these failures and sins. However, I am asking You to deliver me from their influence over my length of life. Let Your love and grace set me free from the influence of all my rebellion. Repair my life and my future. Remember my past according to Your love. You are a good God and I appeal to Your grace and mercy. My present and future need Your healing from all that I brought upon myself. My heart, my memory, and my mind all need You to start the healing process. Only You can go into all these areas and heal them. I know I did the damage. I know that I don't deserve to have the healing. But, I appeal to Your love, grace, and mercy.

Psa 25:8 (NIV) Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. Because of Your goodness and holiness You have decided to go ahead and give every sinner a chance. In spite of my evil deeds, You started making me understand Your ways. Your ways were completely foreign to me. I only loved myself and was only concerned for my well-being. I couldn't see anyone else's needs or pains. It wasn't until You opened my eyes did I see how selfish I was. You helped me see that I was a sinner. You explained how great my need was for a Savior. I was able to see how far I was from Your presence. My life was in much worse shape than I had imagined. If You hadn't drawn me, I would have never sought You are repented of my ways. Thank You for teaching me Your ways.

Psa 25:9 (NIV) He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. Lord, thank You for bringing me to a place of humility. Thank You for helping me to lay my life at Your feet. You actually saved me from myself. My pride would have completely prevented me from being able to repent and turn from my wickedness. Without the humility that You put inside me, I would be still heading toward eternal destruction. Because of Your provision of humility, I have been guided into that which is right. Because of the salvation that I was able to receive through humility, You have been teaching me more and more of Your ways.

Psa 25:10 (NIV) All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. God, as I learn more about Your ways, I am being empowered keep the demands of Your covenant. As You teach me Your ways, Your ways come to me in creative power. Your ways aren't just instruction that are being laid on my shoulders to carry. Instead, they come to me in great power to live them. Rather than them making me responsible for fulfilling them with my own strength, You give me Your power and I live them by means of You. You are so loving and faithful that You live the demands of Your covenant through me. Then as You and I live out the demands of Your covenant, I receive more of Your ways in my life.

Psa 25:11 (NIV) For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Even after I received Your great salvation, I still lived far short of Your plan for my life. My continued failure was great. Even though these iniquities were covered by Your Son's blood, I still damaged the people around me. My infantile approach to Christianity brought great damage to Your Name. You are growing me into a life with less and less failures. The great power of Your teaching me Your Word is transforming me into one who lives a greater example of Who You really are. For Your Name's sake, extend Your forgiveness into the life I live with people. Protect them from the iniquities that I have, am, and will do. The damage is great. My iniquity is great. Let the power of Your forgiveness extend as healing to all those who have been hurt by me. I grieve over these inconsistencies. Please help me to be transformed by the power of Your Word and by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Psa 25:12 (NIV) Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. Lord, I have feared the opinions of people. I have allowed this fear to push me into ways that are not pleasing to You. Replace this fear of social pressure, social rejection, social punishment, and social influence with a fear of You. Help me to only care what You think. Help me to never want to disappoint You. Let my love for You to be so great that I automatically choose You and Your ways over any other way. Give me such a fear, love, and respect for You that You can teach me Your ways that have been chosen for me.

Psa 25:13 (NIV) He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. Heavenly Father, I need Your prosperity. Without Your supplies I am not going to be able to do what You have called me to do. Those that I am to minister to will be neglected as I spend my time trying to pay my bills. The next generation of people will not be reached because I didn't do what You called me to do. It will cause a domino affect on those who do not know You. Please prosper me and all who are willing to respond to Your commission. Pour out great spiritual, physical, relational, and financial blessings of prosperity on Your people. Give them and me the supplies we need to do that which You have called us to do. The family of Christians can only grow and extend to the following generations, if You help us spend our days in Your prosperity. Help us to not spend one bit of time, effort, or money on anything that is not pleasing to You.

Psa 25:14 (NIV) The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. Give me the type of fear of You that opens my heart and mind to Your information. I want You to be able to confide in me. I want to be so in tune with Your mind that I am thinking what You want me to think. I want to be a part of Your covenant. I want to live on the basis of Your covenant. I want to have a constant covenant relationship with You. Make Your covenant known to me, I pray.

Psa 25:15 (NIV) My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. I am looking to You for guidance. My eyes are locked on You for the meeting of all my needs. I don't want to ever look in any other direction. I want to be concentrating on You. Let Your presence flow through my spiritual eyes into the depths of my life. You are guiding my feet. Help me to only walk where You want me to walk. Keep me from getting caught in those things that would harm me. My enemies and potential circumstances are all leaving snares and traps to cause me to become entangled. Protect me so I will be free to do all You have called me to do.

Psa 25:16 (NIV) Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Heavenly Father, I don't have anyone Who can satisfy the friendship needs that I have. You alone can fill the empty void that exists in my heart. Loneliness and affliction haunt my life without You. Let Your presence and attention be directed in my direction. Let the focus of Your grace be extended toward me. I have to have You. I can't live without You. The pain that would exist in my heart would be too great. Fellowship with You is a desperate need in the depths of my being. I crave Your attention. I have to feel Your touch on my life at all times.

Psa 25:17 (NIV) The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Lord, I am always facing attacks against my heart. Satan is constantly trying to destroy my emotions. He is trying to depress me and debilitate me with multiplied lies. He and his cohorts are trying to get me to believe that I am in trouble. They point to circumstances and potential problems and see if they can get me to doubt You. They would be successful if it weren't for Your constant deliverance. Keep me free from all anguish. Keep me in total trust and reliance on You and Your protection. I have nothing to be concerned about. Regardless of how many things are stacked up against me. You are still in control of my life. I believe in You and all You are doing to protect and bless me.

Psa 25:18 (NIV) Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. Set me free for the lies and circumstances that the devil has devised against me. Even though there are actual evidences to the contrary, I know You have looked at my situation and have done what it takes to protect me. It is true that I deserve to be afflicted and distressed. However, my life with You isn't based on my sins and shortcomings. My life and circumstances are all based on Your love and grace. Take a look at those things that are trying to afflict and distress me. Remove all open doors to sin and temptation. Take away all sins that are trying to infiltrate my life. Purify me from all those things that I do that are not pleasing to You. Make me into a totally obedient child in Your family.

Psa 25:19 (NIV) See how my enemies have increased and how fiercely they hate me!

Examine the case my enemies have formed around me. They are trying to bring proof that they are in a position to harm me. They are trying to give me enough evidence so I will doubt Your love and protection. They are exhibiting great hatred against me. They are trying to cause fear to rise up in my heart. They want me to believe that they have the power to do damage to me. They are putting all their effort into surrounding me with a great display of power and hatred. Take a look at them God. Brush them away from my sight.

Psa 25:20 (NIV) Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take

refuge in you. I believe in Your almighty power. You are the guard of my life. I ask for You to continue to provide me with protection. Take me away from their display of lies and deceit. Guard my life from their trying to wear me down. Without You and Your help, I am not going to win. The stand I have taken against them and their lies have all been by the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit. But, what they are trying to do is to use persistence and repetition against me until I run out of strength and faith. Protect me from all of that. Give me total, instant, permanent deliverance from their long-lasting efforts. I have put my total trust in You. I have run inside of Your protection. I always take refuge in You. Don't let these enemies wear me down. Don't let them bring shame to my life and ministry. Let my success against all of this bring great glory and honor to You.

Psa 25:21 (NIV) May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.

I want all to see the integrity and uprightness You have put in me. My hope is in You and the people around me know it. I not only want Your protection so as to give me relief. I want Your protection so as to assist me in my message about You. I want the whole world to see You in action against all of Your people's enemies. Let the whole world see Your greatness as You wash away all the resistance Your enemies have mustered together. They have formed a great mound of resistance. They have built a massive front as if it is going to succeed. Let Your glory be seen as You blow it all away with one breath of Your mouth. You are great. Let all see Your greatness.

Psa 25:22 (NIV) Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles! Save the people of Israel.

Let the original root receive Your great Son of salvation. Help them to be delivered from all their troubles by accepting Jesus as their Messiah. Let them see Your Truth and be saved. Bring them into Your great family of love. Tear down the walls and barriers of animosity. Help them to melt into one family with no differences. Let them see that You have broken down all national distinctions. In Christ we have all been made into one nation. Give them the insight into Your great plan. Together we all form one tree. Abraham has become the father of faith for us all. Jesus, You are the head over one Church. Bring us together in You. Make us all the members of Your wonderful Kingdom.

PSALM 26

God, I want Your ways to control my **business**.

Psa 26:1 (NIV) Of David. Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Set me free from those people and things that are trying to hurt me, O Lord. Because of Jesus, I have blamelessness credited to my account. Because of Him, I have a clean record that covers all my life. He has empowered me to be steadfast in all my ways. In His Name and through His righteousness I ask that You protect me from all who are trying to stop me from presenting Your message. Vindicate me from them for Your glory.

Psa 26:2 (NIV) Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; Check me out and see if there is anything in me that is hindering Your work in and through my life. Examine my heart and mind and make sure that they are always pleasing to You. I want my thoughts and ways to be in line with all You stand for. I want the convictions and systems of my heart to represent Who You are. Retrain my mind and my heart to have and hold Your Truth all the days of my life. Look me over and make sure everything in is exactly the way You want them to be.

Psa 26:3 (NIV) for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth. I love You with all that is within me. Your Holy Spirit has filled me and empowered me with a love I have never known. He has equipped me with a type of love that is much more dynamic than human love. I am able to use it to love You in a way that is more wonderful than anything I have ever experienced. You in turn, are loving me back with Your supernatural love. This two-way love relationship is blessing me and empowering me to serve You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is making it possible for me to walk continuously in Your Truth.

Psa 26:4 (NIV) I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites; The transformation that Jesus has done in my life has changed all of my close associates, God. I use to be totally influenced by them. I patterned my life after their systems and philosophies. They looked to me like extremely successful people. I read their books, went to their seminars, and watched how they lived their lives. I wanted to be like them. Now I can see, through Your Truth, that they don't know anything. They are getting ahead in this world by being deceitful and hypocritical. They act like they love and care for people. Yet, all they truly care about is getting what they want. They set goals for themselves and their company that require that they pressure people. Their goals become more important than the needs of the people they are suppose to be serving.

Psa 26:5 (NIV) I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.

Their board meetings and planning sessions become all about their success and how much money they can make. All their studies consist of how they can get the people who do business with them to do what they want them to do. They look like successful business people. But they, in fact, are evildoers and wicked people. They spend their time thinking up ways to trap people into buying their products. They lay very sophisticated snares in front of people who trust them. They don't want people to have the right to decide whether or not they need what they offer. They want to control their buying habits and make them do what they want them to do. Your Holy Spirit is helping me to avoid being a part of who they are and what they do.

Psa 26:6 (NIV) I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD,

I choose the innocent way. I want to do business according to Your systems. I want to come up with ways to better serve these people. I want to come before You and find out how I can best meet their needs. I want to lay before them good choices. Help me to do what I do as a service to You rather than trying to please people. I bow my knees before You. I seek Your will in all my business dealings. Make my heart pure before You. Before I reach out to anyone to transact business, I want to always seek Your ways and Your will in all matters. Once You have approved my business products and systems, then I will go out to serve the people.

Psa 26:7 (NIV) proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

Let my life and my associations with those around me bring praise and glory to You. Help me to always give You the glory for all my business success. Give me the strength to explain to those who do not know You that all my success in life is coming through You. Give me the wisdom to bring them to You for all their business dealings. Provide them with such a trust in the way You want them to transact business, that they accept You as their Lord and Savior. Let multitudes of people who were going after worldly principles to see how You will make their life and business successful. You will bless all those who will turn from their wick and deceitful business dealings and will come to You for Your transformation.

Psa 26:8 (NIV) I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. Since I have laid my life and my finances out before You, I have changed where I spend my time. I am no longer spending time before worldly leaders. Instead, I am spending all my time consulting with You. I am sitting at Your feet and learning Your ways. You have all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. It was foolish of me to spend my time and training anywhere else. You are the One Who knows how to run this world. You are the One Who created all of life's relationships. You understand how to best serve our neighbor. And, from me coming to You for normal life transactions, something very wonderful has happened. I have found out how glorious You really are. In the area of business I established the beginning relationship with You. I came thinking that I just needed what You had to offer. Now I know that I don't just need what You have to offer. I, more than anything, need You.

Psa 26:9 (NIV) Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with bloodthirsty men, While I am in the world doing things that address normal human needs, help me not to be included with the world. Even though I am working with money and temporal items, protect me from becoming a part of the world. Let me be a beacon of Your righteousness and glory to business people and consumers. Let me so set an example of Your wisdom and godly principles that large quantities of people turn to You. I know that I will be out there working with sinners and bloodthirsty people. Sinners will not understand unless You draw them. The bloodthirsty will want to silence me. But I ask You to judge them and stop their influence. I also ask that You would speak to the sinners and help them to understand Your ways.

Psa 26:10 (NIV) in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes. The sinners are pretty much doing what the bloodthirsty are doing. There appears to be no difference between them. However, I know You make a distinction between them. The bloodthirsty have already made up their mind. They have no intentions of serving You and they don't want anyone else to serve You either. The sinners, on the other hand, have a chance. They can be drawn away from these wicked schemes. They can repent of all their bribes. Punish the bloodthirsty and bring the sinners into Your family. Stop the influence and the resistance of the bloodthirsty. Bring the sinners to Your great salvation.

Psa 26:11 (NIV) But I lead a blameless life; redeem me and be merciful to me. Because of Your mercy, I have a blameless life in Jesus. Since I have a blameless life credited to my account, I need Your mercy so I can demonstrate that life. I want to live a blameless life before the people of this world. Let them to see Your power of transformation. Let them to see what You can do in and through them if they will put their trust in You. Only You can see my blamelessness that is credited to my account. The world doesn't get to see Your greatness through me without You changing the way I live. I thank You for giving me this time to start yielding to Your Holy Spirit. I am glad that I am currently safe from total eternal destruction. But, I want to be a light that shines before all people. Live Your blameless life through me. Let them see Your power that You give those who will yield to all You have to offer.

Psa 26:12 (NIV) My feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly I will praise the LORD. My life was totally unpredictable. I never knew what was going to show up next. One minute everything was great. The next minute I was about to lose everything I had. I always was facing things that tripped me up. My footing was completely unsure. Nothing I built on was stable. My life was established on shifting sand. Now I have You going before me. You are leading me where things are stable. I know that You will make everything that happens to me work out for my good. Every place where You lead me is safe. I can count on all my circumstances to have a purpose. Nothing I experience is outside of Your control. I can always keep my eyes on You and know the direction I am to go. My business and personal life have been brought under Your guidance, plan, and control. Your blessings have given me an abundant supply of things to praise You for. I will praise You before the people of this world and before Your people as well. Your ways are the only way to live.

PSALM 27

God, I want to be delivered from all my **fears**.

Psa 27:1 (NIV) Of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid? Lord, You make my way clear. Before You saved me I was walking in darkness. I couldn't see which direction to go. I was lost, confused, and lonely. I had constant fear and depression. There was no place to turn for safety. Now I can see the direction I am to go. You protect me from falling into traps of sin and temptation. You empower me with Your salvation. You shield me from all those things that attack me. With You in my life I have no reason to be afraid. Your salvation formed a stronghold around my life. Fear has been removed from me.

Psa 27:2 (NIV) When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. I use to look at all the things that could happen to me. My mind was filled with all kinds of possible problems and difficulties. I thought about all the things that could go wrong. I was afraid of disease, suffering, and death. I worried about things that never came my way. I suffered from problems that never formed. My life was filled with imagined difficulties that melted before they even got to me. You protect me from all potential issues. When real problems are coming my way, You make them stumble and fall. Those things that are trying to devour me and attack me, You stop them before they can do their damage. I can now see things coming at me and not fear.

Psa 27:3 (NIV) Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. Not only am I being set free from imagined problems and potential harm, I am being set free from the fear of big things. You have so stabilized my heart that even huge threats aren't disturbing my heart. I feel peace in the midst of great attacks. Your healing has been so great that an army can't scare me. Even though war broke out against me, You have filled my heart with the assurance that You are completely protecting me. A supernatural confidence has come into my being and has helped me to feel Your love and protection.

Psa 27:4 (NIV) One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. None of my worry or fretting ever helped. I'm never able to protect myself from any of it. As long as I looked to myself for protection, I suffered from all the possible problems that might come my way. I suffered from things that did happen to me. And, I suffered from things that never happened. Now I see what my need is. I see what I must ask from You. I only need one thing. I want, ask for, and need to stay in Your house all the days of my life. Everything disappears when I gaze at Your beauty. I can't be concentrating on problems and looking at You at the same time. If I am seeking You, my mind is on Your power and Your deliverance. If I am beholding You as You really are, I can readily see that I have nothing to worry about. You and all You have to offer are more than enough to take care of every need I have.

Psa 27:5 (NIV) For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. When real troubles come my way, I know You will keep me safe inside of Your dwelling place. I can live where You live. I can stay hidden inside of the shelter of Your holiness. You have me placed on Christ Jesus, the rock of my salvation. He is too much for anything or anyone to hurt me. Nothing can get to me there. Just knowing that I am safe in Your dwelling, drives away my fears. I feel safe in the arms of Your protection. Jesus died so that I could be totally free from all worry. I honor that death and suffering by putting my complete trust in Him.

Psa 27:6 (NIV) Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

I see all that You are wanting me to see. Your light has made it all clear to me. I see myself lifted up above all those who want to do me harm. I can see my situation being exalted by Your mighty power. I have been using my imagination to envision evil, pain, and calamity. Now I use the faith You have given me to see total victory and peace. I yield to Your Holy Spirit to bring my imagination under His control. I yield to the power of Your Word to inspire my faith to a whole new way of thinking. As I believe in Your great deliverance, I start to offer great shouts of joy. I sing and make music to You for all You have, are, and will do for me. Instead of feeling fear, I feel great joy and am giving great worship to You.

Psa 27:7 (NIV) Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

I know You always hear me when I pray to You, Lord. I know You will always be merciful to me when You answer. Your ears are always open to my cry. You answer all the prayers I pray. Your answers aren't based on what I deserve. I don't have to come to You with my own righteousness. I come to You for transformation in my life. Your miracles are being worked in and through me because of Your mercy. At times when I have nothing good or holy to offer, I know that the righteousness of Christ makes the answers to my prayers possible. The only reason You are able to hear my voice is because of His work. He has purchased mercy for all that I am. Without Him and all He has done for me, my relationship with You, God, would be totally cut off.

Psa 27:8 (NIV) My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Finally my heart has come into the right attitudes. Salvation turned it toward You. It healed my heart and made to stop seeking the things of the world. It took my eyes off of trying to be my own deliverer. Now my heart is pushing me to seek You and Your constant presence. My heart wants to look at You. It is moving me in Your direction. You are anointing my heart to make You my everything. You are taking the place of all those things I filled my life with. The more I replace them with You, the more my heart seeks You with greater intensity.

Psa 27:9 (NIV) Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. I know I don't deserve You. There is nothing I have to offer You. I would never have been able to do what it took to build a relationship with You. Based on my life's behavior, You should hide Your face from me. I deserve Your anger and punishment. I deserve to be rejected and forsaken. But, because of the salvation that Jesus made possible, You have been my helper. Don't hide Your face from me. Because of Jesus' salvation, don't turn me away in anger. Because You are my God and Savior, do not reject or forsake me. Continue to be my help and Savior.

Psa 27:10 (NIV) Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. I have suffered great rejection from those who should have loved me. Some of my most important friends have turned their backs on me. I have felt the pain being rejected by people who I thought were my friends. I felt like there was no one who loved me. I was surrounded by complete evidence that I was unlovable. People who knew me best were indicating that I was worthless. People who held my greatest respect said that I didn't deserve to be their friend. They were proving to me that I had nothing to offer. I saw myself as useless to all those around me. I couldn't find anyone who was willing to say I was important. Then You came into my life and received me. You loved me and accepted me just as I was. You became my Father and Mother. You gave me a reason to be glad.

Psa 27:11 (NIV) Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. I know how it feels to be rejected. I know the pain and the loneliness of not having any true friends. You made it possible for me to understand mistreatment. I hated the actions taken against me. I desperately needed people's kindness. You have taught me how important it is to love people. You taught me why I need to be people's friends. Teach me more of Your ways, O Lord. Make me into a person who cares for those around me. Help me to be friendly and accepting. Teach me to love those who think they are useless and unlovable. Help me to use the oppressions of the oppressors. Help me to take advantage of all the pain they taught me. Let me walk in a straight path to those who need You. Let me walk a straight path of honesty, friendliness, love, care, and humility. Never let me forget how painful it all was. Use it to move me into a great ministry of Your deliverance and salvation to all who will listen.

Psa 27:12 (NIV) Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. The more I move forward in caring for others, the more Satan hates all I am and do. Keep me protected from all his and his cohorts desires. They want to ruin my reputation. They want to spread lies against me and all I am doing. Don't turn me over to their desires. They are trying to bring me back into fear and timidity. They want to scare me back into my shell. They hope to debilitate me to such an extent that I don't reach out to all who need You. Set me free from all they are trying to do to me. Help me to not fear them. Give me great faith in You and all You have, are, and will do for me. Let me see Your great protection and deliverance.

Psa 27:13 (NIV) I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Thank You for answering my prayer. I already feel Your confidence building in my heart. I can feel the fear draining from me. Your Holy Spirit is making Your goodness be obvious to me. You are assuring me that Your goodness will be with me all the days of my life. I arise in that goodness. I open my mouth in confidence in You and all You have to offer. I reach out in acceptance and love to those around me. With Your goodness filling my heart, I reach out and bless the lonely and downtrodden. With You I can be their friend. With all You have to offer, I can be the best friend they have ever had.

Psa 27:14 (NIV) Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Help me to not rush ahead of You. Help me not to try to be people's friends without You doing it through me. I want to offer You rather than human effort. I want them to see You in all that I am and do. You have so much to offer. You are supernatural. I am only human. You can heal them. I can only befriend them. God I wait on You to be their friends through me. I accept Your strength in my heart and life. I believe that You are going to use me in a mighty way to meet the needs of all who will accept You. I believe that You will empower me to share You with every person. I wait on You because Your Holy Spirit is enabling me to wait. My heart is open to You and all You have to offer.

PSALM 28

God, I have become totally dependent on You.

Psa 28:1 (NIV) Of David. To you I call, O LORD my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. My life has been built around You, God. I have come to realize that I can't live without You. My prayers to You use to be few and far between. I would try to run my own life my own way. But, as I learned how much You love me and want to be my source, I became dependent on You and all You have to offer. My life can't continue without You. You are so great and wonderful, I don't even consider my life to be living when You don't answer my prayers. I have to hear from You constantly. I feel like I am dead when You don't talk to me.

Psa 28:2 (NIV) Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place. I am reaching out to You and You alone. I have found out that there is no other source. I am not appealing to You on the basis of my own rights. I am crying out to You because You are merciful. You are extremely holy and pure. I, in myself, am not. Yet, You allow me to reach toward Your holiness and call out to You for help. Hear my cry, my God. I have to have You. I have found that Your help is not optional. You are vital to all I am and all I do.

Psa 28:3 (NIV) Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts. I know I deserve to be included with the wicked. I haven't done anything to merit Your help and love. I can see my weaknesses and shortcomings. I can feel the draw of sin in my life. There are moments when my whole being rages with desires to do things that are against what You stand for. When people do things that I see as mistreatment, I want to react against them and do them harm. When I get the upper hand over people, I can feel the desire to want to stay there and rejoice over them. I see myself looking like I am nice. But, there is a lot of malice that wants to be entertained in my heart.

It would be easy for You include me with those who do evil. But, because of Your salvation, I am free to use Your power to resist these temptations. The reason You don't include me in their destiny is because of Your great love, grace, and mercy. You have changed me from doing wicked and evil things to those around me. Your power is overcoming the pressures of my body, the lure of the world, and the devices of the devil. I thank You for stopping me from hurting people. I thank You for helping me to love them and care for them. I pray for all who are around me. Flow through me with Your great power and blessings. Meet their needs through my life and ministry.

Psa 28:4 (NIV) Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back upon them what they deserve. Because of Your great work in my life, I am not included in the evil work of the wicked. You have helped me to be a blessing rather than a destructive force. But, there are those who have refused to be changed by You. Even though You have made all the same provisions for them, they have continued to do evil deeds to those around them. Make they pay for the way they are treating people. Keep them from making people suffer. Because they have resisted You and Your great salvation, consider what their hands have done. Hold it against them for being evil when they could be transformed. Repay them for all that they do because they aren't willing to be changed.

Psa 28:5 (NIV) Since they show no regard for the works of the LORD and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again. They have no regard for all of the provisions You have paid for. They don't appreciate the suffering and death of Your Son. They refuse to take advantage of all the incredible things You have made available to them and to us. Instead, they continue to live their life in opposition to You and to all the people around them. I thank You for tearing them down and never allowing them to reestablish their efforts again.

Psa 28:6 (NIV) Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. I praise Your Name for putting a stop to all who are using satanic power to do damage to all who are calling on Your Name. Thank You for hearing my cry for Your grace and mercy. I praise You for being there when I need You. There is no way I am going to be able to survive against them. If You had not intervened, I would have been destroyed. Without Your answers to my cries, I wouldn't be available on this earth to praise You. You have protected me and, therefore, have extended my life and ministry.

Psa 28:7 (NIV) The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. I am so glad that I have stopped trying to live my life by my own efforts. Thank You for providing me Your Holy Spirit to teach me how to take more and more advantage of the salvation provisions. He has increased my understanding of all that came with salvation. He is teaching me how to take advantage of my relationship with You. I have given up my faith in my own strength and protection. My dependency has turned to Your strength and defense. It should have been obvious to me. My life has been so much better with You working through me. As this relationship has continued to grow, my heart has learned to trust in You more and more. I am being helped with so many things that use to be impossible. I am now witnessing Your miracles of supernatural work in a magnanimous way all day long.

Joy has filled my life. Not only am I getting victories and miracles, I am being blessed in my heart. Great attitude changes are taking place in me. My days aren't just better. They are filled with great joy and praise. My whole outlook on life has changed. My relationship with You has grown. I have an intense desire to praise and worship You all day long. I will sing Your praises with all my heart and soul.

Psa 28:8 (NIV) The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Your strength is available to all Your people. Salvation provides great protection for all Christians. Through Your anointed One we can be blessed far beyond what we often take advantage of. Lord help me to share the greatness of all Your provisions to all Christians. Help us to not live below what Jesus paid for. So many of Your people are suffering with things that have been taken care of. They don't know and can't seem to use all that was purchased at the cross. I know it is disappointing to You to see them be defeated. Help all of use to grow into a full knowledge, understanding, and wisdom concerning all we have available in You.

Psa 28:9 (NIV) Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever. Many haven't made a decision to make You their Lord and Savior. You know them and see them waiting and living their life in sin and defeat. They are suffering day by day needlessly. Years are going by that they could be enjoying Your presence. Things keep them from turning and giving their life over to You. You know they are coming at some point in their life. I pray for them that they will see the folly of their delay. Save them and bless them as Your inheritance. They belong to You. Be our Shepherd. Carry us in Your arms forever, I pray.

PSALM 29

God, You rule over all **circumstances** and all **creation**.

Psa 29:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

No matter how big I think I get, God. I am still nothing in comparison to You. Even those things I accomplish, I didn't do them without Your constant help. All those things I did on my own didn't bring blessings or help to me or the people I did them for. You are the One Who deserves praise and honor. I am so glad Your strength is available to me. I have seen You accomplish great and wonderful things in and through my life. Your strength is the answer to all my needs. I give you complete glory, praise, and honor. Nothing or no one else deserves credit for all the good things that are happening to me.

Psa 29:2 (NIV) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. I give You the credit for my life and my accomplishments. I give You glory for all these great spiritual provisions. It has all been a part of Your plan. I would never have thought of anything that would have solved the situations I and the rest of the world face. Not only did You come up with the plan. You paid the extreme sacrifices for making it work. Everything good has come from You. You have withheld nothing good from me. You have blessed me far beyond anything I will ever deserve. I love You and praise You for all that I have, all that I am, and all I will be in eternity. I worship You and bow down before You. You are beautiful. Your splendor is beyond words. Your holiness is beyond human comprehension.

Psa 29:3 (NIV) The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. I can hear Your voice as the tides come in. I can see Your glory as waters fall over the water fall. Your love comes through clearly as all creation testifies with a loud voice. No one is so deaf that they can't hear Your voice thunder through all You have made. Your glory shines through and flows like mighty waters falling over a cliff. You have made sure we all know that You exist and that You reward us when we earnestly seek You. No one in all the earth has been able to ignore Your glory. You have made everything and no one can honestly deny that truth.

Psa 29:4 (NIV) The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. Your voice has spoken powerfully in my life. It has spoken creative things into all my situations. Nothing has been able to resist Your mighty deliverance. Your majestic voice hasn't just been impressive, it has been my salvation and all my protection. Your voice has brought comfort and safety to my heart. I hear how powerful and majestic it is and I know that nothing can harm me. It comes with such a powerful sound that I know that nothing is big enough or powerful enough to get through You to me.

Psa 29:5 (NIV) The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. All You have to do is speak and amazing things happen. You don't even have to grab a tree to break it in two. You can just whisper and it shatters under the pressure of Your words. You can speak and anything that stands in Your way will fall before You. You can take all the cedars of Lebanon and break them into pieces all at once. Those things that look strong and irresistible all fall at Your feet. Those things that tend to make me feel safe and secure offer no protection from the words of Your mouth. I turn from looking to them for safety. I listen, instead, to Your voice. I put all my trust in You. All You have to do is speak and all my troubles and problems bow down before Your voice.

Psa 29:6 (NIV) He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. You make the forests dance before You. You make the mountains skip like a young ox. You hold all things in Your hands. You keep them in Your control. The beauty of the forests and mountains are the handicraft of Your love. They show forth the greatness of Your heart. You have made them beautiful and majestic to let us see the character of Your provisions. Nothing can hide the message they are showing. They are displaying the magnitude of the works of Your hands. You built them as monuments to Your grace and mercy. Nothing we build is comparable to Your skill and ingenuity.

Psa 29:7 (NIV) The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. The lightning in the sky shows how Your voice works. The light and power You speak can set us free or destroy us in rebellion. I want to let Your voice flow through me to set the captives free. I want Your voice to flow through me to destroy all the works of the devil. Let the lightning bolts of Your voice be represented in my life and ministry. Let the whole world know that You are great and powerful. Let them see the manifestations of Your power. Let Your voice speak to the needs of these people. Touch their lives with instant, powerful, lasting healing for their eternal condition. Move mightily so that the whole world can see how great You are. Let them see how great Your deliverance is.

Psa 29:8 (NIV) The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. Nothing is too hard for You. No matter how high or how low. No matter how hot or how cold. No matter how wet or how dry. No matter how big or how small. You are involved in it all. You have given great consideration to all the details of life. You are taking care of us regardless of where we are. It is Your voice that changes the circumstances and makes sure all our needs are met. Even though the desert is a barren and desolate place, You have made provisions for Your people. You grow food bearing plants in places where it looks like nothing could live. You are everywhere supplying everything we need.

Psa 29:9 (NIV) The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" Regardless of how desperate the situation is You are in control of it all. All the storms of life are smaller than Your voice. We can see Your power in the wind, the rain, and the weather. You have the power to destroy all life and all of existence. The only reason it isn't all destroyed is because You are holding it all together by Your mighty power. When the earth is shaking and our life is in danger, we are being protected by You. When nothing seems safe, we know You are watching over us. As You bring the world to an end, we look to Your great promises and relax.

Psa 29:10 (NIV) The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The floods may come and the floods may go. But, You are in power over them all. Nothing is going to be able to separate me from You and all Your love. Even when Satan come in like a flood, You will raise up a wall against him. You sit on Your throne and rule over all existence. You are King of kings and Lord of lords. You are God over all. I know that nothing or no one is going to dethrone You. You are the only One I trust. I am excited that You are too powerful to be defeated. I am eternally grateful that You have made sure that nothing can stop You from doing Your plan. You are God forever and ever. I praise You with all my heart.

Psa 29:11 (NIV) The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. Whether it be winds, floods, earth quakes or other human problems, I know that You will give me the strength to overcome it all. I will not be afraid because I know You are living in me. I know that Your power will see to it that I can face every issue in the way You want me to face it. You have blessed me with great peace. When normally I would be afraid, Your peace supplies me with complete faith in You. I would typically worry about almost everything that happens. Fear would occupy most of my waking moments. But, because of Your blessings, I feel Your power and Your peace comforting me in all situations. Praise Your holy name.

PSALM 30

God, I want to do Your **ministry**.

Psa 30:1 (NIV) A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple. Of David. I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. My body was anything but Your temple, mighty God. I used it for sin and selfish pleasure. I gravitated to whatever felt good to me. I had no purpose or plan for my life. Sin and sinners took advantage of me. I soon was no longer making my own decisions. I became a slave to my body and sinners. But, You lifted me out of all of that. You brought me out of the pit I had dug myself into. You set me free from the penalty of sin and did not let my enemies keep control over me.

Psa 30:2 (NIV) O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Even though I put myself in all of that sin and rebellion against You, You still helped me when I called. In spite of all of my unrighteousness and filthiness, You reached down and healed me. You cleansed me from all of the sin that had attached itself to me. You healed me from all the patterns of sin that I had developed. You helped me find You and call on Your name. Thank You for not rejecting me and leaving in the pit of sin and degradation.

Psa 30:3 (NIV) O LORD, you brought me up from the grave ; you spared me from going down into the pit. I was dead in my trespasses and sins. I was going to spend eternity without You. I was going to experience the second death and pay for all my sins. I was on my way to hell. But, You brought me up out the grave. You kept me from spending eternity in the lake of fire. Not only did You deliver me from all the pain and suffering from the sins in this life, You delivered me from all the pain and suffering in eternity.

Psa 30:4 (NIV) Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name. I sing songs to You from the depths of my heart. I praise You all the day long. I never run out of love and appreciation for all You mean to me. I don't know why You cared. But, I am thankful that You do. No one has ever cared for me like You do. I have never been treated with such love and concern. You are The great God and yet You are aware of me and all my needs. Even though I was a sinner and was Your enemy, You still noticed my plight and stepped into my situation. I praise You and worship You and commit myself to worshipping You all the days of my life. Your Holy Spirit will empower me to love and praise You for now and eternity.

Psa 30:5 (NIV) For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. From time to time I have wandered from Your will for my life. I would get distracted by the desires of my body, the lure of the world, or some temptation of the devil. Because of Your grace, You stepped in and chastened me. You helped me see the error I was making. Instead of letting my enemy, the devil, overtake me; You use Your correction to make it clear to me. You could have let my enemy have me for awhile. He would have done great damage to me. But, instead, You punished me for a moment and helped me see how dangerous my situation really was. I cried and was made sad for a moment. For a night I was aware of Your anger. But, in the morning I was back in Your favor. Your correction just lasts for a short time.

Psa 30:6 (NIV) When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." One of my main problems with being blessed is I can sometimes feel secure in myself. I can start looking at all the blessings and successes and forget that You are the One Who did it all. It can appear to me that I have finally learned Your Truth and am well on my way to being a great Christian. I start feeling secure in my spiritual growth. I start saying that nothing is going to be able to tempt me. I am finally secure in my stand in Your Word. I ignore the fact that You alone are keeping me. I forget that it doesn't just matter what kind of relationship I had with You yesterday. I need You just as much today.

Psa 30:7 (NIV) O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. Finally I wake up and realize that things are only great when You favor me. I am on top of the mountain when You are blessing me. As long as You are putting Your power into my life, I am in great shape. The moment You hide Your face from me, I am lost. I haven't come to any spiritual place where I can live one second without You. I am only doing as great as You are working Your greatness in and through me. I can see the patter of how this all works. It has been Your favor all the time. It never was my spiritual growth that was making things wonderful. I would spend all my days in dismay and defeat without You.

Psa 30:8 (NIV) To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: I am sorry, O Lord. I repent of my arrogance and pride. Please forgive me of all my looking to my spiritual accomplishments. Be merciful for my ignorance and infantile approach to our relationship. I ask You to send You favor back into my life. It is clear, now, that I have to have You constantly. I never will be anything outside of all You have to offer. Come back into a close relationship with me. I was wrong for moving away from Your great provisions. My eyes are back on You and all You want to do in and through me. Help me to never get lifted up in pride against You. Help me to never look at who You have made me and see it as something I had done. Work mightily through me to the needy. Let me be used by You once again. I believe that Your Holy Spirit will empower me to never see anything You do as coming because of me.

Psa 30:9 (NIV) "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? How am I going to do Your ministry? What benefit will come from You rejecting me? If I am put on the sideline, will I be able to show forth Your glory? If You decide it is time for me to leave this earth, will my dead body be able to tell the world Who You are? Will my dead body proclaim the message of Your faithfulness? I can only do what I am commissioned to do, if You will forgive me and renew my position in Your ministry. I appeal to Your grace and mercy. I lay my life and ministry at Your feet. Your Holy Spirit is doing an awesome job in me. He has and is making Your training clear. I know I have made massive mistakes. I can see, through His revelations, how wrong I have been. See the work Your Holy Spirit has done and let it be used for Your glory.

Psa 30:10 (NIV) Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help." Hear my cries, O Lord. Let Your mercy be the reason why You come to my rescue. Let Your great help come into my life. Help me to do the ministry You have called me to. Open my life up and use me to produce Your praise and glory before all people. I have nothing to offer in myself. There is no reason You would want to use me. The only thing I have is the work You have done in spite of me. If it weren't for Your Holy Spirit's work, I would be useless to all You want to do. But, He has done this great work. He will continue to empower and train my life and ministry. The Holy Spirit is using all that Jesus has provided to cause rivers of living water to flow through my inner most being. He will not let me fail You. He will demonstrate Your complete glory and honor through me. I believe in Him and all You have provided.

Psa 30:11 (NIV) You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, Thank You very much for forgiving me and letting me be used by Your greatness. I know that You will keep me secure in Your power and Your Word. I know that Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Your Word are resident in my life and ministry. I know that You are performing Your great work in and through me to the needs of the needy. I know You will let me glorify Your Name before all people. I know that You will receive all praise and thanksgiving. I believe in You for total humility in my heart. My trust is totally in You, my God. I have no promises that I can make in confidence in myself. I have all my confidence in You. I believe that You will keep all that I have committed to You for now and eternity. Thank You for making all this possible.

Psa 30:12 (NIV) that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. You have filled my heart with singing. You have opened my mouth with praises before all mankind. You have set me free from silence. You have empowered me to shout out Your greatness to all. I will give You thanks for all time and eternity. Your Holy Spirit is pouring out all You are in and through me. Your greatness shall be known before all mankind. You will be praised by all who accept You. Multitudes will sing praises to Your Name. The world will hear about Your greatness. I believe You will help me and all who are willing to go to every person on this earth. I believe You will empower us to tell them all how great and how generous You are. You have given us Your permission in Your great commission. You have empowered us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. You have provided us the life and ministry of Your Son, Jesus. We will go forth in great power and success to fulfill what You have commissioned us to do.

PSALM 31

God, please heal my emotions.

Psa 31:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. I have brought my emotions into Your protective power. I am looking to You for stability and peace. I know You will hear me because of Your great righteousness. You are a great God Who understand the weakness of my feelings. My heart is powerful. I controls all the emotions of my life. When it is attacked, I react in shameful ways. I show my weaknesses and fears. Protect my heart. It can only talk to me with emotional feelings and attitudes. It is more powerful than the logic of my mind. It won't respond to reason. I try to help it relax and remain calm. But, nothing I try brings it into peace and trust. Deliver me from the pain I am experiencing. Help my heart to put its total trust in You.

Psa 31:2 (NIV) Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. You alone are going to be able to calm me down. Listen to the stress and sadness of my heart. Come quickly to my rescue. My heart is out of control and is bringing me into great shame. Bring rock solid protection to its raging storms. Hold my emotions in a strong fortress of Your love. Save me from all my fears and depressions. Give my heart the assurance of Your power. I am like water without a cup. My outlook on life is negatively skewed. Rescue me from the attacks against it. Make me strong in the protection You provide.

Psa 31:3 (NIV) Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. I only look to You for all my needs. You are the only One Who can protect me. I have placed my emotions on the foundation of You, my Rock. I have hid them in You as my Fortress. People know I belong to You. For the sake of Your Name, lead me into places of peace and safety. Guide my emotions into complete trust in You. Let the whole world know that You provide Your children everything they need. Let me be a great example of Your provisions. Let them look at my life and see Your love and great healing power.

Psa 31:4 (NIV) Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Satan is attacking my emotions and trying to keep me from being able to live Your life in front of these people. He attacks me with all kinds of lies and evil possibilities. Close up my emotions to all he has to say. Help me see that they are all lies. Set me free from this tendency to yield to negative thoughts. Heal me from the trap of allowing these thoughts to build and develop. Let me immediately start thinking the Truths of Your Word. Give me the power to start looking at how great and loving You are. Bring my thoughts into Your protection. I want to look to You for what I should be thinking and feeling. I feel safe in Your mighty hands.

Psa 31:5 (NIV) Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth. I place my eternal spirit into the care of Your hands. You have saved me from eternal death. You have given me great eternal hope. You have made me pure in Your sight. You have adopted me as Your child. All of Your great supply has been made available to me. Your Truth has set me free from the lies of the devil. I turn my ears to listen to what You have to say. I hear Your Truth and reject all the lies of the devil. My eternal destiny is safely locked into Your hands. You are holding me and keeping me for all eternity. Because of Your great salvation, I am going to live with You forever.

Psa 31:6 (NIV) I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I trust in the LORD. God, I use to be looking to all sorts of things for help. I tried to keep myself safe from harm by looking to worldly supplies. My fears would subside for a short while. Then I would find myself back in great worry and concern. Everything the world has to offer has side-effects. One solution brings many other problems. To trust in the world for my help, I would have to spend all my money to buy the help I need. I would have to work day and night just to have the money to pay for the world's help. I would become a slave to the world system. But, since I have put my trust in You, I am blessed with Your provisions without side-effects or expense.

Psa 31:7 (NIV) I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul. You are replacing all my negative emotions with gladness and rejoicing. You saw how depressed and fearful I was. You knew all about the pain and suffering I was going through. I can feel Your love. I open my heart to Your arms of compassion and care. No one has been able to help me like You. My suffering was only treated with temporary relief. Nothing or no one was able to reach into my heart and heal it. Even those who benefited from me financially, were unable to set me free. As I look at Your greatness, I can feel Your hand of healing reaching deep down into the dark places of my heart. I can feel the warmth of Your love healing everything I give to You.

Psa 31:8 (NIV) You have not handed me over to the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place. Contrary to the lies of the devil, You didn't allow the evil he said would happen. You didn't allow him to do what he was threatening to do. You held me tight and refused to give me over to his plans. You demonstrated Your great power and love by protecting me from everything Satan tried to do. You removed me from all evil circumstances. You placed me in a great place of safety. I am now safe as I stand in a great area where I am surrounded by wonderful things. You didn't just hide me in a small room. You placed me in a castle of wonderful protection. I have a life in a spacious place. I am free from harm in a whole new world of Your blessings. Great avenues of opportunity have been opened to me. Your deliverance has been bountiful.

Psa 31:9 (NIV) Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief. I am sorry for allowing myself to go back to places You delivered me from. I feel guilty about the ups and downs I sometimes experience. Satan tries to tell me that You don't want to keep setting me free. He says You are tired of my emotional swings. He says You have healed me once and don't want to be bothered with it anymore. But, I appeal to Your mercy. I know You look at me with through Jesus' grace. Even though it is the same old emotional issues, it is about a new battle against Satan. I come to You in confidence that You will always be there to lead me through every new distress of life. Even though I needed You yesterday, doesn't mean that I don't need You again today. Even though You gave me a victory yesterday, doesn't mean I don't need a victory today. I am going to need Your victories everyday of my life. Lift me up from this new distress, weakness, sorrow, and grief. I need You just as much today and I did yesterday. I will need You just as much tomorrow as I need You today.

Psa 31:10 (NIV) My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak. I present my case to You again. I bring my emotions to You with new faith. I know You will never reject me. Yesterday You worked me miracles, so, now I have faith to bring this new anguish to You. You have healed my emotions many times in the past. I remember and am going over each and every one of them right now. I praise You for the comfort You gave me during all of those times of affliction. Even those my groaning has been often, You have never turned Your back on me. Every time You reached down into my situation and have worked supernatural miracles in my life and my emotions. Therefore, I know You will hear me and help me now.

Psa 31:11 (NIV) **Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; I am a dread to my friends-- those who see me on the street flee from me.** Lord, I feel like everyone has rejected me. Even my friends are tired of all the things I go through. They are tired of hearing my many complains. My afflictions and groaning have driven them all away. When they see me coming, they try to avoid me. They don't want to hear anymore of my sorrows. All the depression and worry I feel makes people want to avoid me. I am so negative and depressing to be around. Fortunately You aren't like that. You will always be with me through times when others can't stand me. I am never too much for You. You love me and accept me. You know what Satan is saying to me. You know that it is because of my enemy that I look and act the way I do.

Psa 31:12 (NIV) **I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.** If it were up to my neighbors and friends, I would be like a dead person. I would be treated like a useless and broken container. No one would ever seek to be around me. They would quickly forget that I even exist. But, You are my friend. You will repair my heart. You will never forget about me. You will never get tired of my complaints. Instead, You see how I am being rejected by my friends. You are making up for the loss I am experiencing. I don't blame my friends for not wanting to try to help me anymore. I know they don't have the answer. You alone, God, can heal the brokenness of my heart.

Psa 31:13 (NIV) **For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; they conspire against me and plot to take my life.** All my enemies think this is the time to attack. They are using this opportunity to say all kinds of slanderous things about me. They think that their opinion matters to me. They believe that I will let them finish me off. They don't realize that You are supporting me. Even though my emotions are at their weakest point, I still am being held up by You. I can see all kinds of things that could destroy me. Terror is surrounding me on every side. But, You are bigger than all that terror. You are giving me the assurance that You will resist it all. I feel You working in my trembling heart. Your quiet voice is more powerful than all the screaming of my enemies. They are making plans to take my life. But, they have to go through You to get to me. All the slander, all the terror they are generating against me, and all their plots are in vain. You are greater inside of me than all my enemies in the world.

Psa 31:14 (NIV) **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."** I now take my eyes off of all my enemies. I direct my attention to You and Your greatness. I attach my emotions to You. I am opening up my heart and letting Your greatness shine in. I look to You because You are my God. I do believe in You. I know You are God of the universe. You have created all things. There is nothing that can resist You. There is nothing or no one bigger than You. I remove my trust from my enemies. I stop seeing them as being a threat to my existence. I see You as being much greater than they are. They have to defeat You before they can hurt me. And, You are undefeatable.

Psa 31:15 (NIV) **My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.** It is a wonderful experience to call out to You. I love bringing my situations before You. It is a great feeling to realize that You are holding my life here on earth in Your hands. When I cry out to You for deliverance, I feel Your presence in my heart. When I ask You to deliver me from my enemies, I can feel Your assurance well up in my emotions. Deliver me from those who are trying to do me harm. Set me free from their influence in my heart. Let me know that I have nothing to fear. Speak to my heart and free it from all depression. Fill it with the knowledge that You are my constant protector. Let my heart see how much greater You are than all my problems.

Psa 31:16 (NIV) **Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.** Set my eyes on Your face. I can only look one direction at a time. I now take my eyes off of my problems. I now see Your radiant face looking at me with love. I receive all of Your salvation. You haven't saved me to be defeated. You have saved me to live a victorious life before the people of this world. They shall see Your great work in my life and seek You for their situations. I will tell them of these victories You have given me and they will know that You love them too. Your love that was poured into someone else's life spilled over into mine. As they shared how great You were to them, I believed that You would do the same for me. I open my life up to be a vessel to share Your deliverance with others.

Psa 31:17 (NIV) **Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave.** All the defeats and moments of unbelief have hurt my testimony to others. Those times I only looked to my situation were times when I had no story to tell others. I only had shame in my life. No one wanted what I had to offer. Defeat and depression was all I could give. But, now I cry out to You. My eyes are redirected to what You have to offer me and my friends. Set me free from all the shame and loss. Make me into a warrior that fights against things that ruin my influence. Use me to bring glory to Your Name. Let the victories You have produced in my life be the weapon that sets others free from the wicked. Let the wicked be put to shame. If they will not repent, send them to the grave. Silence their voice and influence against the oppressed. Use the powerful work You are doing in me to set the captives free.

Psa 31:18 (NIV) **Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous.** All of Satan's lies were used to defeat me and my ministry to others. All of the lies of Satan's people are being used to come against all who want to put their trust in You. They are attacking all of our emotions and causing us to cower and cringe at all their threats and plans. You resist the proud. Stop their mouths. Show the whole world that You are against them. They come in pride and contempt against Your people. They speak arrogantly against us and Your Son. They are trying to fill the world with their opinions and philosophies. Raise us, Your people, up to go forth as a mighty army against them and all they stand for.

Psa 31:19 (NIV) How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. God, Your goodness is great. I want the whole world to see Your work in and through me. Your goodness isn't just for me. It is for all who respect and fear You. I have taken refuge in You. I have put my total trust in You. My message is shaped by the miraculous work You have done through that relationship. My message isn't about how systems and principles of the world helped me. I am not singing praises to the greatness of science. My message is because You have been greater than all the world has to offer. My life is an example of Your goodness that You have stored up for all who fear You. Bestow Your goodness on all Your people. Give them a great story to tell the whole world. Let the world see You doing all this goodness to Your people.

Psa 31:20 (NIV) In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. Bless Your people. Pour out all You have to offer on them. Set them free from trusting in the accomplishments of men. Show Yourself strong in Your people. Protect them from the plans that the world has for them. Hold Your people in the protection of Your presence. Let Your great wisdom flow through them against all the lies of the world. Give them victory over all the world's efforts. Use Your people to proclaim Your great gospel to every person on earth.

Psa 31:21 (NIV) Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city. I praise You with everything I am and have. I was totally lost in fear and depression. My life was bound up so that I couldn't lift my voice in praise before You. But, even though I was being attacked from every direction, You have set me free. I can now show forth Your greatness to everyone. Praise has filled my heart. Your wonderful love has opened up my heart. I can now praise and worship You with all my heart. I will be able to proclaim Your goodness to all who will listen. I can tell the whole world how I was surrounded with defeat and shame. I can explain how horrible my life was. I will be able to share the greatness of the deliverance. You are worthy of all my praise. You are worthy of all my ministry of praise before the people of this world.

Psa 31:22 (NIV) In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!" Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. I get overwhelmed by the attacks that come against me. I become more aware of the situation than I am of Your presence. I sometimes allow the satanic efforts to appear bigger than You are. I am sorry that I see things from a wrong perspective. I repent of my false words. I am sorry that I say things that are not true. Help me to have more control over my mouth. I don't want to say things about You that hurt Your heart. I am sorry that I allow fear to cause me to be alarmed. When I get alarmed, I say things that I shouldn't say. Bring peace to my heart. Help me stay in total trust in You. You always hear my cry. Because I am able to appeal to Your mercy, You are always there to see me through.

Psa 31:23 (NIV) Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full. I love You, God. Help me to lead all Your saints in praise and love toward You. You always preserve us for Your glory. Your Holy Spirit has taught us how to be humble before You. He has helped us be faithful to You. We would be proud and arrogant against You, if it weren't for Your Holy Spirit. He has made it possible for us to receive all You have to offer. Thank You for Your Son and Your Holy Spirit. With all of their provisions, training, and empowering; we are all being blessed and protected by You, mighty God. I thank You for all You are and all You are doing in and through my life and ministry.

Psa 31:24 (NIV) Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD. Make me strong in You and in the power of Your might. Put Your power in my emotions. Let my heart be filled with hope in You. Give a new strength to my heart's emotional expressions. Give my heart a renewed trust in You. Set me free from all doubt. Give me total faith in You and Your love. Help me to immediately look to You rather than the situations. Set my eyes on You. Deliver me from putting my faith in what others can do to me. Deliver me from faith in circumstances. Help me to always keep my eyes of faith locked on You and all You have to offer.

PSALM 32

God, I thank You for salvation.

Psa 32:1 (NIV) Of David. A maskil. Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Thank You, God for forgiving me for all the sins and transgressions I have committed against You and those around me. The blood of Jesus has covered them all and has cleansed me from all penalty for them. What a wonderful God Who will make such a great sacrifice for providing all this forgiveness. I know it was a very painful thing for You to have to do. Even greater than watching Your Son be beat and hanged on a cross was Him being separated from You. When He cried out: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" I am sure that ripped Your heart out. Thank You heavenly Father and Jesus for such a tremendous sacrifice. I know I am not worth it. Your grace and mercy are far beyond anything I can fathom.

Psa 32:2 (NIV) Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. Heavenly Father, thank You for being willing to let Your Son become sin for me and everyone else. I am so thankful that He absorbed all of our sins into Himself. With His sinless conditions, He was able to take all our sins on Him to be nailed to a cross. My death would have been justice. His death was grace and mercy. I would have died for eternity. He was able to die once, raise from the dead, and raise me from the dead. Righteousness has been credited to my account. You removed all deceit from my spirit. I am not only free. I am totally free.

Psa 32:3 (NIV) When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. When I refused to accept Your salvation, I suffered great pain and anguish. When I tried to act like I didn't need Your forgiveness, my body and my emotions started spiraling downward into the grave. I tried to hide my sinfulness from You. I tried to pretend that I wasn't all that bad. The more I tried to handle things on my own, the more my life grew dark and miserable. My sins became more evil and deadly. My thoughts became more dark and sinful. Sin grew in my heart like roots. It spread all through my thoughts and desires. The sins became constant desires of my body. I started planning new ways to get by with more sin. I gradually stopped caring that I was sinning. I just worried about getting caught.

Psa 32:4 (NIV) For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah. But, You started dealing with my heart. Your Holy Spirit began convicting me of my sins. He helped me see how much I was hurting those around me. He made me feel wrong about all the things I was doing. He showed me how evil I really was. He helped me stop trying to justify all my sinful activities. It no longer was just an issue of not getting caught. It wasn't so much that I cared about other's opinions. I was starting to not like who I was anymore. You helped me see myself the way I really was. I didn't like the person I had become. I couldn't believe You would even want to have anything to do with me. My sins had become very sinful to me. I wanted to change and become a better person. But, I couldn't see how that was going to be possible.

Psa 32:5 (NIV) Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah. Finally I came to You in my sinful condition. I finally admitted that I was a sinner and needed help. I opened up my heart and life to You, Who are pure and holy. I started agreeing with You that what I was doing was wrong. I held my situation up to You and You reacted totally different than I expected. Rather than being mad at me and rejecting me on the basis of all my sins. You forgave me! I couldn't even do that. I hated who I had become. I loathed my life style. But You forgave me and worked a wonderful miracle in my heart. All of a sudden I felt the pain of all my guilt go away. I didn't have to forgive myself. Your forgiveness was enough. Your healing set my heart free from all the pain of all the guilt I was feeling. My sin was gone. My guilt was gone. And, You became my Savior.

Psa 32:6 (NIV) Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. Now I am in a position to help others. You have done such a wonderful work in my life. I want to tell everyone how wonderful and beautiful You are. I want to have a godly attitude. I want to react to others in the same forgiving manner You did for me. Let me be an extension of Your grace and mercy. Let me work for You while there is still time to do ministry here on this earth. I know there is coming a time when no one is going to be able to do such ministry. I know great tribulation is coming on all the earth. But, nothing is going to be able to undo all that You have done for us. Nothing is going to stop Who You are and what You are doing. You are the great God Who is mightier than everything that is yet to come.

Psa 32:7 (NIV) You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah. You have prepared a place for me. I will be able to hide inside of You. When great trouble and judgment come on all the earth, You will hide me in that place of protection. Your people will be caught up in that great deliverance. We will join in singing the songs of great deliverance. My voice will join them in singing great praises to You for all You have done. I will sing with the great masses of people. My heart will resound with great worship and praise. In all of my hopes and dreams I never imagined that anything could possibly happen to me as wonderful as You. You are worthy all my praise and worship forever and ever.

Psa 32:8 (NIV) I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. You are providing me with wonderful instruction. Your Holy Spirit is taking all the things that Jesus said and is showing them to me. The ways of Jesus are becoming my path. The Holy Spirit is counseling me with wisdom that is greater than Solomon's. You are watching over me and making sure I know everything I need to know. Your Truth is setting me free from the damage that sin did to me. You, God, are my instructor and counselor. Not only did You give me this new life; but, You have given me all the instructions for how to live it. The power that is coming through Your Word is enabling me to do all You are teaching me to do.

Psa 32:9 (NIV) Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Set me free from having to be like a trained animal. Let me be a part of all You are doing through me. I want to be able to understand the things You are accomplishing in and through me. Let me cooperate with You while understanding the full relationship. Do Your ministry in and through me while making me a part of it all. I want to be so yielded to You that You can include me in on the information as well. Give me wisdom, understanding and knowledge so I can comprehend the greatness of Your ministry through me. Make me Your friend so You can include me in on Your plans.

Psa 32:10 (NIV) Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. My life was horrible without You. I suffered great pain and loneliness day and night. I know how great are the woes of the wicked. Their life is filled with constant emptiness and desperation. I can still remember how lost and confused I use to be. Those memories are inspiring great appreciation for Your unfailing love. Thank You for helping me to put my complete trust in You. Thank You for providing and submerging me in Your great salvation. I can feel Your love rapping around me and giving me wonderful comfort. I feel so safe in the arms of Your eternal love. I praise You and worship You for the new life You have given me.

Psa 32:11 (NIV) Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! Help me to inspire praise and worship in all the people You have made righteous. Let me bring them into singing with all their heart. Help me to sing to You with a whole new song. Let my gladness be able to express itself before You all the day long. Let Your Name be on my lips continuously. Let my life be a song before Your throne. Let me live in front of all people as a praise and a worship of all You have done for me. Be glorified by all the people of this earth. Let me lead them all to Your salvation. Let their hearts be so changed that they can see You as I do. I want all to come before You and give You great glory and gladness. You are worthy of all praise.

PSALM 33

God, Your creation is awesome.

Psa 33:1 (NIV) Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. God, I have so much to praise You for. You have made my life so much better. The way of the transgressor really is hard. Even when things seem to be going bad, I know You are working them together for good. When I am going through some negative situation, I have You to call on and tell all about it. You work miracles in my life and comfort me during the whole process. None of these things were available before You became the Lord of my life. It is the right thing to always praise You. You are worthy of all praise and appreciation. I love singing praise songs to You. Even when I can't seem to come up with the special words I would like to say, I can go to a song and find just the right words to express my heart.

Psa 33:2 (NIV) Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. It is great listening to Christian music. Just knowing that all of it is expressing great praise to Your Name. Music written to You is an expression of how I and Your people feel about Your greatness. We play these instruments so as to make beautiful music to be sent to Your ears. Let the harmonious sound of their notes come before You as a love expression from our hearts. We love You and want to use everything to let You know it. Give me a song in my heart that become a sweet savor to You. Sometimes words fail me. So, I use musical instruments to help me say with sounds what I can't put into words.

Psa 33:3 (NIV) Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. I love singing new songs of praise to You. I want to broaden my list of songs that I can sing. I want to use every lyric and every note to approach all subjects of my love. Let my abilities grow. Help me sing and play as many songs as possible. Build a great repertoire of songs in my heart and in my mouth. Give me new songs that better express how much I love and praise Your holy name. I even want to express my love with shouts. I yield to the joy You have given me. With loud shouts I express the intensity of my feelings for You.

Psa 33:4 (NIV) For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. I would be like a lost person with no map. Without your Word, I would be lost without any directions to where You are. If I didn't have Your Word, I wouldn't know which way was the right way. I would be so confused and misdirected. Your Word lights up my path and reveals how to get to the right destiny. Your Word is correct and true. I don't have to worry that I might be being mislead. It always points me in the correct direction. It is so wonderful because it all comes from You. You gave birth to all this truth. Your faithfulness is shown in every sentence. Everything You do is done in faithfulness. Not one of Your words have ever failed. They have and are all coming true. I can always count on them.

Psa 33:5 (NIV) The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. I am so glad that You love and require righteousness and justice. I thank You for being righteous and just. You have set the rules for life. You are in control of how this world is being run. You are going to have the final say in it all. Nothing is going to escape from Your requirements of righteousness and justice. I thank You that You have credited me with righteousness and have put justice in my heart. You are the One Who has aligned me with Your will. Because of Your unfailing love, I have been made a part of Your righteousness. You have put the righteousness of Jesus in me. Without Your love, I would be found as an enemy of all Your requirements. I would have been a part of Your wrath as You brought about justice. But, through salvation, I am a part of Your unfailing love.

Psa 33:6 (NIV) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. To love and be loved by the Creator of the universe is such an awesome thing. I can't imagine how You can care about someone as insignificant as me. Yet You care enough to come and die for me and the sins I have committed. How can You be so big and dynamic and still notice me? My mind can't understand all of this. You are so much better than anything I can envision. All the false god's man has dreamed up are always causing problems in men's lives. We would all assume that You would be putting major demands on us. Instead, You have made all the sacrifices. You are nothing like what we would imagine. What a great God You are!

Psa 33:7 (NIV) He gathers the waters of the sea into jars ; he puts the deep into storehouses. You have made it clear to me that nothing is impossible for You. I have seen Your power. I have seen the beauty of Your creation. I see how well organized it all is. The closer I look at the way You designed the oceans, the more I understand Your complete attention to every detail. Everything You have done is beautiful. I walk on the beach and observe Your beauty and greatness. It is majestic and awe inspiring to behold. It shouts out how wonderful You are. It give great praise to all You stand for. Thank You for letting me see You in its greatness. Thank You for all of its color and activity. Thank You for making it so big. It describes the vastness of all You are.

Psa 33:8 (NIV) Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

I want to have reverential respect for all You are. I want my heart to dread doing anything displeasing to You. I want to hate anything that would separate me from this wonderful relationship I have with You. Let my fear for You influence all my decisions. I can sometimes allow a fear of other's opinions and social pressure push me into wrong things. I want to so fear You that any other fears I might have would not be yielded to. I revere You. My adoration for You is deep and intense. I love You with all that I am. Your Holy Spirit has opened my heart and life to a whole new love relationship. You are worthy of all reverence and fear.

Psa 33:9 (NIV) For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Your ability to speak and cause things to come into existence shapes my attitudes. As I look at how easy it is for You to create a universe, my faith soars. The more I see all You have created with Your words, the more I am convinced that nothing is impossible for You. I compare my personal problems and situations with Your creation. I immediately know that I don't need to worry about a thing. You made all this great creation just so I could have a place to live. Even though it is big and I am small, I see that nothing escapes Your heart and concern. You do big things for small people. You create huge things for minute beings like me. You are great and yet You see all the finest of details. You are great and yet You are attuned to my smallest thought.

Psa 33:10 (NIV) The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. Everything is too big for me. I lack the ability to run my own life. The slightest problems that come my way are overwhelming. I run around trying to take care of them and often make them worse. You, on the other hand, are running the universe. You have explained to me that You want me to put my trust in You. You have offered all of Your wisdom, power, and love. The nations are all under Your leadership. World and national decisions yield to Your plans. You control all the purposes of the masses. You have demonstrated that nothing escapes Your attention or power. With all this greatness I can see how foolish it is to not put my trust in You.

Psa 33:11 (NIV) But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. I want to put my trust in Your plans. Let me relax in the purposes of Your heart. Everything Your Word has predicted has come to pass. Every detail is being fulfilled. As I look at Your prophecies, I learn that nothing has slipped through Your control. World conditions, weather, earthquakes, wars, Israel, spiritual condition, everything that is currently going on has been fully described in the Bible. None of it has, is, or will happen without fulfilling Your plans and purposes. All of these things bring my heart into faith. They all prove that You do everything You say You will do. I rejoice in the fact that You are running it all. Even those things that look like chaos are Your plans being fulfilled. Your Holy Spirit is using Your prophecies and Your Word to bring peace to my heart. I believe in You. You are in control.

Psa 33:12 (NIV) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. Lord, bring my nation to You. Use me to take Your Truth to them. I pray and bring my nation before You. Let them make You their God. Be the Lord of their lives. Jesus, You purchased every one of them with Your blood. Choose them for Your inheritance. Let their mouths praise and glorify Your Name. Bring their hearts into complete love for You. Set them free from the bondages of sin and death. Help them see how great and wonderful You are. Give every Christian Your gospel message. Send them forth to proclaim the freedom that is available to the lost. Deliver us from any fear or hesitation. Make us bold; anoint us supernaturally with Your power to do Your work. Give us the ministry of Jesus. We yield to Your full control.

Psa 33:13 (NIV) From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; I know mankind isn't living like they should. But, Your gospel has the power to turn everything around. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on all flesh. Let Your Holy Spirit cover this planet like the waters cover the ocean. Send a great moving of Your Spirit in all of our hearts. This world needs You. I know You are grieved with a lot of what You see. I know we don't deserve Your grace and mercy. But, we desperately need You. We will never be able to do better without You. Your Holy Spirit can turn all this around. He can change the hearts of mankind. You can anoint me and all who serve You. You can so empower us that we will present Your Truth to every person. I believe in You and Your greatness. Nothing is impossible for You. I know You can come up with a plan that will change everything You currently see. You can transform all mankind for Your glory.

Psa 33:14 (NIV) from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth-- Help me be a channel through which You flow into this world situation. My body belongs to You. Let the mighty ministry of Jesus flow out to these people who live on earth. You paid a great sacrifice for salvation. You conquered the devil, sin, death, and mankind's conditions. Let You heavenly ministry move mightily through me and all who will yield to You. These people need Your great salvation. You are able to work a worldwide miracle in the hearts of mankind. I know You see a way for all this to be done. With Your greatness and wisdom, You can take our lives and empower us to fulfill the great commission. We can't do it; but, You in us can. I ask You to help every Christian to volunteer to be mightily used by You.

Psa 33:15 (NIV) he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. Our hearts are in Your hands, mighty God. All our weaknesses are material for Your strength. Your Holy Spirit has helped me to consider everything I do. I submit the deeds of my life to You. Form me into a vessel for the complete ministry of Jesus. I don't want to resist Him in any way. Let Him have His complete way in my life and ministry. Form my heart in such a way that it is completely submitted to Jesus and all He wants to do. Here is my heart God. I believe in Your love, grace, mercy, and power to do this work in my heart. I know that You want to use me to do Your mighty work in the needs of this world. I know there are multitudes of others who will submit their hearts to You. Form us all into complete submission to all Jesus wants to do in this world.

Psa 33:16 (NIV) No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. Heavenly Father, I have looked to organizational structure. I have tried to do Your work and ministry through mathematics and strategies that looked good to me. I had a plan that I tried to implement and then asked You to bless and use it. I was going to develop a great army of workers. I was going to do a great work for You. However, none of my plans and strategies were under Your control. It was all my design and training. You are the answer to the needs of this world. You have a plan and a design. You have all the wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. You have the character and compassion needed for Your work. Once You are yielded to, nothing is powerful enough to stand in Your way. This world is going to be reached by those who put their complete trust in You.

Psa 33:17 (NIV) A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. I lay my techniques, my plans, my skills, my organizations, and my life at Your feet. Like those who put their trust in horses and chariots fail, so will I if I put my trust in any of these things. Nothing is going to take Your place. I look to You for all I need. You are going to work great supernatural miracles in and through me. You are going to do the same for all who give up everything for You. Even though it looks like we can come up with great and powerful plans, they will fail. Your Word constantly shows me that You aren't going to bless anything except the mighty, God-sized things You do.

Psa 33:18 (NIV) But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, My trust is in You and all You have to offer. Once I have You controlling all that I am, I know it is all accomplished. Once the right kind of fear is in You, I don't have to worry about anything else. All my hopes and dreams are fulfilled in You. I know You love me and have called me to do Your ministry. I know You love me and every person on this earth. I lay all that I am into that love. It is enough for me. Your love is going to do this great commission. All who will call on Your Name will be saved. Your love is much more powerful and unfailing than mine. I give my heart over to Your love. I love with the love from You. Your love will accomplish everything You want me to be and do.

Psa 33:19 (NIV) to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. Your love will protect me as I go forth in Your Name. Neither death or famine will be able to stop me from doing all You have called me to do. Your love will deliver all who will call on You. You will show them a way of life that will be far better than anything they can provide for themselves. All who call on You will be thrilled with Your great provisions. They are going to be glad they put their trust in You. You are the answer to all our needs. I look to You for everything. I have seen all Your creation. I have seen You run this world. You have never gone back on anything You have said. You have always done far beyond anything I could think of or ask for.

Psa 33:20 (NIV) We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. I wait on You God. I give up rushing out to do something for You. I want to have You working through me. I wait for You to indicate that You are ready to move forward. All my hope is in You. I can now see that nothing is possible through me. Even though I serve You, I still can't survive a moment without You. I would have never measured up to the task. I have to always have Your help and Your protection. I will die a premature death without You always being there. Nothing works without You making it work. All possibilities are only in You. You can be all I need to be. Your life is being lived in and through me. Your ministry is flowing out to do what only You can do. People don't need me. They need You. I want them to only get You.

Psa 33:21 (NIV) In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. You have made my life wonderful. You have put the song and rejoicing in my heart. You alone have made the difference in me. All my trust in other things has failed me miserably. My life was filled with great disappointment. Nothing good came to me. It wasn't until I put my trust in Your holy Name, that everything changed. It has been proven to me over and over again that You are the only answer to all of my and other's needs. Let all mankind know this truth. Help them to give up their struggling to make other things work. Show them that You are the only answer. Make them receptive to Your gospel message. Draw them to Jesus. Show them the meaning of the gospel message. Reveal Your great truths to them so they can find You.

Psa 33:22 (NIV) May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you. Let Your great family grow, O God. Your love is unfailing. May it be a part of all who hear Your message of good news. Raise up hope in all of us. Help me to supply the truths they need. I want to do my part to spread Your unfailing love into the hearts and lives of the people of this world. They must experience what I have experienced. They must have the eternal provisions I have. They must know You like I know You. I don't want any to miss out on all of the great provisions for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May Your unfailing love rest on us all, O Lord. Help us all to put our complete trust and hope in You.

PSALM 34

God, I want to give glory to Your Name.

Psa 34:1 (NIV) Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he left. I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. There are times, Lord, when I don't feel like being happy. I don't want to say anything positive. Everything seems bad. Sometimes I can only think and see negative things. I want to feel sorry for myself. And, I don't want anyone trying to cheer me up. Then I remember my commitment. I have resolved to extol You at all times. I want Your praise to be always on my lips. So, I bring my attitudes before You. I want to praise and worship You no matter what is going on in my life. Help me to always have a close and loving relationship with You. You are always worthy of my praise.

Psa 34:2 (NIV) My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

I boast in Your greatness. Nothing is happening to me that You will not work together for good. There is never a reason for me to start feeling picked on. You are taking care of all my needs. Help me to stop looking at my circumstances. Help me to realize that my circumstance are never too difficult for You. I may be in a situation where I am being afflicted with all kinds of situations. But, I can still boast in You. Bad circumstances don't mean defeat for me. They are no evidence that I am in trouble. They don't prove anything. I can still know that You will always come through. Let me be able to hear and rejoice in You.

Psa 34:3 (NIV) Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. Rather than me depressing and discouraging everyone with my bad attitudes, help me to draw them into praise. Help me to bring glory to Your Name even when typically my situation would push me in the opposite direction. Help me to not only start praising and glorifying You myself; but, to help others to join me. I want to be a godly influence on people even during times when I don't feel like being a good influence. Help me to always be one who brings people into exalting Your name together with me. I know that I will start feeling praise if I will just get started. You always change my attitudes and get my eyes off of my circumstances. Just as soon as I really start looking at You, I always start feeling praise for Who You are.

Psa 34:4 (NIV) I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. During times when I am doing more thinking than seeking, I usually fail to see any hope for my situation. Help me to do less thinking and more seeking You. Somehow I seem to feel that I need to see a way to solve my problems myself. I keep analyzing the situation and trying to find some way I can solve it. Once I come to the conclusion that there is no way I am going to be able to do that, I start to panic. Help me to look at every situation with You. Help me to bring You into every moment of my life automatically. If I seek You, You will deliver me from all my fears. You are always waiting for me to invite You into each area of my life. Every time I seek You, You always come through. You have never let me down or failed me. Help me to see that and seek You immediately.

Psa 34:5 (NIV) Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. I want my face to change from being stressed out to radiance. I want the people around me to be drawn into You. I want my face to bring glory and praise in the hearts of those around me. Let them see You and Your influence being exhibited through my facial expressions. Some times my expressions give the impression that You are letting me down. I don't want to send out that message to others. You have never put me to shame. I am sorry that I didn't come to You first. I am sorry that I tried to solve my problems without You. That soured my attitudes and created bad impressions on my face. Help me to always look to You. I know that is going to change my attitudes and my face is going to show forth complete confidence in You.

Psa 34:6 (NIV) This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. Even in times when I don't feel like it, help me to call on You. If I will, You will hear me and save me out of my troubles. I need to be able to break through these bad attitudes and call on You. Help me to be able to call so You can hear me and save me out of these pressing troubles. The troubles seem to cause me to not feel like calling. Yet, calling gets me out of my troubles. Please deliver me from this cycle of failure.

Psa 34:7 (NIV) The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Help me to realize that You are completely protecting me from all of these imagined calamities I have in my mind. I look at the circumstances and let them become too big for me. I compare them with me and my abilities. I fail to compare them with all Your provisions. You and all Your angels are much bigger than anything that can come my way. Rather than having a fear that draws my attention to the circumstances of my life, I want the fear that draws me into respect for You. Help me to so fear You that I refuse to do anything that is disappointing to You. Help me to fear You more than I fear things that would pull me away from You. I accept this godly fear that motivates me to yield to You and receive Your deliverance.

Psa 34:8 (NIV) Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Sometimes I just need to take small steps in Your direction. Because of all my bad attitudes and frustrations, I can't totally head back into the right direction. Let me just start tasting all You have to offer. Provide me samples of Your greatness so as to draw me back into a proper attitude toward You. I desperately need You. I can't afford to be in a place where I can't get all You have to offer. Please let me start seeing what my life would be like if I had Your provisions. Things can distract me. I can get overwhelmed by the things I see. My mind is too limited to resist the evidences around me. Keep Your greatness before my eyes all the time. God, I taste You and Your provisions. I see that You are good. I am blessed because I run into You and hide. Keep me looking to You for all my needs.

Psa 34:9 (NIV) Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. I fear a lot of things, God. I fear pain, death, lack, and spiritual dryness. Many times those fears take the place of my fear of You. The fears I have from the issues of this life bring me nothing but pain, failure, and disappointment. A fear of You causes me to lack nothing. I should be an easy decision. I should be motivated by a fear of You. I should care more about how You feel than for how others will feel. I want this fear that trumps all these other fears and concerns. Let me so fear doing anything that You don't like, that I don't care if it disappoints others. I want Your opinions and attitudes to be my priority. I want what You think to be much more important than what others think.

Psa 34:10 (NIV) The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. The power of the lion isn't enough to make sure that they eat. The power of all people put together lack the ability to supply all our needs. We will all grow weak and hungry if we don't learn that You are the only power that meets all needs. If I get depressed and discouraged, I am only going to be delivered through Your power and provisions. As I look around me, I see people trying to take care of all their needs and situations. They are having to spend all their time and energy just to survive. They fill their lives with things they think will satisfy. Yet they continue all the days of their lives trying to find happiness. Only the things You provide will satisfy. Even if I could supply my needs and solve my problems, I would still not be happy. All the good things come from You.

Psa 34:11 (NIV) Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Teach me Your fear, God. Give me wisdom, understanding, and knowledge concerning all of its makeup. Let me grow in it until it fills my life with total faith and trust in You. Let it be such a strong motivation that I never stray from serving and living in dependency in You. Teach me how to make it a part of every fiber of my being. Expand it into framework of my heart. Mix it into all that I say and do. Let it dominate the decisions of my life and ministry. Make it clear to me so I will love being motivated by it. Help me to embrace it so I never resist its influence on my relationship with You. Help me to see all of its benefits. Let my desires seek it with everything I am.

Psa 34:12 (NIV) Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, Make my days on this earth one of complete satisfaction to You. Let me so live my life that You are completely pleased with everything I say and do. Give me many good days filled with Your total influence. Let my life be under Your control. I want You to do everything You determine to do through me. I don't want anything in my life that resists the slightest desire You have. I lay my life and ministry at Your feet. I want You more than anything else. You are my goal and my endeavor. To have You and all You have to offer will make all my days a complete satisfaction to me. I want to spend all of eternity with You. I want this life to so count for Your glory that it will make my eternity be in a perfect place with You.

Psa 34:13 (NIV) keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Take control of my mouth. Rule over my tongue in complete success. Let the words of my mouth be totally pleasing to You. I believe in You and all You have to offer. I believe that Your Holy Spirit is able to bring everything I say into submission to You. I know that I am completely inadequate to keep my tongue from evil. I know that I would continuously speak lies. But, Your strength is made perfect in my weakness. You are more than enough to transform all of my words. Let my weak words become Your words of creative power. Let the lives of the people hear what You have to say. Let them be saved, transformed, and healed by the words that You speak through me.

Psa 34:14 (NIV) Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. It is my desire to turn from evil and do good. I know that, that is not possible in me. I seek You, my Prince of Peace. I make You the pursuit of my life. All the good days that You give me I devote to seeking and pursuing You. Give me great power and ability to seek You. Supply me with all that I need to obtain You. Anoint me with the greatness of Your Holy Spirit. Let that anointing give me the way to get You for now and all eternity. There is nothing I want more. You are my everything. Nothing can compare to all You are. You are my God and my goal for all of eternity. You are the prize that I seek. You are the life eternal that I pursue.

Psa 34:15 (NIV) The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; Hear my cry, O God. See the desires of my heart. There is nothing that my body craves that is what I want. My body and its weaknesses do not represent the cry of my spirit. Be attentive to the real passion of my heart. See beyond all of the shortcomings of my flesh. Give me victory over all that tries to trip me up. Let Your ears hear beyond all the circumstances and worldly influences that try to lure me away from You. The inconsistencies that sometimes show up in my life don't represent what I want. Let my life be transformed into the true desires of my heart. Let Your Holy Spirit provide me with all that I need to succeed over my body, the world, and the devil. Let me serve You with all that is within me and all that I have.

Psa 34:16 (NIV) the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. Move into all of my circumstances. Resist all that tries to distract me. Create a straight and level path before me. Make it possible for me to serve You and obey You in everyway. Let Your greatness be presented in and through me to all mankind. I want everyone to see how great and wonderful You are. I believe in Your power and abilities to change the lives of all You touch through me. I believe in the might of Your Holy Spirit to work through me to do all that You have called me to do. Be strong and mighty in and through me to the needy. Don't let me fail them in any way. They desperately need all You have to offer. I must be all that I need to be. You will accomplish it, mighty God. I believe in You.

Psa 34:17 (NIV) The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. I don't want troubles or any other thing to distract me from what You have called me to do. I have been made the righteousness of Christ Jesus. I want that great provision to flow through me to all who will receive Him and all He has to offer. I am crying out to You. I know You have heard me. I know You are delivering me from all that resists Your Truth. You will move mightily in and through me to all who will listen to what You have to say. I believe in Your love and Your greatness. I know You won't withhold any good thing from Your people. Use every Christian in the same way. Don't let a one of them fall behind in all the great things You have to offer.

Psa 34:18 (NIV) The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. I allowed all my disappointments to breach my relationship with You. My attention was focused on all my problems and needs. I started really feeling sorry for myself. The more I did this, the more depressed I got. With my attention on me, I couldn't see You and all You had to offer. All I could see was the impossibilities and difficulties of the problems I had. You were right there. You were more than willing to step in and help me. All I had to do was get my eyes back on You. You not only care about my broken heartedness, You are loving and powerful enough to do what I need. You immediately came and healed my crushed spirit. You were just waiting for me to call on You for help.

Psa 34:19 (NIV) A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; Sometimes I feel like I shouldn't have troubles. I get to thinking that Christians should be free from all troubles. But, that isn't what You have set up. You have explained in Your Word that we will have troubles in this life. Deliver me from being shaken when I have problems. Help me to not be confused when difficulties come my way. All of this is normal for this world. Put a good attitude in my heart. Let me maintain my faith and trust in You. I want to believe in Your control over my life regardless on the experiences I have. I may have many troubles, but You will deliver me from them all. That is what I want to be thinking about. You are going to take every situation and make it work out for good according to Your plan. That is good enough for me.

Psa 34:20 (NIV) he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. After all the dust clears, I always come out on top. You have never failed me in any situation. Their no reason for me to start doubting You now. At times when all seems lost, I can look back on all the victories You have given me. As I look at them one by one I can see that You have never let me down. I have been victorious in the face of every issue I have had to deal with. I remember all of Your times of faithfulness. My heart gets filled with great joy as I go over all Your miracles You have worked for me. My faith soars as I recall each detail of each situation. First I remember how impossible it seemed at the time. Then I remember how great a victory You gave me when the answer came. You have held me together and made me a winner in spite of all that I have gone through.

Psa 34:21 (NIV) Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. Not only do I win over my enemies. You keep them from being able to regroup and come after me again. The evil they embrace will be their destruction. The motivations that drove them to seek my harm will be their undoing. Their character will keep them from being blessed in their efforts. You will make it all turn out right and just. They can't win against me. All their confidence and bragging won't be able to come to pass. You have made me Your righteousness in Christ Jesus. Therefore, my foes will be condemned.

Psa 34:22 (NIV) The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him. There is no condemnation against me. Jesus' righteousness has exempt me from it all. I have hidden my life in Him. He is my place of refuge. I serve Him with all I am and will ever be. My trust isn't in me or my accomplishments. I believe in the grace You have provided me through Christ. I have Your full redemption. All my sins have been washed away. My life is filled with Your continual blessing. Nothing that comes against me can succeed. All evil that tries to overtake me must first pass through You. I am in You and they can't get to me because nothing is big enough to defeat You.

PSALM 35

God, my **friends** have turned against me.

Psa 35:1 (NIV) Of David. Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. Lord, they have accused me of doing things that aren't true. They have tried to ruin my reputation and destroy my relationships. They go around talking against me to everyone they think will be my friend. They try to make it look like I am the one who is doing all the lying. The things they accuse me of are actually things they have done and are doing. Put a stop to their lies. Reveal the truth about me to all my friends. My friends have turned their backs on me. They have believed all these lies that my enemies have spread around. Fight against them and put them to shame.

Psa 35:2 (NIV) Take up shield and buckler; arise and come to my aid. Let the full armor You have surrounded me with come to my aid. Protect me from the fiery arrows of the devil. Cause the shield of faith You have given me be empowered to quench them. Satan is a liar and so are his people. He has filled their mouths with his lies and they have yielded to his wishes. Use this full armor You have given me to put a stop to all they are trying to accomplish. Help me take up the sword of the Spirit and bring Your powerful Word into action. Let us work together to put a stop to all they have planned for me.

Psa 35:3 (NIV) Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation." Give me Your power and Your spiritual weapons to bring them down. You are in me and all Your ministry is in me. Send forth Your weapons that are powerful to the tearing down of satanic strongholds. Use me to be strong in You and in Your mighty power. You are my salvation and I will never lose a battle because of You. You have provided me with all that I need to defeat the efforts of Satan and his people. Provide the assurance of all Your salvation stands for. Help my heart accept the Truth about all its provisions. As long as I have that assurance and Truth, I can go forth with You and defeat everything they bring against me.

Psa 35:4 (NIV) May those who seek my life be disgraced and put to shame; may those who plot my ruin be turned back in dismay. They had hoped that all their gossip and lies would destroy me and the ministry You gave me. They thought that they could bring an end to all You had called me to do. They rejoiced as they saw me suffer. They winked at each other as they brought all their accusations against me. They were convinced that they had brought an end to me and all I stood for. Instead, O God, bring disgrace on them. Thwart their goals and plans. Let me stand before You in Your righteousness. Give me victory so they can see that You have not rejected me. Let me sing forth all Your praises. Make me an example of all Your grace and mercy. Cause them to all be turned back in dismay. Not because of my goodness. But, because of Jesus' provisions; let me live and do Your work in a mighty way.

Psa 35:5 (NIV) May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away; As they came against me, they looked like a mighty army. Their weapons seemed to be too great for me to survive. Their power seemed to be unlimited. My heart and life was crushed before their hand. No matter which way I turned they pursued me. There was no way of escape for me to find. Nothing I did seemed to be powerful enough to stop them. They were too big for me to handle. But, You stepped in and revealed Your greatness. I say my situation in comparison to You. They became small and insignificant before You. My heart gained courage when I saw how powerful You really are. Now I know that You are more than enough to handle them. May they be like chaff before the wind. Send Your angel to drive them away. Give me the plans You have always had for me. Fulfill Your will in all that I think and do.

Psa 35:6 (NIV) may their path be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them. When my enemies came after me, they seemed to have a wide road to travel to get to me. All their plans were clear to them. They successfully carried them out without confusion. They could see their target and hit me as if they had the noonday sun to light their way. Nothing seemed to stand in their way as they attacked. One victory after another became their standard way of life. But as I call on Your name, things are changing. You are my protection and vindication. Bring great darkness to their efforts. Take away their ability to find me. Surround them with darkness and insecurity. Let their footing be too slippery for them to be able to advance. Send Your angel against them. Pursue them and keep them busy fleeing from You.

Psa 35:7 (NIV) Since they hid their net for me without cause and without cause dug a pit for me, I had my own sins and shortcomings. I did not live my life with perfection or total righteousness. You have revealed many areas of need. I have had to repent and respond to many of Your corrections. You have had to work on a lot of areas in my life. But, You did not need any of their hatred. You didn't send them to break me and beat me down. Their net wasn't for bringing about my spiritual growth. They dug a pit for the sole purpose of destroying me. They weren't motivated by Your grace and mercy. Their net and their pit came from hatred and destruction. They came against me without a godly cause.

Psa 35:8 (NIV) may ruin overtake them by surprise-- may the net they hid entangle them, may they fall into the pit, to their ruin. Since they came against me without grace and mercy, let them experience the ruin that they planned for me. Shock them with a revelation of Your Truth. Show them where their heart really was. Cause them to see the folly of the net they prepared for me. Give them a personal view of the pit they dug for me. If it is possible, let them experience the net and pit they prepared for me. If it can be done, let this experience change their heart to repentance. Let them turn to You and learn Your grace and mercy. Teach them the Truth of Your love and great salvation provisions. Give them a whole new way to live their life. Show them that Your ways are much better than their ways. Forgive them and heal them like You have done for me.

Psa 35:9 (NIV) Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD and delight in his salvation.

I will praise You for Your great work. You can turn my enemies into brothers and sisters. You can change hate into love and forgiveness. You can take destruction and turn it into eternal life. I praise You for Your greatness. Your salvation can transform the most foul of all sinners. You can put a whole new heart in us and make us into Your children. You can turn mortals into glorified beings who will spend eternity with You. You have a power that is used for making all things new. You use Your authority and positions to save people from their all their wrong doings. You are the answer to all the earth's problems and woes.

Psa 35:10 (NIV) My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, O LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them."

Who is like You? Who represents Truth and holiness but You? No where have I found anything like Your Word. You insist on character that no one else will require. You bring about justice under the leadership of grace and mercy. You love and yet judge with perfect balance. You forgive and yet punish by using perfect wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. You deliver and yet hold captive through Your perfect holiness and power. The strong are allowed to live in freedom. Yet the poor are protected and blessed through Your people. The strong try to destroy the poor. Yet You raise the poor up to live with You in eternal riches. When all stand before You in judgment, all will see how fair and loving You have been. No one will examine Your methods and find fault with them. Everyone will examine them and then bow their knees before You and proclaim You completely guiltless of all You have done. All will admit You have been perfect in all Your ways.

Psa 35:11 (NIV) Ruthless witnesses come forward; they question me on things I know nothing about. Lord, People don't have to have a reason to attack. They are willing to make things up. They go around creating trouble and gossiping about things that don't exist. They seem to enjoy running people down. Spending their days coming up with new lies seems to be their favorite pastime. I am giving my life over to You. My whole desire is to live a righteous and godly life. When these accusations come against me, I examine my life and hold it up to You to see if there is any truth in it. It tears away at my heart and grieves my spirit as I try to make some sense of all that they are saying. I look for a basis for why they are coming up with such accusations. I can't find a shred of truth in any of it. It appears to all be unfounded.

Psa 35:12 (NIV) **They repay me evil for good and leave my soul forlorn.** Sometimes I try to make peace with them. I work with them trying to prove that I am innocent. I even try to make friends with them so they will know that I am not like they are saying. I do good things to them and act like they haven't said all the evil things they have said. I treat them with respect and kindness and all they repay me with is more lies. It seems like there is nothing I can do to change their mind. No matter what I say they use it against me to further prove that I am evil. They go around trying to get new colleagues to join in their cause. It appears to be a campaign dedicated to destroying my reputation. They hate me without a cause and they attack me without a reason.

Psa 35:13 (NIV) **Yet when they were ill, I put on sackcloth and humbled myself with fasting. When my prayers returned to me unanswered,** They were my friends in my heart. They came to me with major problems and needs. I bound up their wounds and took care of their emotional hurts. I watched over them like it was my own life. When they faced something that I couldn't seem to get an answer for, I went back to You to see if there was something in my life that was keeping them from getting healed. When they suffered, I suffered with them. I stayed late at night and got up early in the morning to care for them when they called. I poured my life into them because they were suffering and needed Your miracles in their lives.

Psa 35:14 (NIV) **I went about mourning as though for my friend or brother. I bowed my head in grief as though weeping for my mother.** My heart was stressed and my soul was in mourning when they made bad decisions. I worried about them when I didn't know where they were. I felt their pain and cried when they cried. I treated them like my own family. It was like my brother or mother was going through the difficulties they suffered. I poured all my heart into our relationship. I didn't withhold anything from my emotions and concern. I desired Your blessings, healing, and salvation on them as if they belonged to my family. Day and night I cried out to You for some special touch on their life.

Psa 35:15 (NIV) **But when I stumbled, they gathered in glee; attackers gathered against me when I was unaware. They slandered me without ceasing.** But when I ran into trouble, they were immediately against me. They rejected me and were glad to see me fall. Not only did they not come to my rescue, they joined in as attackers and helped me be destroyed. They didn't remember any of the times I held their hand and prayed for their deliverance. Instead, they started slandered me and doing damage to my name. They contacted as many people as they could to spread the news of my calamity. More and more they developed new stories and produced more evidence for my destruction.

Psa 35:16 (NIV) Like the ungodly they maliciously mocked ; they gnashed their teeth at me. It was as if they had never become Christians. Their whole attitude was filled with fleshly desires of hate and disdain. They didn't pray for me or hold my hand as I went through my problems. There was no love in their heart when they looked at me. It became obvious that they only cared about themselves. If I was no longer a source of comfort, then I was no longer useful to them. So they mocked me and gnashed their teeth at me. Their true character showed up. We weren't really friends. I was their tool to get their needs met. There was no real Christian fellowship or unity in them.

Psa 35:17 (NIV) O Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my life from their ravages, my precious life from these lions. Lord, not only do I suffer from what they are doing, I suffer from all they did against me. Their words stick in my mind like glue. I bring all that damage before You, mighty God. I lay it at Your feet. Heal me with Your hand of love. Take the sting out of all their attacks against me. Give me a new life that is free from all they have said and done. Let me live like they never inflicted me. Provide me with such healing that can't remember anything that happened. They meant to do me harm. They wanted to destroy me. They only cared about devouring me so they could satisfy their own lusts. Take my precious life and free it from all they had planned for me.

Psa 35:18 (NIV) I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among throngs of people I will praise you. Because of Your great deliverance, Lord, I will praise You among Christians and I will praise You among the lost. I would have been destroyed if it were not for Your intervention. You have loved me with a great love. You have shown me a friendship that has far exceeded anything any human could provide. For all the evil people have done to me, You have provided much more good. You have never let me down. I knew I could count on You for all my needs. Even when I felt like I was going to die, I knew You would be waiting for me with all the greatness of eternity. I love You and praise You and want share Your glory with all people everywhere.

Psa 35:19 (NIV) Let not those gloat over me who are my enemies without cause; let not those who hate me without reason maliciously wink the eye. Heavenly Father, Satan wants to cause me to feel defeated. He hopes to so discourage me that I feel useless to You and Your work. Don't let him and his people gloat over me. Don't let them bring my heart down into despair. So many have rejected me and ignored me without a reason. They go on about their lives and feel fine without me being a part of their life. All this rejection is trying to say that You are not going to use me. Satan is saying that this all means that You don't want me to be a part of what You are doing. They all wink at each other as if I am a joke. They see me as a complete reject from all that is godly.

Psa 35:20 (NIV) They do not speak peaceably, but devise false accusations against those who live quietly in the land. These people are showing their true nature, God. They are constantly stirring up trouble with all those around them. People who want and give peace are tormented by them. They can't find anything wrong with these peaceful people. So, they devise false accusations against them. See their character, O God. Judge them on the basis of their constant trouble they create. They are quarrelling and fighting with people who aren't doing anything against them. They act like they are being attacked when no one has said an unkind word to them.

Psa 35:21 (NIV) They gape at me and say, "Aha! Aha! With our own eyes we have seen it." All their accusations against me are false. You have put Your righteousness in me. You have forgiven me of all my sins. You have made me Your righteousness in Christ Jesus. You see me through the blood that Jesus shed for me. They are acting like none of that has happened. They are trying to make me guilty for things You have done away with. Plus, they have added issues that I was never involved in. They say they have seen me doing these things. But they are lying through their teeth. Stop their stares of accusation. Stop their lies that try to tear me down. They haven't seen me do evil. They are the ones who are being and doing evil.

Psa 35:22 (NIV) O LORD, you have seen this; be not silent. Do not be far from me, O Lord. Lord, You were there when it all happened. You heard me cry out for forgiveness for all my sins. You were the One Who stepped in and forgave me. You were the One Who started me out on a new path. You were there when they all accused me. You saw the wounds inflicted on my heart. I didn't join them in their strife. Your Holy Spirit kept me from speaking against them when they attacked. You were there guiding me into peace and love. You know I still loved them as if they were my own body. You were there when I forgave them. You have seen all this and understand the truth. Open Your blessings to me. Come close to me and anoint me for a whole new work.

Psa 35:23 (NIV) Awake, and rise to my defense! Contend for me, my God and Lord. I can't live without You, Lord. I have no power to defend myself. Anything I say or do doesn't solve the problems. You are the only answer to wounds in my heart and the attacks in my life. Only You can give me favor with my friends. You alone can give me victory over my enemies. You have the exclusive power to bring peace and love into my relationships. I am looking to You for the answers to all my problems and difficulties. Come to my defense. Present your power and intervention in my behalf. You are my God and my Lord. I lay my life and my cause at Your feet. I want to be free to move forward in Your ways and in Your work. My success in all these things is founded on a complete faith and trust in You.

Psa 35:24 (NIV) Vindicate me in your righteousness, O LORD my God; do not let them gloat over me. I know You have special plans for me. You are always doing good things in my life and ministry. You have spoken to my heart concerning Your future You have developed for me. You are always assuring me that You will never give up on me. You have given me great dreams and wonderful goals for my future. When You and I are talking, I feel so secure in Your promises and investments You have made in my life. But, as I look at the constant resistance to my life and ministry, I start feeling some discouragement. They are trying to bring me down and make me feel there is no hope. Help me keep my eyes on You and Your greatness. Vindicate me in Your righteousness, my Lord and my God. They are gloating over my lack of success in Your work. They think they have stopped me. Please, don't let them gloat anymore. Raise me up for Your glory and honor. I know I don't deserve to be a part of Your mighty work. But, I believe in Your great grace and mercy.

Psa 35:25 (NIV) Do not let them think, "Aha, just what we wanted!" or say, "We have swallowed him up." Show them how much You love me. Show them how great Your forgiveness is. Let them look at me and see Your tremendous grace and mercy for Your people. Use me to reveal to them what an awesome God You are. Even though I am weak and flawed, You take advantage of them and produce Your great strength in their place. When they see how You have taken such a useless person like me and made me into Your wonderful handicraft, they will know what a great God You are. Even though they think they have killed all my hopes and dreams, prove to them that they are completely wrong. While they are thinking that they have put a stop to all You had planned for me, show them how wrong they are.

Psa 35:26 (NIV) May all who gloat over my distress be put to shame and confusion; may all who exalt themselves over me be clothed with shame and disgrace. They are happy that they have achieved such a victory over me. They are gloating over how much damage they have brought into my life and ministry. Bring shame and confusion by blessing large quantities of people through my life and ministry. Cause great shame and disgrace to come on them by making me a mighty channel through which You flow. I know that it is only by Your wonderful grace and mercy that this is possible. But, that is Who You are and what You do.

So many are hurting me with their exaltation of themselves over me. They won't include me or make me a part of those things they are doing for You. I sit on the sideline wanting an opportunity to join them in their blessings that they are receiving from You. I watch them as they enjoy the wonderful things You are doing in and through them. I long to be a part of such dynamic outpourings of Your Spirit. I imagine how special it would be if they would reach out to me and say that I can be a part. Make me into a person who will include all who are willing to join in Your work. Help me not just offer those things no one wants to do. Give me such great opportunities that I can make available to them that they are thrilled with the greatness of what You are offering them.

Psa 35:27 (NIV) May those who delight in my vindication shout for joy and gladness; may they always say, "The LORD be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant."

As You provide through me great opportunities to be used by You, let it be a mighty blessing to all who are longing to jump into Your mighty work. You, Jesus, were so inclusive with all who were willing to follow You. Your requirements were strict. But, all were invited to be a part. You didn't fill all the slots with people and then not have room for many more. You made everyone feel a part of You and all You were doing. This is how You are now. The work is great and plentiful. You are calling as many as will take up their cross and follow You. You aren't rejecting any that want to come. The openings for new workers are never full. This is bringing great excitement to those who are seeing what You are doing for me. They realize that if You will do it for someone like me, You will do it for them as well.

Psa 35:28 (NIV) My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long. You are my message. I devote my mouth to telling everyone who will listen about how great You are. When I thought it was all over, You came to my rescue. I will never be able to praise You enough. I will need eternity to worship and praise You. As long as I have breath, I want everyone to know that You are worthy of all praise. There is nothing You won't do to get goodness to all who will receive it. I give You my life and ministry to anoint me to be one who praises and leads in praise all who will worship You. Let all Your people speak forth Your greatness to all who do not know You. Put an excitement in our heart that springs forth like a mighty river. Move Your Holy Spirit in and through us to bless the hearts of all the people on this planet. We want all to know how great and wonderful You really are.

PSALM 36

God, I want to proclaim Your gospel message.

Psa 36:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. Lord, there are those who are wicked because they have not had an opportunity to receive You into their life. And, there are those who are wicked in spite of the fact that they have been given ample opportunities to live for You. I bring the person who has never had that chance to experience Your greatness, before You. They don't realize how dangerous a life they are living. Great fear would fill their heart if they knew about Your wrath against sin. Help me and all the rest of Your people to provide them with the power of the gospel. Let a fear and respect for You be planted in the heart of this type of sinner. Awaken them to the dangers and awaken them to the mighty blessings that come to those who give their heart and life to You.

For the wicked who have chosen to reject You, I pray against them. Don't let them use their evil to stop Your gospel message. Debilitate them by Your power and by the work of Your people. Protect us from their evil plans. Use them to show those who haven't rejected You how hard the way of the transgressor is. Let them see their calamity. Give the unsaved a true picture of where they are heading if they don't allow You to change their direction. So give over to punishment and wrath the wicked that all who haven't received You will repent of their wickedness and be saved.

Psa 36:2 (NIV) For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.

I pray for a mighty move of Your Holy Spirit among the sinners. Reveal their sins to them. Make their sins to be exceedingly sinful to them. Help them get their eyes off of their own selves and help them see how much their sins are hurting others. Help them to hate what they are doing against those around them. Let them understand why You have designated these things sin. You are such a loving God that You have spoken against and made to be sin anything that is harmful to people. You are the only One Who has developed such a plan to set people free from abuse. Help the sinner to see how much they hate being sinned against. Then use that hatred to bring them to a hatred of their own sins.

Psa 36:3 (NIV) The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good.

Because of the sinner's selfishness, he doesn't mind speaking forth wickedness and deceit. They don't notice how much damage is being done by all of these words. They only see the benefits they are getting from the sins. They can't feel the hurt and pain they are inflicting on others. They only concentrate on the pleasure it is bringing them. Show them how unwise and evil they really are. Give them a chance to look back on their life and see its downward progression. Let them be able to compare their life with one of wisdom and goodness. Make it possible for them to consider the choices they are making. Then give them a chance to hear the gospel message so they can turn and go in the opposite direction.

Psa 36:4 (NIV) Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong.

Heavenly Father, sin is dominating these people's lives. They don't get a moment in all the time they are awake to consider Your alternatives. Their lives are made up of sinful systems. They think they have to be evil in order to get by in this world. People are plotting evil against them. They think they have retaliate with evil in order to survive. Wrong gradually becomes the right thing to do. Wrong becomes their only hope of existence. Remove the blindness from their eyes and help them see how wrong their evil is. Show them a better way to live. Let the power of Your gospel set them free from sinful course they have committed themselves to.

Psa 36:5 (NIV) Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your way is so much better than the way of sin. Help me and all of Your people to understand Your love. You have died for the lost. You love them as much as You love us. It is wonderful that we are experiencing and understanding Your love. But, I want all who are willing to have all that I have. I want them to see a love that reaches to the heavens. I want them to experience a faithfulness that extends to the skies. Many have never been given a chance to get even a peek at such a wonderful life. They desperately need all You have to offer. They are suffering in a horrible life of sin. They must see all of Your provisions. I must give them a chance to exchange their life for one with Your greatness in it.

Psa 36:6 (NIV) Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. Many sinners have never heard about Your mighty righteousness. You can give them Your righteousness and set them free from all their sins. It is like standing in front of a mighty mountain. Your righteousness, that You provide, is huge like them. The provisions that the sinner would experience would tower high above them. It would be bigger than anything they could imagine. Use me to proclaim its greatness. Use me to help them see Your justice that is deeper than the deepest part of the ocean. Help me help them see all of this. Let them understand it and marvel at its wonder and power. The only reason the sinner is still alive is because You are preserving them. Let them see that they only have so much time to choose You and be set free.

Psa 36:7 (NIV) How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. We Christians have had a wonderful chance to see Your unfailing love. We have been blessed constantly by it. I don't want to hide it from all who have eyes to see. I want to shout it from the mountain tops for all who have ears to hear. It doesn't matter what a person's status in life is. No one is too rich or too poor for You to be able to save them. No one is too bad or too good for You to be able to transform them. You have extended the wings of Your protection out to all who will receive You as their God and Savior. Help me to present You in all Your greatness. Let me be able to and then show all just how wonderful You are.

Psa 36:8 (NIV) They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. What a wonderful life You have provided me. I have only known abundance and delights. Deliver me from all selfishness. Send me out to bring in the needy and rejected. Let me provide them with Your great provisions. I want to invite them into Your house. I want them to live with You for eternity. They are dying of spiritual hunger and thirst. I must be empowered lead them to Your river of delights. These provisions of Yours are unlimited. There will always be room for one more. There is no reason for me to be selfish. You supply will never run out or grow scarce. Anoint me with the greatness of Your Holy Spirit. Empower me to be totally obedient to the great commission. Enlighten my heart and mind to be able to grasp all of Your truths. Cause them to flow in and through me like a mighty river. Make to flow from me into the lives of all who will listen and receive.

Psa 36:9 (NIV) **For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.** You have withheld nothing good from me. I have eternal life and a temporal life that is abundantly blessed by You. I see clearly all the greatness of Your presence. Light has lit all the pathways of my steps. I am a greatly blessed person that enjoys a wonderful relationship with my Heavenly Father. The least I can do to show my appreciation is spread Your glory to all mankind. Open my life and make it available to those who are dying. Expand my ministry to those sitting in great darkness. I want them to have all that I have. I want them to know You like I know You. I must not fail to proclaim You and all You have to offer to every person on earth.

Psa 36:10 (NIV) **Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.** Continue to pour out Your love on me and the rest of Your people. Not so that I can be a reservoir. Make me a river that is constantly receiving Your love. Then let it pour fresh from me to all of mankind. Your righteousness is such that I must not hoard any of Your blessings. My upright heart, that Your Holy Spirit has created in me, demands that I share it all with everyone. Keep all of Your love moving in and through me in torrents. Let it be an unlimited flow. Let it reach and change all who will drink from it. Help me to constantly drink deeply from it as well. Keep me filled and keep all who will receive You filled to overflowing.

Psa 36:11 (NIV) **May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.** This ministry that You have given me must not be stopped. These are Your great provisions. The people of this world cannot live without them. They must have You and all You have to offer. Please don't let anyone get in my way. Let the power of Your great protection so surround me and all Your people that every person on earth gets an abundant outpouring of You and all You have to offer them. Stop all of the efforts of the proud and the wicked. Keep them from having even the slightest influence on the magnitude of Your mighty work. Give me and all of Your people complete victory over anything they might plan to do. Give us Your speed and Your success in everything we set out to do. Anoint us to set out to do everything You have commissioned us to do.

Psa 36:12 (NIV) **See how the evildoers lie fallen-- thrown down, not able to rise!** Thank You for not letting the evildoers have their way. Thank You for not allowing Satan and all his people to be able to thwart me and all of Your people in any way. Thank You for causing them to lie fallen. Thank You for throwing them down and not allowing them to rise. I believe You are answering all of these prayers I am praying. I believe that You are doing superabundantly above all that I am able to think or ask for. You are THE Great God! You are all I need. You are all I want. You are all I have. I love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Your Holy Spirit has poured an abundant supply of Your love into all that I am. I praise Your holy Name.

PSALM 37

God, I submit myself to Your Word and Your ways.

Psa 37:1 (NIV) Of David. Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; Heavenly Father, I know Your Word tells me that I am not wrestling against humans. It says I am wrestling against powers in the satanic realm. But, I find myself struggling against men. I often want to hate, speak against, retaliate, or protect myself against them. Satan is the power that is motivating all their actions. To inflict humans would be an exercise in futility. Help me to resist the devil like You told me to in Your Word. I have a tendency to get things backward. I seem to see things from a worldly perspective. Give me the ability to see things the way You do. I want to approach the issues of my life from a spiritual view point.

Psa 37:2 (NIV) for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Humans are so fragile. Their needs are so great. I don't want to make them my enemy. Teach me how to do spiritual warfare, my God. Deliver me from hating my enemies. Help me love people and hate Satan with a perfect hatred. Give me Your love for the people You have died for. Teach me how to live the victorious life against Satan, the defeated foe. Fill me with the fruit of the Spirit so I will treat everyone the way He has empowered me to. Flood my life with the light of Your fruit of the Spirit and run out the darkness of the deeds of the flesh. I want to be a person You can emanate out of and bless all the people of this world.

Psa 37:3 (NIV) Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Anoint me with a faith that never wavers. Support my trust in You until it is completely steadfast. Help me fix my eyes on You so I will always see things in relationship to Your existence. I love You and believe in Your love, grace, and power. Flow in and through me to these people who are so fragile. I want to be used by You to do good to all mankind. Put Your goodness in my heart and life. Create Your character in me so that I will live Your Word. Help me put Your full armor so I can defeat all Satan's efforts. Help me use Your equipment so I can resist the deeds of my body, the lure of the world, and the temptations of the devil. I want to live this life and the eternal life because of all Your provisions. Give me complete safety as I go forth in Your Name.

Psa 37:4 (NIV) Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. You are the desire of my heart. I want all You have to offer. Be the source of all I have and all I do. Come into my heart, soul, mind, and strength and be my life, I pray. I want to spend all of time and eternity with You and all You have to offer. I lay all I am before You so that You might take it and use it for Your glory and honor. You alone are worthy of all praise. You have provided all that mankind could ever need or want. You are THE great and mighty God of all creation. Give me the anointing, power, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom to be able to praise You and serve You with all that I am. Heal me of all obstructions that would in any way resist Your plans and will for my life and ministry.

Psa 37:5 (NIV) Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: I commit my will, plans, opinions, feelings, wants, and needs to You, Lord. Your Holy Spirit has built a great trust in You. He has made me able to look to You for all I am and all I need. He has blessed me with a great flow of Your provisions. He helped me think and say great and wonderful things to You. Help me understand and receive Your great and wonderful things. Because of Your Holy Spirit's great work, I believe You have heard and answered my prayers. I believe You will fulfill all Your wonderful, gracious, and merciful promises in and through my life. I can only do what You do through me. Nothing else is worth doing. People don't need me. They desperately need You and all You have to offer. Let them have You and the great things You can do for them. Use me in every way possible to accomplish that for them.

Psa 37:6 (NIV) He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Let Your righteousness be so complete in me that I live exactly the way You want me to live. Give me Your purity so You and live in me in Your completeness. Make me into a dwelling place where You are totally in control. I devote my body, my spirit, and my life to being fully pleasing to You. Cleanse me so You are able to be at home in me. Let my body be Your temple so You can flow in and through me to do all that You desire to do. Accomplish all of this in all of Your people who are willing to let You be the God of their life. Bless them and pour out Your Spirit on them. Show them all You have to offer them. Give them a great desire for Your righteousness. Let Your righteousness shine like the dawning of a new day in and through them. Use all of us to bring the justice of Your cause out like the noonday sun.

Psa 37:7 (NIV) Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Bring me into a stillness and a patient waiting on You, my God. Help me to remain connected to You in a complete way, all the time. Let Your Spirit intermingle with my spirit in total oneness. Make me one with You in all that I am to be all You want to be in me. I wait before You to move in and through me to accomplish Your will in my life and in this world. I see all kinds of things that people are doing. However, it only matters what You are doing. Their success is totally limited by Your will and Your ways. You are using them as vessels of dishonor to accomplish Your will on this earth. They are only succeeding in those areas that fulfill Your plan. Their wicked schemes may look like they are bringing about success for Satan's plans. However, they are all playing right into Your hands.

Psa 37:8 (NIV) Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret--it leads only to evil.

I have wanted to get directly involved in the issues of this world. I have felt great stress as I looked at all mankind is doing in their wicked schemes. Anger filled my heart and I wanted to try to use human means to combat their plans. Then You showed me the power of Your salvation. It transforms people into new creations. Those who were planning and doing great evil, changed and started living a life in submission to You. The gospel is Your power to total transformation. Your Holy Spirit helped me to realize that the great commission was the answer to the world's needs. Obedience to it would destroy the works of the devil. You have given us a power that pulls down strongholds. Our weapons are mighty. They aren't human weapons that deal with human techniques. They are spiritual and go directly into the heart and spirit of every person. Your salvation changes people from the inside out.

Psa 37:9 (NIV) For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

You have a plan that will take over this whole planet. The kingdoms of this earth will be a part of Your kingdom of Heaven. You planned all of this from the very beginning. Satan and his people will not and cannot win. I am on the victorious side. I want to make this message available to all mankind. I want them to see what You have shown me. I pray that You will help me show them how great a God You really are. Evil men will be cut off. All everyone has to do is put their hope in You. When we do, we will inherit the land. I devote myself to spreading that message to all of mankind. Everyone who wants to win can come to You and become a part of total victory. You and Your ways are great and wonderful. You are perfect in all You have, are, and are going to do. Praise Your holy Name!

Psa 37:10 (NIV) A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

The only way for a wicked person to win is to turn from their wicked ways and come to You, O holy God. Wickedness is going to be expunged from this earth. If a person will not give up their wickedness, then they will go where their wickedness is going. That is a completely fair, gracious, and merciful plan You have developed. You have made it possible for all of us to be set free from wickedness. Only those who love wickedness will refuse Your great deliverance. Those who hate being treated wickedly will be able to see how wrong wickedness is. Let Your message show them how to stop being treated wickedly. And, show them how to stop treating others with wickedness. Once we have been delivered from all of this sin, we will be able to go into Your eternal kingdom without being contaminants to it. It will be free from all wickedness. Even if we look for it, it will not be found.

Psa 37:11 (NIV) But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace. From the time You set up Your great kingdom to the ceaseless ages of eternity, the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace. There will be no evil to threaten them or make them afraid. What a great kingdom You are building. You have such wonderful plans for Your people. We will be able to rule and reign with You. Your people will experience total peace and joy. Happiness will fill the earth. Your pleasures will be forever more. Your Holy Spirit will cover the earth like the waters cover the ocean. We will all be submerged in Your Holy Spirit and Satan and all his demons and people will be completely separated from it. It is a glorious plan You are bringing into existence.

Psa 37:12 (NIV) The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; Sometimes I look at the current situation and forget how great Your plan is. Sometimes the plots of the wicked seem so real and threatening. There are times my eyes move from Your great plans and start looking at the way things are now. It is during those times that I feel concerned for all their gnashing of their teeth at me. I am made into Your righteousness in Christ Jesus. I know the wicked hate me like they hated You. However, I don't want to feel a lie. There is no way they can hurt me. I am an eternal being. Even if they kill me, I will live forever. Even if they strip me of all my earthly goods, I have all my treasures stored up in heaven. All their plots and their threats are meaningless in the face of Your great provisions.

Psa 37:13 (NIV) but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. Help me to always join You in laughing at the wicked. Keep my heart filled with the truth of eternity. Deliver me from earthly thinking. My body and my life on this earth isn't what it is all about. If I continue to live here, I will live it in oneness with Christ. If I leave this planet, I will spend eternity in oneness with Christ. To be alive is Christ and to die is total gain. You have set it all up where I cannot lose. The wicked cannot stop any of it from happening to me. As a matter of fact, the more they persecute me the greater You will reward me in eternity. The more they try, the more I win. Your plan is perfect. It cannot be improved on. Give me Your laughter. Let me join You in laughing at the wicked. Help me to rejoice and be exceedingly glad when people persecute me and say all kinds of things against me falsely for Your Name's sake.

Psa 37:14 (NIV) The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright. The wicked are busy trying to stop You and Your plan. They appear to the uninformed as being all powerful. The poor and needy often think that there is nothing they can do to win against them. As they see things from a temporal life view point, they feel helpless in this world. They wonder why You don't do something to deliver them from their plight. They think that when they die, they are going to cease to exist. They don't realize that You have an eternal plan for them. All they can see is the life they are now living. The people of Israel were looking for a king, a savior that would deliver them from their temporary distresses. But, when You came, You had a far superior plan. You came to offer them eternal deliverance from their distresses. It confused them that You didn't set up an earthly kingdom. They wanted to make You king of their temporal life. But, wanted to be king of their eternal life. What an awesome God You are.

Psa 37:15 (NIV) But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken. The poor and needy can have all their needs met. All they have to do is put their trust in You and You will provide them with a life that offers suffering for a very short time and then eternity in Your great kingdom. Help me to be able to show them this magnanimous truth. Let me give them that which will explode in their mind and in their heart with great hope and expectation. You will bless them now and You will raise them to great heights in eternity, if they will accept all You have to offer. These people that are impressing them and scaring them are going to lose. These people who seem to be totally victorious over them are going to disappear. Please help the poor and needy to give up their hatred against them and forgive them. Help the poor and needy to accept Your forgiveness and live forever in Your kingdom.

Psa 37:16 (NIV) Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; It confuses the poor and needy that the wicked seem to prosper. It looks like You are blessing the wicked and neglecting them. If only the gospel message could be presented to them. If only the poor and needy could see how unimportant the riches of this world are. The poor and needy can look to You and find riches that cannot be stolen, corroded, or lost. They are going to be able to put their hands on great wealth and eternal life in a place that is worth living in. They will have a body that will be able to appreciate life and great blessings. Let me share with them the truth about life and wealth. Our home is not on this earth. The sufferings of this world are not worthy to be compared with the glory we are going to get in Christ Jesus.

Psa 37:17 (NIV) for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous. To the uninformed, heavenly Father, it seems like a wicked person immediately takes the place of one who falls. In some cases it looks like two replace one fallen wicked person. Help me show them this is only temporary. This pattern is going to be broken at Your coming. This old system is coming to an end and Your kingdom will be set up forever. They are going to love living with You. The power of the wicked will be broken forever. You will uphold us then and You will uphold us now. Now You will give us the strength to hold on to the end. Then You will give us provisions that will bless us beyond our wildest dreams. You uphold the righteous.

Psa 37:18 (NIV) The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever. You see our sufferings. You care about all we have to go through. I know You are giving all Your people strength to handle all the evil that exists in this world. Help me to see the contrast between evil and Your holiness and purity. Let me use this time on earth to compare what Satan is and what You have chosen to be. My days are short here. I will soon live in a place where all this evil will never be remembered. I want to use my days of exposure to that which is opposite to You. I want to allow myself to be impressed with how different You are. Rather than being impressed or influenced by sin. I want to look at this world situation and realize how great Your holiness is. If I didn't have the wickedness of this world to look at, I might not be able to appreciate Who You are. I thank You for my days here on earth. And, I praise You with everything that is within me for my inheritance that will endure forever.

Psa 37:19 (NIV) **In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.** Another thing I want to compare while I live on this earth. It is how You supply for Your children. The way of the wicked person is always a path of suffering and defeat. Sometimes they hold a lot of earthly wealth in their hands. But, Your children hold an incredible amount of miracles and spiritual blessings in their heart. Your children often have great wealth pass through them. They seldom become rich even though they experience great wealth. Your children are rivers that allow Your blessing to flow through them. The wicked try to be reservoirs that keep all that comes to them. Your children share their wealth with those are facing disaster. In days of famine Your children are making sure that everyone gets their needs met. All during disaster and famine the rich try to protect their investments. The compassion of Your children will be transformed into great wealth here and great riches in eternity.

Psa 37:20 (NIV) **But the wicked will perish: The Lord's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish--vanish like smoke.** Help me not to become impressed with the success of the wicked. Show me how to react to the convenience and beauty they seem to possess. Let me keep in mind that they and their riches will vanish like smoke. Don't let me forget for a second that their way is a way of destruction. You have given me a much better way of life. I want to always appreciate and cooperate with Your will for me. I don't want what the world has to offer. I want Your kingdom to reign in my heart and life. I want to live the kingdom principles now. I am just a visitor here. I must always be aware that I am just passing through. Help me not to grab worldly things on my way. Set me free from all weights and sins at have a tendency to slow me down. Keep me unencumbered with the cares of this world, the desires of my body, and the plans of the devil. I want to be so trimmed down that I can run this race with great success in You.

Psa 37:21 (NIV) **The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;** Give me Your attitudes concerning money and things. Let me be a channel through which they flow to the needs of the needy and poor. Deliver me from greed or covetousness. Give me Your power to be glad others have what they have. Keep me from wanting to be like or have what others possess. I know You are giving me only that which is good for me. And, I know You are also giving me things that You want me to give to others. Make me aware of that which You want me to keep and that which You want me to give. Help me to always give everything that You want others to have. Produce a giving spirit in my heart and life. Develop a generous heart of love for all who are needy and oppressed. Make me a channel through which You pour great wealth to the needs of the needy.

Psa 37:22 (NIV) **those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off.** Move me into Your complete blessings. Deliver me from any curses that You are giving out. Put me in the center of Your blessings. I have to have all You have to offer. There is nothing of You that I can live without. Your blessings are vital to all my existence and ministry. All good comes from You. There is no good that can come from any other source. You are my only source for everything. I don't want anything that comes from any other source. Protect me from anything that doesn't come through You. Help me to show all others how to keep from being cut off. Let Your gospel message go out with such power and clarity that all see how to be blessed by You. Bless Your people and let them inherit this land so they can bring You to all people. Provide them with all they need to do Your work and fulfill Your great commission.

Psa 37:23 (NIV) **If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm;** Delight in my ways, O God. Make every step I take be pleasing in Your sight. Let every step I take be solidly placed inside of Your will only. I want to only walk in the paths You have prepared for me. Take my past walk and work it together for good. Take my present path and bless it for Your glory. Anoint my future path with Your presence and oneness. Let me always walk in unity with You. Let us walk as one in everything I do. I adore You and all You do. You are perfect in all Your ways. I only want Your ways to be my ways. If I have Your delight, then I have reached all my goals for my life. You are all I seek. There is no one and nothing that I want besides or in addition to You. You are everything to me.

Psa 37:24 (NIV) **though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.** I tried to not stumble and fall. I wanted to live a life that was pleasing in Your sight. I gave it my very best effort and failed. I thought You were extremely disappointed in all my failures and shortcomings. Then Your Holy Spirit showed me the Truth. You weren't looking for me to make myself better. You didn't make me one of Your children so I could try to live up to Your expectations. You make me one of Your children so I could have Your Spirit living in me. Now I have You empowering me to do that which I could never do. My faith is now in Your power and Your transformation. My eyes are no longer on me and my abilities. My eyes of faith are in Your great abilities. My life has been so supernatural and miraculous. Your Holy Spirit has shown me that all this success is You living my life through my body. Now that I know that it all comes through Your power, You and I are walking together. When my weaknesses try to cause me to stumble or fall, You are right there empowering me to stand. I am standing because You are holding me up. This brings great praise to my heart. Before, when You produced success in my life, I thought I had finally done some great thing for You. I became proud of my spiritual success. Then You had to let me go so I would learn that it was all You. Thank You for Your patience, love, grace, and mercy that taught me to praise You for everything.

Psa 37:25 (NIV) I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. This has been true of all my life, O God. You have never let me down. I have never seen those who have put their trust in You be let down. You have always taken care of all my needs. There were times when I had great trust in what I thought was good for me. During those times I became angry that You wouldn't do what I wanted You to do. Thank You for not getting angry back and letting me have something that would have hurt or destroyed me. I now know I have exactly what You want me to have. I am convinced that only good things are coming my way. I am also convinced that those things I don't have are currently bad for me. I believe in You for being the gate keeper for what comes into my life. You are my great provider.

Psa 37:26 (NIV) They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. You are my great provider. And You use me to be a provider for the needs of the needy. Generosity is a quality that Your Holy Spirit is working into my heart and life. Before the work of Your Holy Spirit, I couldn't see the things coming my way as being from You. I saw all that came to me as being mine. I didn't realize that You had plans for many of those things to go to others. I would praise You for blessing me with such blessings. Then I would use them as I saw fit. Your Holy Spirit is showing me generosity. I am learning that You are trusting me with other people's supply. Give me great generosity. I want to be a great channel through which You bless the lives of many people with all they need. I believe that all that comes my way belongs to You. I want You to always show me what You want me to keep and use. I also want You to empower me to give all that You want me to pass on to others.

Psa 37:27 (NIV) Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. Thank You for sending Your Spirit to convict me of sin, righteousness and judgment. Thank You for drawing me to Christ, heavenly Father. And, thank You for saving me from all my sins. You have helped me turn from evil and given me Your righteousness. Your Holy Spirit has helped me start doing good to those around me. Your great work of salvation has brought righteousness and transformation into my life so I can spend eternity with You. Help me to pass all these great provisions on to others. I want them to have everything You have given me. Open their heart to all You have to offer. Prepare a path for Your gospel message to be planted in ready and willing hearts.

Psa 37:28 (NIV) For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off; You have created a plan for putting justice in the hearts of Your people. You have empowered them to live in peace and justice. You have provided us with the power, training, and anointing of Your Holy Spirit. You have implanted us with faithfulness and stability in You. It has been You that has brought us into all we are and have. Then You credit us with all these qualities as if we were the ones doing them. You make us faithful and then You bless and protect us for being faithful. You are a great and generous God. You have given us protection all during our temporal life and then created eternity with no opportunities to be harmed. You have and will continue to protect Your people forever. Thank You for setting me free from wickedness that would have caused me to be cut off from You.

Psa 37:29 (NIV) the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever. You are removing all sin and wickedness from mankind. Some You are healing and completely delivering from all wickedness. Others You are cutting off and ending their reign to terror. Ultimately all sin and degradation will be cleaned out and we will all be surrounded by righteousness and godliness. So, when we inherit the land You have provided for us, we will possess it as a very desirable place to live. Not only will we dwell in it forever, we will love dwelling in it forever. You are a great provider that has done all things well. You haven't missed one detail of how to provide great and wonderful provisions for Your people.

Psa 37:30 (NIV) The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The changes You make in our life is incredible. Your Holy Spirit teaches us the truths of Your Word. You give us Your insights into concepts concerning all of eternity. The greatness of Your work is being revealed to us. We are able to understand principles that it would be impossible for us to consider. Your great plan of salvation has brought us information that has revolutionized our lives. We are no longer in the dark concerning what Your plan is for all mankind. We are now able to proclaim Your good news to all people. We can tell people how to spend eternity with You. Because of Your wisdom, all our time on earth is surrounded with truths that will help us live a great life. Our hearts are filled with justice and fairness. We desire to live a life with all mankind that is honest and trustworthy.

Psa 37:31 (NIV) The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip. Your Holy Spirit has given me a love for Jesus' commandments. With Him in my life I have been able to allow them to be written on my heart. He has given me a deep desire to follow all that Jesus said in the Gospels. Thank You God for Your Holy Spirit. He has been so wonderful to me. He is teaching me all that Jesus said and did. He has opened my understanding and made it possible for me to start living many of His teachings. My heart soars as the Holy Spirit explains what all those things mean. Jesus' commandments are starting to be a way of life for me. They are transforming my heart and mind. They are moving from concepts into life principles. I have been able to pass them on to so many people. Now their lives are being blessed by Your Son's powerful ministry.

Psa 37:32 (NIV) The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, seeking their very lives; I know I am walking into great danger most of the time. I know that Satan desperately wants to do me great harm. Satan is constantly trying to block me and my ministry off. He is constantly trying to hurt me physically, emotionally, or spiritually. His plans are to take away my trust in You. Day and night he keeps coming at me to get me to go into pride or fear. There are words flowing into my mind trying to lead me into being separated from Your Truth. I have had to keep using Your Word to block off all of His thoughts and be filled with all of Your thoughts.

Psa 37:33 (NIV) but the LORD will not leave them in their power or let them be condemned when brought to trial. You have always been right there protecting me from all evil. My enemies' plans and efforts that they bring against me always fail. Instead they always end up falling into them. You are so faithful to me, mighty God. Even though I am weak and vulnerable, You demonstrate Your great love and power in and around me. You have never let me down. You have never failed me. I have seen such miracles that it is becoming easier and easier to maintain constant faith in You. You have protected me when taken to trial; and, you have many times kept me from even going to trial.

Psa 37:34 (NIV) Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it. It is just a matter of time until You cut the wicked off and set up Your kingdom. I just have to keep my dependency on You. I have a lot of issues and problems to face in this current world situation. The needs of the people of this world are great. I am waiting on You to provide all that You want to do in and through me. I am trusting in Your Holy Spirit to help me keep all Your ways. I want everyone to be a part of Your great kingdom. Help me and all of Your people to provide the gospel message to every person. Create a new life in them so they can inherit the land You are preparing for them. Let all who will not accept Your gospel message to be cut off. Block all their efforts to resist the work You have called Your people to do.

Psa 37:35 (NIV) I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a green tree in its native soil, Help me not to be impressed with the momentary success and prosperity of the wicked, mighty God. Keep me from admiring their systems and the way they gain wealth. All their methods appear to work. They publish all kinds of materials explaining how they accomplish their feats. Protect me from looking to them for my life systems. Show me Your ways and produce in me Your wisdom. I don't want to pattern my life after the world. Don't let one small fiber of their philosophies get mixed in with what I do. Set me free from anything that even looks like the way they live. Create in me all of those methods and plans that You are pleased with.

Psa 37:36 (NIV) but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found. I don't want my life to be lived according to temporal concepts. Fill me with Your eternal perspective. All those who are trying to make a name for themselves are heading toward obscurity and oblivion. I want to bring glory to Your Name. I want everyone to know about Your greatness. You will last forever. Your people will spend eternity with You. I want to be found with all of Your people. I want to live this life in such a way that I spend eternity in everlasting success. I want my goals to be formed by You. Let Your life be lived in and through me. Keep me from all of the fate of the wicked. Cleanse me and develop Your purity in all that I am and all that I do.

Psa 37:37 (NIV) Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace. I know that You have a wonderful place prepared for me. You have transformed me by the blood of Jesus Christ. You have trained and empowered me to live upright and in peace with You and all people around me. Your Holy Spirit is living in and through me with great manifestations of Your Truth. He has made my life a miracle of Your love, grace, and mercy. He is taking the truths of Your Word and bringing them alive in me. Jesus is producing His ministry in and through me. They are awesome in all they have, are, and will continue to do. Your ways and Your plans are more beautiful and dynamic than anything else that could be devised. My future has been designed to show forth all that You have done in and through me. You actually did all the work. Yet You reward me for eternity for the work You did in and through me. What a generous God You are.

Psa 37:38 (NIV) But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off. Eternal damnation is a horrifying thing, O God. It is not a place I would want to spend eternity. I would want everyone to do anything they could possibly do to help me not go there. You have charged me to do to others that which I would want done for me. Please do whatever it takes to enable me to keep as many as can be helped from spending eternity without You. I lay my life out before You, my God. I cry out to You with all that I am. So transform me and all of Your people to use everything You have provided to save the lost from eternal damnation. Give me a burden, compassion, and vision for all who do not know You. Speak Your wisdom, understanding, and knowledge into my heart and life. Let Your perfect plan live in and through me. Help me express and live that plan so as to bring all that will receive it, to You.

Psa 37:39 (NIV) The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. This is what I want for all of mankind, heavenly Father. I know this is completely Your heart. You do not want anyone to go into eternal damnation. You have developed supernatural provisions that can set every person free from their sins. You have salvation ready to be applied to anyone who will come to You. You want to be their stronghold for time and eternity. You long to wrap Your loving arms around them. Your heart breaks when people reject You and go their own way. Let the mighty power of Your Holy Spirit go forth into all the world. Prepare the hearts of the unbeliever. Please get them ready to receive all You have to offer. Prepare us Your people to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to everyone of them. Help us take good care of them and raise them up in Your ways. Help me to do everything it takes to get Your complete work done in all of their lives.

Psa 37:40 (NIV) The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. As I and all Your people go forth to do Your complete work in the lives of all mankind, put a stop to any resistance from those who have already made up their minds. Deliver Your people and protect those wanting to come to You. I have taken refuge in You and I want the lost to take refuge in You. Open the doors, prepare the way, give me Your speed, empower me with Your Spirit, give me the words to present, and do all that is necessary to fulfill Your will on this earth just like it is in heaven. I want You to be praised and glorified in the hearts and through the mouths of every person who will come to You. Let Your glory fill this earth like the waters cover the ocean.

PSALM 38

God, I want Your **forgiveness and salvation.**

Psa 38:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. A petition. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. Lord, I know that I have made a lot of mistakes and committed a lot of sins. I know I deserve Your rebuke and discipline. In so many ways I am reaping all the things I have sown. And, I have sown so many things that are not a part of Your will or plan for my life. I am sure You have been disappointed in many of the decisions I have made. But, I appeal to Your grace and mercy. Please deliver me from all of the errors and bad decisions I have made. Redirect my paths and circumstances so that I can live a life based on Your forgiveness not only for my sins but also for my mistakes.

Psa 38:2 (NIV) For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me. I understand that You are doing everything because You love me. I have needed the correction and pressure that You exerted against me. I had no idea how far I had drifted from You. It wasn't until You started piercing and pressuring me that I started to see what I was doing. Your rebuke and discipline woke me up and turned me around. I had started neglecting You and Your people. I was allowing the cares of this world to motivate my decisions and how I spent my time. I am glad You put pressure on my life. I know I needed it desperately. None of the changes that You have made would be in my life right now had that not happened.

Psa 38:3 (NIV) Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; my bones have no soundness because of my sin. All of the results of my sins and bad decisions are flooding my life. I am surrounded with the evidence of how I lived and what I involved myself in. Gradually, my involvement in worldly cares pulled all the life out of my body. As I pulled away from You, I lost the power and provisions that constantly flow from You. My sins and shortcomings took all the stability away from my life. I felt the separation all of it was creating between me and You. The more I pulled away, the more wrath and confusion I heaped upon myself. I was like a flower with no sunshine. I was withering and dying from my decisions.

Psa 38:4 (NIV) My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. In addition to the suffering I felt from my separation from You, the guilt of my sins were pressing in on me. The wrongness of my life was a tremendous burden to carry. Nothing was going my way. My emotions were filled with depression and pain. Yet I continued to try to use worldly pleasures to satisfy and heal my emotional dilemma. As I increased my involvement in worldly pleasures, my pain increased. Nothing of the world was able to heal and satisfy me. This lifestyle put me into a circle that was spiraling me downward. The guilt and the burdens increased as I tried to use the world to solve my problems. Finally it all became more than I could handle. I had to have something that would work. I decided that I couldn't keep going in this direction.

Psa 38:5 (NIV) My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly.

I had moved into a way of life that accumulated problems. The decisions of my past and the decisions of my present were colliding. None of the activities of my past went away. They remained to corrupt the activities of my present. I was paying for the past while adding more problems in my life. My whole life became one big loathsome sore. Instead of getting pleasure that met my needs, I got pleasure that destroyed my life. I understand now that You and Your ways are right. The principles of Your Word are indeed, Truth. My life is pure evidence that all those things You call sins are definitely evil that forms itself against me.

Psa 38:6 (NIV) I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.

My life and my circumstances have started killing me. As I look around me, I see no hope for tomorrow. Even when something good happens to me, I am so depressed that I can't appreciate or enjoy it. Tears fill my eyes and sorrow fills my life. I know I am paying for all that I have done. I realize that I deserve what I am getting. But, I can't take anymore of this. My days are a waste for anything or anyone that I might help. I am useless to You and all that are around me. I can't help myself, much less anyone else. It feels like I have hit as deep as a person can go.

Psa 38:7 (NIV) My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body.

My attention has been drawn to me and my situation. All I can think about is my pain and the lack of health in my body. The pressures of my life are constantly before my eyes. I live with continual reminders of how horrible my life is. I can't think about You or the ministry You have called me to. My suffering is too big for me to be able to take on anyone else's problems. I am totally overwhelmed with the grief and suffering I have brought on myself. I am not saying these things because I blame You. I know I deserve what I am reaping. I remember clearly the moments when I sowed the seeds that have given birth to these calamities. I planted them with my own hands. I just am appealing to Your grace and mercy. They are all the hope I have.

Psa 38:8 (NIV) I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart. All of this suffering has crushed my desire to continue in worldly cares. I hate the pleasure that comes from the world, the desires of my body, and the temptations of the devil. As I look at my life, I am convinced that You are the only answer for my current condition. Where I used to be strong and vivacious, now I am feeble and utterly crushed. I used to be happy and excited about life, now I groan in anguish of heart. I hate all my decisions and the plans of my own making. I am convinced that Your way is the only way for me. I am willing to allow all this suffering to drive me to You. My heart is so full of anguish that it is pushing me to You as my solution. I am glad my condition has become so bad that I realize I need a miracle.

Psa 38:9 (NIV) All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you. I am sure You are ready to hear my heart's cry. I am confident that You care about all I am going through. I bring my life before You so You can start the healing process. I turn from my own control. I give my life into Your hands. I accept You as the Savior of my life. I give into the Lordship of Your desires and plans. From this moment on, I want to let You be the Lord of my life. I want You running my life and my decisions. Here is all the damage that exists in my heart and life. One by one I want to open all of these wounded areas and let You take them and heal them. I receive You as the longing of my life. I direct all my sighing and crying to the heart of Your love.

Psa 38:10 (NIV) My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes. Here is where I stand in all my heart wounds, God. I welcome You into this first area of damage that I allowed to fill my heart and life. My personal condition is such that I am now filled with a lot of fear. My heart is pounding from all the stress and anxiousness that my wayward life has created. I have tried to solve all my problems by using my own skills, wisdom, and strength. Now I have completely run out of any resources that I can muster up. I put my trust in worldly philosophies of self-confidence, positive thinking, believing in myself, and self-help. Now all my hope is gone. I can't see any way to be delivered. All these philosophies have left me empty and in despair. Please move into these areas in my heart and heal me. Put Your loving hand on this area where all the fear is and set me free. Enter this other area of my heart where I no longer have any strength. Give me Your strength to hold me up and make my stand. Also, I ask that You touch this third area of my heart where I have lost all hope. Fill me with complete trust and faith in You. Touch these three compartments of my heart and empower them with Who You are.

Psa 38:11 (NIV) My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds; my neighbors stay far away. Heavenly Father, another area of wound in my heart and life has to do with people. I reached out to people who lived their lives with worldly philosophies. We only wanted to be around those who had what we needed. We didn't care about anyone who couldn't make us happy. It was all about us and what we wanted. Now that I am burned out and useless, they avoid me because I can no longer satisfy any of their cravings or lusts. I have actually become so bad that even good people are avoiding me. When they tried to get me to turn back to You, I rejected them and told them to leave me alone. Now everyone is staying far away from me. Here is my heart, Lord. I open all these relational problems up for You to heal them. Repair me, mighty God. Create a new attitude and life in me. Help me find true friends and neighbors. Help me to be a true friend to them.

Psa 38:12 (NIV) **Those who seek my life set their traps, those who would harm me talk of my ruin; all day long they plot deception.** A big area in my heart and life is the damage I have done to others. I have made enemies and hurt friends. Many have turned against me because they have been hurt by the person I became. Now they seek revenge against me. Others are against me because I exposed myself to very questionable characters. I lacked character myself. So, we established undesirable relationships that are now backfiring against me. Heal this area of my heart. Turn me into a person of true character. Heal my heart of the guilt caused by the damage I did to others. Heal those I did damage to. Bless their lives with a wonderful relationship with You. Let them find the answers I have found. Deliver me from those who are evil. Protect me from all their evil plans. Forgive me for ever establishing any relationships with evil people. Let me have great and wonderful friends from You.

Psa 38:13 (NIV) **I am like a deaf man, who cannot hear, like a mute, who cannot open his mouth;** Because of all my involvement in the cares of this world, I don't know any other way to live. Before, I knew what to listen to. I had all the right clichés, principles, and methods for being a worldly person. Now that I desire to be completely under Your Lordship, I don't know how to hear Your voice or follow Your principles. I go back out into my life's responsibilities and only know one way to live my life. Heal my ears so I can hear, understand, listen, and obey what You have to say. Heal my mouth so I can start to say and do those things that are pleasing to You. Let a constant flow of Who You are spring out of my mouth and life. I want to be Your child. I want to represent what my heavenly Father looks and acts like.

Psa 38:14 (NIV) **I have become like a man who does not hear, whose mouth can offer no reply.** Block off all communication with the world, Lord. Make me a deaf person to my body's desires, the world's ways, and the devil's temptations. Help me to no longer understand the ways and concepts that they represent. Remove all of their influences from my heart and life. Create a new heart and life in me. Take the words of the world out of my mouth. If I can't say something that brings glory to You, then help me to not say anything. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psa 38:15 (NIV) **I wait for you, O LORD; you will answer, O Lord my God.** These are the major areas of my heart and life that need Your healing and transforming power. I have made them known to You as a request of my heart. It is my desire that You become my only source. Rather than trying to help You out with this healing process, I wait for You to do Your work. My trust is only in You and You alone. You WILL answer. You are my Lord and my God. I don't want to try to help You get this work done. Help me to simply wait on You for all of my needs to be met. Help me not to go out and do anything until I have Your permission. I want You to constantly guide, direct, empower, anoint, teach, and make me into all that is pleasing to You.

Psa 38:16 (NIV) For I said, "Do not let them gloat or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips." I know I am going to make mistakes. This is a whole new way of life for me. They know that I am a Christian. They see me trying to break away from their way of life. Many of them have tried to change their ways and have failed. Therefore, they want me to fail. It would be a success that they have not been able to accomplish. When they tried, they tried by using their own human efforts. I have Your help and Your power. But, they don't realize why they failed. They stand and hope that I will be living proof that it can't be done. If I succeed, it will make them feel like they aren't strong enough. But, My life can create in them a hunger to have what I have. With You working in my life I can show them that You can make it all work. Show them through me that Your ways are the only way to live a victorious life. Take all their gloating and turn it into questions on how it worked for me. Let them come with a desire to get what You have given me.

Psa 38:17 (NIV) For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me. Falling has been my constant way of life. The pain of all my failures is with me all the time. Those failures are saying I will continue to be a failure. I can feel the weakness and the inadequacies all through my abilities. I know that in myself I will fall and will experience more pain. But, in You I will break through and win. In You, I will see the change take place. Hope will fill my heart as I look to You for a whole new way of life. Your power will enable me to do what I hadn't been able to do before. My trust and hope is in You. You are my God and I believe You will make all the difference. I feel the pain going away. I feel excitement taking its place. I know I will be victorious because You are with me and will never let me down.

Psa 38:18 (NIV) I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. Forgive me for putting my trust in myself. I repent of living a self-serving life. My way of life caused me failure and great pain. I thought I could do what only You can do. I don't know why I resisted You and all Your help. I am sorry I turned to my plans and my efforts. I have been very rebellious against Your love, grace, and mercy. Heal me from self-dependency. Fill me with Your presence. I want You and Your blessings on my life. Cleanse me from all this iniquity. Set me free from the sins of selfishness. I love You and want an intimate relationship with You. My self-dependency has keep me from looking to You for all that I need. I turn my attention to You, my God. I open up the avenues of prayer and requests for more of You. I turn from my dependency on me to a complete reliance on You. I know this will build a great relationship between us.

Psa 38:19 (NIV) Many are those who are my vigorous enemies; those who hate me without reason are numerous. Satan has developed a great hoard of people who hate You. Because I love You, they hate me. Many want to stop my life and resist my ministry. I haven't done anything to cause their hatred. They just hate all that I stand for. They want to keep my life and ministry from setting the needy free. These enemies are committed and dedicated. They vigorously pursue any who proclaim Your message. They don't want You and they don't want any others to come to You either. Their cause is to be damned and to take as many with them as possible. They come up with numerous reasons for coming against me. They have devised a large quantity of traps for me to fall into. They want to see me fail at all You have called me to do.

Psa 38:20 (NIV) Those who repay my good with evil slander me when I pursue what is good. These enemies see the good You are doing through me. They see Your great work of love and compassion being ministered through my life. Yet they slander me and resist all that You are accomplishing. I have made Your goodness the pursuit of my life. I have provided that goodness to all of them. They have only experienced Your love and forgiveness. Still they continue to speak evil and lies against me and all of Your people. These are Your enemies too, O God. They are enemies of all who want to come to You. They are trying to form a wall to separate You from Your people. They have no true cause or righteous purpose. See them for who they really are. They are evil people who don't deserve to have any influence. By their actions they have proven that they only have sinful motives.

Psa 38:21 (NIV) O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. I can't defeat them without You, my God. I can't get past them if You don't stay close to me. If You forsake me, I will fail at all You have called me to do. The needy will not receive the good news message that Jesus made possible. I and all Your people have to have You. We will only succeed at ministering to the needs of the needy when You come near. I appeal to Your heart of love. I call out to Your great grace and mercy. I ask for Your mighty power. Let Your presence fill my life and ministry. Make it all great for Your glory and honor. Intervene in this desperate situation. Make a way for me and all of Your people. Empower us to go forward with great success. Give me an open door to do Your mighty work. Let Your power destroy all the efforts of my enemies. Scatter their resistance and plans like chaff in the wind.

Psa 38:22 (NIV) Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. Do a speedy work, my mighty God. The needs are desperate and many. The time is short and the workers are few. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. You have saved me. Let the receptive people of this earth be saved as well. They are suffering and dying. Their pain is like mine has been. They are weak and failing. They only see help coming through their own efforts. Let me proclaim Your message of deliverance. Help me be able to get to where they are. Give me the words to tell them. Empower those words so that they can see that You are the answer. Open the doors of opportunity to touch their lives. Please use me to reach out to everyone of them. Come quickly and do a mighty work in and through me. Let all You have to offer touch the needy people's lives and set them free. Make it possible for them to get all You have to offer. Raise them up to go out to all the world and also proclaim Your gospel message.

PSALM 39

God, I want the words of my mouth to please You.

Psa 39:1 (NIV) For the director of music. For Jeduthun. A psalm of David. I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence." Help me see anything in my behavior that isn't pleasing to You. My mouth is my first indication of what is going on in my heart. Let me hear any words that indicate that I am thinking and feeling things that are contaminants in my makeup. Help my mouth line up with Your Word. Let my mouth completely represent all those things that You say in the Bible and nothing else. Help my tongue to yield to Your Holy Spirit so that my ways are being and completely directed by Him. Give me a direct line of communication with Him so that everything I say or do is based on His direction.

Help me not to join the wicked in any of their thoughts, philosophies, or deeds. Keep me heading away from the way they talk and live. Show me how to tell the difference between the way they think and talk and the way You want me to think and talk. Empower me so I will not be swayed by their influence. You are the life I want to live, the way I want to go, and the truth I want to follow.

Psa 39:2 (NIV) But when I was silent and still, not even saying anything good, my anguish increased. I have tried to control my own mouth. I decided that the best thing for me to do was to just keep my mouth shut. So I put my best efforts into trying to keep my mouth shut and not even say things I knew were good. But that didn't even help me. I found that the grief and anguish in my heart was still there. Then I realized that You are my answer. Me keeping my mouth shut didn't solve my problems. It didn't change my life. I needed some kind of help from You.

Psa 39:3 (NIV) My heart grew hot within me, and as I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue: The more I tried to control my thoughts and the more I tried to keep my mouth shut, the more the pressure came against me to think and say things that weren't pleasing to You. I pondered all of the possibilities of how I could solve the problems of my shortcomings. I racked my brain trying to see if I could come up with a way to live a better life. But, the more I labored in thought, the more the fire burned within me to pressure me into thinking, saying, and doing things that I knew were not Your ways. Then the solution came to me. I needed to open my mouth and pray to You. You know what it is going to take to change my desires, thoughts, feelings, words, and actions. You have the wisdom and the power to help me be changed from the inside out.

Psa 39:4 (NIV) "Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. Show me how frail I am. Reveal to me how much I need You rather than my own help. Let me see how mortal I am. Give me the full picture of how little my abilities are. If I can see the fact that my life is temporary and You are eternal, if I can see that I don't have time to experiment with my life's paths, it will help me see how much I need You. Show me how short my days are here on earth. Let me realize that my life is too short to try to solve my own problems by using my own resources. I need You.

Psa 39:5 (NIV) You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before You. Each man's life is but a breath. Selah. Sometimes I get to thinking that I have all the time in the world. I get careless with the economy of my life and my activities in it. I wander around in life allowing other people's opinions, job opportunities, circumstances, personal desires, and whims to navigate me all around my life. I find myself not really going toward Your plan or being guided by Your Word.

I now realize that my life is short and time here on this earth is precious. As I look at Your eternal existence and compare who I am with who You are, I see how important it is to allow You to guide my life. You have eternal life available to me. If I live this temporal life according to Your provisions, I can use this life that is merely a hand's width long and make it possible to experience Your eternity. I can take advantage of a life that is just a breath and open the doors to all You have to offer. I now stop and give this concept some serious thought.

Psa 39:6 (NIV) Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it. Help me realize that how futile my life can be, if I make money my goal. If I setup wealth as the motivating factor in my life, it is going to change all my thoughts, plans, studies, training, and efforts of life. I will place all my attention of this life and forget about eternity. I will start acting like this life is all there is. Help me to not turn into a shadow that goes through a purposeless routine. Help me not join the rat race of people who consider the temporal things of this world as more valuable than the eternal issues. Right now, as I live in this life, the problems and the needs of this life seem like they are life and death issues. Sometimes I can't even think about anything else. In the back of my mind, I realize that I am going to die and all I have worked for is going to go to someone else. In some compartment of my mind, I know this world isn't all there is. But, the demands, the needs, the problems, and the pressures of this life seem to crowd out all of the important aspects of Who You are and what You are offering me.

Psa 39:7 (NIV) "But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in You. I know I am not going to be able to make the correct changes in my attitudes, priorities, or philosophies. If I keep trying to figure this all out and change it myself, I am going to remain right where I am for the rest of my life. It has been impossible for me to figure out what I should do to reconcile the issues of this life with the need to get trained in for eternity. Things that seem perfectly natural to me now will seem silly from the threshold of eternity. I know there are things I need to change. I can feel an indication that I am not walking fully in the ways of Your Word. But, I don't know what that is and I don't have the power to change it. So, I now turn to You. I give my search up to You. I lay my efforts of trying to figure it all out in Your hands. Your Holy Spirit has shown me that I have been looking in all the wrong places for the answers. From now on I want to look to You for the solutions to my dilemma. I place my hope in You. You will show me when to make changes in my priorities and empower me to redirect my steps.

Psa 39:8 (NIV) Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of fools. Your Holy Spirit has shown me a much better way to live life. I thought that I was falling short of Your plans for my life in the areas of moral and spiritual failures. I was only concerned with the big breakdowns in my life. It seemed to me that if I could get the victory in those areas, I would be living a pretty successful Christian life. I didn't realize that You had a plan that would change my whole life. You planned to change all my life and save it from not only the big transgressions or failures, You were going to help me with all my transgressions and shortcomings. Now that I am empowered by Your Holy Spirit to see how powerful You really are, I see my life changing in all areas.

There was a life as a Christian that I was living that didn't completely set me free from the old way of life I lived before I came to You. And, that Christian life didn't give me many of the benefits that You offer to Your Christian people. Even the foolish considered me a fool for not being able to enjoy the life of sin and not being able to live the victorious life of the Christian. Your Holy Spirit has shown me how much I have been in Your way, my heavenly Father. I brought the systems, philosophies, and rules of my old life into the new life You gave me. I was putting ALL the responsibilities of living the Christian life on my own power, skills, efforts, and wisdom. I wasn't allowing You to join me in my efforts to live the Christian life. Set me free from living the life of a fool. Set me free from living a life that even the foolish see and dumb. Help me to live such a dynamic Christian life that it brings glory to Your name.

Psa 39:9 (NIV) I was silent; I would not open my mouth, for You are the One Who has done this. I am not blaming You, my God, for the weakness of my Christian life. You have given me the right to join You in this life or to try to live the Christian life by using my own power, determination, skills, wisdom, and knowledge. I am not going to criticize Your approach to how You have treated me. I know You know how to do the right and best thing for me. You are the all wise God Who loves me and is treating me with the very best treatment possible. I know it is You that is allowing my efforts and procedures to fail. This approach has helped me to use my free will to come to You for help. You haven't forced me or superseded my plans or will. You have allowed me to run my own life the way I wanted to. From Your approach I have cried out for help because my life wasn't going as well as the life You presented in Your Word. As I compared my life with what You promised in Your Word, I began to realize that something was wrong. So, I came to You with the discrepancy and Your Holy Spirit showed me where I was taking the wrong approach to Christianity.

Psa 39:10 (NIV) Remove Your scourge from me; I am overcome by the blow of Your hand. Thank You for allowing me to be exposed to the life that comes from human effort. Thank You for allowing me to be corrected by the approach You took with me. Your Spirit has helped me to not be critical or confused about your correction. Because I approached Christianity using the best methods I knew, You have honored my sincerity and have shown Your love by giving me the correction I needed by not allowing my methods to work. You wouldn't allow my prayers to change your approach to allowing my efforts fail. You wouldn't go ahead and give me success in Christianity even though I was using wrong methods. You loved me enough to allow me to be overcome with the failures of life. You wanted me to give You permission to teach me a better approach to Christianity and my relationship with You. Now, dear Lord, let Your scourge pass from me. I open my heart to the teachings of Your Holy Spirit. Lift the blow of Your hand from our relationship. I have been set free from faith in my own approach to living the life You have given me. My faith has been redirected into You and Your ability to empower me to live this life through trust in You.

Psa 39:11 (NIV) You rebuke and discipline men for their sin; you consume their wealth like a moth-- each man is but a breath. Selah Almost everyone around me thought my approach to life was the right way. If it hadn't been for Your rebuke and discipline, I would have had no warning that I was going the wrong way by the life of sin. It all seemed to be the best way for me to find happiness and fulfillment. If You hadn't convicted me of the sins I was committing, I would have never guessed that I was living a life in opposition to You. Because of Your warnings and discipline, I discovered a wonderful life drawn out by You. In my wildest dreams I could have never imagined such an awesome way of life.

All my successes in life would have died with me. But, because You caused me to lose my wealth and success prematurely, it woke me up before it was too late. You loved me enough to take away those things I thought life was all about. And, to my surprise I discovered that they weren't meeting my needs. At a moment of great loss, I found peace and contentment. Just by turning to You I found all the answers to life. My life is so short. I could have come to an end before I discovered the errors of my ways. Thank You for blocking me off and changing the direction of my life. Thank You for helping me to see that You were showing me love and not trying to harm me.

Psa 39:12 (NIV) "Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping. For I dwell with You as an alien, a stranger, as all my fathers were. Your Holy Spirit has helped me to see all these experiences in my life so much more clearly. I can see Your hand of love in things I thought were calamities and disasters. I see Your warnings and disciplines as coming from my loving Father Who has been guiding me to His truth. My heart has been changed to wanting what You have to offer rather than what the world has to offer. My goals have change as I am now working for those things that aren't going to end at death. My knowledge has changed as I study Your Word and understand Your truth. My philosophies have changed as I see how much wiser You are than all the wisdom of mankind.

I am now looking to You for the meeting of all my needs. I am starting to involve myself in the process of a mighty tool called prayer. You have shown me that as Your child, I can involve myself in something much more powerful and successful than all my former procedures. Rather than worrying, trying to come up with a solution, trying to find something I could do to resolve my issues, and looking to myself and other humans around me for help. I can have a conversation with You. Now You and I can collaborate together. I can get Your input concerning the way things can be solved. I can receive Your power to help me do and be those things I need to manifest so as to effect a solution. I can now open up the circumstances of my life and invite You to work miracles in the events around me.

Hear me now. Listen to this type of cry for help. My prayers are much different than they used to be. I am no longer trying to tell You how to meet my needs.

Psa 39:13 (NIV) Look away from me, that I may rejoice again before I depart and am no more." Let Your eyes of correction look away from me. Let Your eyes of blessing and empowerment look at me instead. I receive Your correction and I believe You are empowering me to change. With that power to change I receive Your power to rejoice again. But this time I rejoice in You rather than in my own accomplishments. This time I rejoice in the fact that You alone are able to help me live the Christian life. I rejoice in the fact that I can't do it without You and You won't do it without me. My life in Christ is a joint effort of Your power and my yielding to that power. I now see that You were correcting me so I would enter into a relationship with You rather than going alone trying to life the Christian life by myself.

I believe that You have helped me to learn the lesson of relationship. Now let me be blessed rather than corrected. Let me continue to exist rather than be destroyed. I know I don't deserve this life You have given me. I know I don't deserve the grace You are offering me. I deserve to be removed from this planet. But, I am appealing to Your grace. Let Your eyes of correction change to eyes of healing, blessing, salvation, and empowerment. Rather than taking my life away, let Your life be placed in my life. Let Your life be lived in and through my life. Let us work together as my Father with His child. I want Your life flowing in and through my life. Let me live; but let me live by means of Your life. I need You and all You have to offer. I give up my abilities, skills, thoughts, reasoning, and efforts. I receive Your abilities, skills, thoughts, reasoning, and power. Rather than me being no more, I believe that You are making me much more than I can ever be on my own.

PSALM 40

God, I want Your sanctification.

Psa 40:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry. God, Your time table isn't like mine. I decide when I need something and think that, that is the moment You should respond. Give me patience to wait for You and Your answers. Help me realize that You not only need to decide what I need; but, you need to decide when I need them. I am always excited and thankful when You give me the things I ask for. But there are times when You say no. There are times when I think I need certain things and You know I don't. There are times when I think I need things and You know I need them at a later time. There are times when I don't need things, I just need You. Help me to patiently wait on You so You will be able to meet my needs as You see fit.

Lord, help me to always realize that You always hear my cry. Help me to accept the fact that You are always right there with me. You never leave me or ignore me. If You are silent, then You have something else that is better for me. Help me to give up that prayer request and accept that better thing instead. When You provide me with that better thing, help me to know it is Your answer to my prayer. Help me to see it as coming from You. Help me to praise You for refusing to give me my inferior request and for giving me something far superior. Help me to see how much better Your answer was and praise You for it. Make me flexible so I can yield to Your will rather than my own. You are so much wiser than I am and You love me more than I can love myself.

Psa 40:2 (NIV) He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. My heavenly Father, I wanted my life to be better while living in the slimy pit. I cried out to You and asked You to help me live a better life in the pit. But You had a much better plan. Your superior answer to my prayer was to lift me out of that pit. I wanted to be able to handle the mud and the mire. I wanted You to make it better in the mud and mire. You wanted to take me completely out of it and set my feet on the rock, Christ Jesus. Thank You for salvation. Thank You for the totally new life You have given me. I now have a firm place to live my life. Life, for the first time, now makes sense and has meaning and purpose. I am set free from confusion and desperation. Help me to see how perfect and loving Your superior answers are. Let this teach me how much wiser You are than I am. Help me see how much greater Your love is than mine. I want Your will rather than my will to run my life.

Psa 40:3 (NIV) He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. I asked for You to help me with my problems. I just wanted the pain to go away. You not only wanted to make the pain be removed from my life, You wanted to replace it. All I was able to pray for was for You to take my problems away. I only requested that You help me handle my problems and be able to deal with all the muck and mire of my life. You wanted to lift me out of it all and change my whole situation. I resisted Your desires and superior answers. I totally misunderstood Your plan. I didn't think I would like it, if You took away the things I already had. I had grown accustomed to my life in the slimy pit. I was afraid of leaving all of the things I knew. I wasn't able to see how You could give me a life that was better. So, I resisted Your plan and fought Your answers to my prayers. Thank You for being so persistent. Thank You for helping me learn to trust Your wisdom and love. Now I have a new life with a whole new heart of praise and worship.

I now have a new life and a new song to sing. The changes You have made in my life and circumstances are so much better than anything I could have imagined. As I compare my new life with the old one I was clinging to, it causes me to sing and praise You with all my heart. It helps me to want to share all of this with those around me. Help me not to be selfish and keep it all to myself. Use me to help people cease to be afraid of trusting You. Help them be afraid of not trusting You. If they have to be afraid of something, let them see that they need to be afraid of putting their trust in something other than You. Use me to help many to put their trust in You, my heavenly Father. Let the power of Jesus flow into them and give them a new life.

Psa 40:4 (NIV) Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. God, I have been so impressed with humans who have looked so successful. They put their trust in the god of this world and it looked like it was all working for them. I found myself reading their philosophies and allowing them to tell me how to live my life. I made money and the pursuit of it my goal. I tried to mix their methods with Your principles. I tried to live for You on certain days and serve money on other days. All this created debt and slavery as I was forced to work long hours to keep my head above water. I found myself back in the slimy pit even though You had given me a new life on the solid rock of Christ Jesus. I once again became bogged down with the mud and mire of trying to get ahead. Please, one more time, pull me out of this slavery of spending all my time trying to pay the bills I have created for myself. Put me back on the rock of putting my trust in You. Heal me from worldly philosophies and admiration for those who hoard money.

Psa 40:5 (NIV) Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders You have done. The things You planned for us no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare. Now that my eyes are back on You, God, I can see that Your wonders are far superior to anything this world has to offer. The glitter and sheen of this world distracted me. It all looked real but ended up trapping and ensnaring me. The wonders You have provided me are real and freeing. I had to work so hard just to get a few things from this world. Your provisions are bountiful and free. I am sick of my plans for my life. I want Your plans. I yield to Your plans and invite You to take control of my life. I haven't lived the kind of Christian life You had planned for me. I used the freedom of salvation and squandered it on worldly cares. All this has reestablished the misery, pain, and problems similar to what I had before I accepted You as my Lord and Savior. This isn't the way You wanted me to live the Christian life.

I admit it God. Your way is much better. The things You have planned for me are so bountiful that I can't make a list that includes them all. Nothing I need is excluded from Your plans. They are so great that not only are all my needs being met, I am being blessed with things far beyond my wildest expectations. I am sorry I looked somewhere else for getting my needs met. Trying to mix world principles with Christianity really hurt and enslaved me. Thank you for setting me back on Your solid rock. Thank You for straightening out my life and reestablishing Your bountiful way of life. Help me to stay in trust and faith in You and Your provisions. I will need the ceaseless ages of eternity to express my praise for all You have and are doing for me.

Psa 40:6 (NIV) Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but my ears You have pierced ; burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not require. Thank You for setting me free from the rituals of the law. You are not asking me to live the Old Testament life. Through Jesus we can now serve You through mercy and grace. I thank You for piercing my ears and making it possible for me to hear Your voice. You now live inside me and we can talk Spirit to spirit. Now my sins are completely forgiven and I don't have to keep coming to You for being saved over and over again. You have made it possible for me to spend time with You concerning so much more than salvation. You are such a great God with such an awesome plan for my life. I like the way You are structuring my life so much better than the way I wanted to live it.

Psa 40:7 (NIV) Then I said, "Here I am, I have come-- it is written about Me in the scroll. Jesus has come just like You told the prophets He would. He has fulfilled all the prophecies in Your Word. He has provided salvation for every person in the world. Thank You so much for all His sacrifices and supernatural provisions He has made. I am so blessed by Your great love through Your Son, Jesus. I am so sorry that I looked somewhere else for the provisions of my life. Help me to only want those things I can get through You. Help me to allow You to decide what I should have in my life and possessions.

Psa 40:8 (NIV) I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart." It is my desire to always do Your will. I have tried following my will and my plan for my life and I didn't like the results I got. It is my desire that You put Your plans and Your will in my life. I ask You to take over the running of my life. I have accepted You as my Savior; I now want to make You the Lord of my life. Write Your commandments, words, and laws in my heart. I want to live by Your law of love. I want to learn, understand, and live the words of Jesus. Let my life be an outward manifestation of all He taught.

Psa 40:9 (NIV) I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. Help me, O Lord, to never keep my mouth shut about Your great purity and righteousness. Help me to let everyone know that they can receive Your righteousness and goodness through Your great salvation. Let me proclaim all the things You are offering us to all the people of this world. We don't have to suffer and live in the slimy pit. You want to set us on the rock of Your salvation. You want to give us a solid life that has purpose and meaning. You want to set us free from yielding to the temptations of the devil, from the desires of our body, and from yielding to the lure of the world.

Psa 40:10 (NIV) I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart; I speak of Your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal Your love and Your truth from the great assembly. I have Your righteousness in my heart; but I don't keep it there alone. I am sharing all You are giving me with those around me. You have been faithful to me and I want everyone to know about it. You have saved me from the pit and have helped me to stay out of it. You have shown me Your love by giving me Your truth. You have loved me with Your great salvation that has forgiven me from all my sins. You have entered into my heart and have made my body Your temple. You live with me and never leave me without comfort and companionship. I am never lonely because Your great presence is always with me. Help the greatness of this relationship between You and me flow out of my mouth and out of my life like a great river. Let everyone around me see how wonderful You have made my life.

Psa 40:11 (NIV) Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O LORD; may Your love and Your truth always protect me. I need Your grace and mercy flowing into my life on a continuous basis. I have to have those things from Your grace that I do not deserve. And, I have to have Your mercy so I can be set free from the punishment and consequences of all those things I do deserve. Pour out Your love and truth on me so I can start doing those things You want me to do. Let Your love and truth empower me to stop doing those things You don't want me doing. Use them to protect me from being someone that does not please You. Fill my life with Your love and truth so I can be set free from all activities that bring reproach to Your name. Help me use this freedom to live a righteous and godly life of love and truth. Produce Your love and truth in my words, thoughts, and deeds.

Psa 40:12 (NIV) For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. God, I am surrounded with problems that are trying to force me to sin. All the sins I have committed are accusing me of not being a candidate for Your salvation. I can feel how unworthy I am to be forgiven of all the countless sins I have committed. Sometimes the life I have lived in the past seems almost impossible for You to forgive and transform. When I look at all You have to cleanse me from, my heart can hardly take it. I can hardly see any way out of the mess I have created for myself. Even after I finally experienced Your salvation, I still didn't live a life worthy of You. So many times I have let You down and failed You. How can You keep forgiving me and loving me? Yet I know You do. It is that wonderful mystery of grace and mercy.

Psa 40:13 (NIV) Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me. The only way You are going to keep saving me from myself and put me back on the rock of Your salvation is for me to use faith. You will never be pleased with me as long as I try to get You to come to me because of my worthiness. My faith in You is all that pleases You. I now give up my faith in myself and I put my complete trust in You. Flow through the faith Your Holy Spirit has given me. Come quickly to my rescue. I know You will give me all Your blessings even though I do not deserve them. I know You are delivering me from the consequences of my sins even though I deserve those consequences.

Psa 40:14 (NIV) May all who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. Satan and all his minions desire to destroy me. They are coming against me with all they have. I can feel the pressure to give in to defeat. May all these powers and principalities who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion. May all who desire to bring me to ruin be turned back in disgrace. I am resisting them in Your name. I am using Your power to keep them from destroying my life. You and I are working together to help me win over all the devil is coming against me with. I believe they are being put to shame and confusion. I believe they are being turned back in disgrace. I believe that You Who live in me is greater than those who are in the world. I am winning because You are greater than my enemies.

Psa 40:15 (NIV) May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame. May those who are making fun of me and are sure they have caught me in failure and defeat, be appalled at their own shame. Let them see how great their sins are and be convicted. Let them see how far they have fallen and see their need of Your salvation. Give them such a revelation of their own sins and shortcomings that they cease to try to judge me. Let Your Holy Spirit so reprove them of sin, righteousness, and judgment that they turn their attention away from me to their own need of forgiveness. May the shame of their own life bring them to humility and repentance.

Psa 40:16 (NIV) But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!" Help us to appreciate all You have, are, and will do for us. As I seek You, enable me to rejoice and be glad for all You are and all You do. Give me great appreciation and praise for who You are. If it hadn't been for You, I would still be wallowing in the mud and mire of sin and shame. I compare my life now with the life I lived without You and my heart fills with praise and worship. I want and ask for the ability to always appreciate all You are and are doing for me. Make me thankful for everything You do. I don't want to miss one opportunity to give You thanks for everything. I love Your salvation and I exalt You above everything. I devote myself to exalting You before all people everywhere. I seek You with all my heart and I rejoice and am glad in You.

Psa 40:17 (NIV) Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay. I want to always be poor in spirit. I want to always need You and all You have to offer. I never want to get to the place where I have enough of You. No matter how far and how long I live this Christian life, I want to always realize that I need You still. Help me to never feel full or complete. Keep the hungering and thirsting for Your righteousness gnawing at my heart. Let me feel the intense desire to keep You and Your provisions flowing in and through my heart. Keep me in Your thoughts. You alone are able to help me and keep me delivered. Do not allow any delays to occur in our relationship. Keep a constant flow of Your presence and provisions coursing in and through me.

PSALM 41

God, I want to help the needy.

Psa 41:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble. Lord, I appreciate all You have done for me. May I never hoard it and keep any of it just to myself. When I was weak and defeated, someone shared Your greatness with me. You saw to it that all my needs were met and forgave me from all my debts. I want to be the same with those around me. I want to be a channel through which You flow to them. Let physical healing, financial supply, emotional comfort, relational healing, and spiritual power flow through me to the weak and needy. May I never think I don't have the time or the resources to help them in any way You see fit. When I allow all Your resources to flow through me, You allow new resources to not only replace them, You bless me with much more than I had before.

Psa 41:2 (NIV) The LORD will protect him and preserve his life; He will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes. I am blessed and free. I have Your greatness and forgiveness. I have experienced multitudes of Your miracles and wonders. You have made me Your child; and I have inherited You in and through Christ Jesus. You have been supernaturally generous with me. I know You have not done all these things just so I could hoard them to myself. Your Holy Spirit has filled my heart with Your love so I can care about those who haven't experienced these things. Since You have protected and preserved my life, I want to help others to experience the same protection and preservation. Since You have blessed me while I am on this earth, I want those around me to be blessed. You have not surrendered me to the desires of my foes. You have set me free from their power. I am asking You to empower and equip me to do the same for others. Flow through me with Your life and Your ministry.

Psa 41:3 (NIV) The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness. Make sure, O Lord, that I always care for the weak and needy. Make sure that I always serve their needs. Let Your heart of love and Your all seeing eyes make me aware of where You want me to minister. Keep me in health so I can always be ready to supply You and Your provisions to everyone in need. Let Your supernatural power and God-sized supply flow through me to the needs of Your people. Reveal Your healing power and all it takes to make it available to the sick and afflicted. Let my health be a radiant light to all so they can know what You want to provide for them.

Psa 41:4 (NIV) I said, "O LORD, have mercy on me; heal me, for I have sinned against You." Don't give me what I deserve, O Lord. Without You and Your power, I am nothing but a failure and a constant sinner. The only reason I live the Christian life with success and power is because You are flowing through me with Your power. I have sinned against You and You have forgiven me of all those sins. You have given me Your grace and mercy so that I would be able to get the provisions I didn't deserve. I couldn't earn them; nor could I deserve them. You had to make them available through grace. I believe in Your provisions of grace and mercy. Therefore I accept Your salvation, sanctification, and healing through faith in Your love.

Psa 41:5 (NIV) My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?" God, You have put me in this world; but You have made me so that I am not of this world. You have empowered me to stop thinking and living by the principles of this world. This makes me different from those around me. This causes them to not like the way I think and act. This causes them to think that if feel I am superior to them. The life You have given me causes them to see that they need to live a much better life than they are living. They think I am living this life by my own determination. They know they can't change the way they are living and it convicts them. Now they are faced with a dilemma. We have to decide whether they are going to find out how I am living this life or whether they should try to tear me down to their level. Some are coming to You for help as I show them Your provision of the Savior. Others have decided to attack me. Protect me from those who do not want Your help.

Psa 41:6 (NIV) Whenever one comes to see me, he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander; then he goes out and spreads it abroad. Those who don't want You are trying to destroy me so they won't have to face the fact that You are the way to righteousness. My life shines brightly into their lives and they resist it. They don't want to change so they try to get rid of the proof that there is a way to change. They are lying to me trying to convince me that I am a fraud. They think I am just acting like I am transformed. They are accusing me of being a hypocrite and a sham. They are trying to tear me down so I will stop being proof that You can save anyone who comes to You. Since they don't want to let You save and transform them, they go out and spread lies about me. They hope to destroy my credibility with those around me. They hope they can keep others from becoming further proof of Your existence and power.

Psa 41:7 (NIV) All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying, My enemies are those who are Your enemies. They are those who have found the truth You provide and have rejected it. They love sin and evil. They have rejected Your holiness and righteousness. They have positioned themselves between You and me and those who would like to find out about Your salvation. They don't want to take advantage of You and Your provisions and they don't want anyone else taking advantage of them. These are the people who are whispering together against me. They are the ones who are hoping that horrible things happen to me. Keep their plans and efforts from succeeding, O Lord.

Psa 41:8 (NIV) "A vile disease has beset him; he will never get up from the place where he lies." My enemies are saying that You have allowed insanity or physical disease to bring me down. Satan would like to attack me in such a fashion. Keep my enemies' words and Satan's plans from coming true, I pray.

Psa 41:9 (NIV) Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me. I have befriended many as I have shared the bounty of Your love and provisions with the needy. I have made myself their closest friend and have accepted them as my closest friend. I have opened my heart to them and trusted them with all You have given me. We have taken communion together and eaten together in Your name. But, after they finally understood Who You are and what You are offering, they decided they didn't want You. Some of them not only decided they didn't want You, they decided to try to destroy Your message. They have made themselves Your enemy and have tried to discredit me and You. The reality of Your truths are in their mind and it is infuriating them. It is showing them just how evil they are and they don't want to know that. It is proving to them that they don't have to live the way they are living and they are resisting that truth. So, they have made it their mission to destroy all evidence of that truth. This decision has caused them to lift their heel against me.

Psa 41:10 (NIV) But You, O LORD, have mercy on me; raise me up, that I may repay them. Since they know the truth and have rejected it, reject them. Take away their power and influence. They have the right to decide whether or not they want You; but they don't have the right to keep others from getting to know You and Your truth. Keep them from being able to hurt and stop me. Let me be able to defeat their efforts. Give me Your grace and mercy so I can continue to spread Your truth to the people around me. Don't allow these people, Your and my enemies, to succeed in their desires and plans. Allow me to defeat them and bring Your message to those who are willing to hear it.

Psa 41:11 (NIV) I know that You are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me. I can see Your approval of my life and ministry. You are empowering me to serve the needs of the needy in spite of all my enemies' efforts. They haven't been able to stop me or discredit me in the eyes of the sincere. You have renewed my influence and credibility so that the hungry for the truth will listen to me. In spite of all Your and my enemies' plans and efforts, You and I are still working together to bring Your salvation to those who want Your help. My foes have been defeated and You and I are still spreading the deliverance of Your truth to all who want to hear.

Psa 41:12 (NIV) In my integrity You uphold me and set me in Your presence forever. I now have the integrity that You have given me. You have provided me with honesty, integrity, and a good reputation. You are upholding me and setting me in Your presence forever. You will never allow me to be destroyed. For as long as I live on this earth, I believe You will empower me to be faithful to You and Your truth. I believe You are empowering me to spread all You are to those around me until the sincere give glory to Your name and serve You forever.

Psa 41:13 (NIV) Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen. You alone are worthy of praise. You alone have upheld the truth about holiness, godliness, purity, and love. No one has represented the kind of life and relationships that You have represented. None of us would have ever thought of or presented such a life of purity and kindness. We would have never been able to even imagine the kind of life You are making available to us. All our relationships would have been filled with mistreatment and sin. Even if we could have thought of the way of living You are showing us, we still wouldn't have been able to live it. In all our efforts to live up to those qualities, we would have failed miserably. I praise You for the truth that raised my eyes to a whole new way of living and treating people; and I praise You for the power to live that life.

PSALM 42

God, I want Your song in my heart.

Psa 42:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A maskil of the Sons of Korah. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God. Your relationship with me has awoken an appreciation, thankfulness, and love that grows every day. I have become filled with a hunger for Your presence and provisions. You have raised my expectations up to a God-size level. I now see possibilities of a way of life that I never dreamed possible. I am seeing Who You are and what You want to do for Your people. Your desires are so wonderful and so loving that I am overwhelmed by Your greatness. You desire to give us Yourself in all Your glory. There is nothing You are holding back from us. This generosity is filling my heart with a deep desire to spend all my time with You. You have created a great hungering and thirsting for all You have to offer. I no longer want to be away from You even for a second. I have always needed You; but now I know why. You are greater and more wonderful than anything or anyone could ever be. My soul pants for You, O God.

Psa 42:2 (NIV) My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? I have made many things my god. I have filled my life with many things I thought would satisfy my longings and needs. I exhausted all my best efforts to find anything that would bring me happiness and peace. But, it wasn't until I opened my heart to You, O God, that I found what and who I was looking for. Since I have found out Who You are and what You do for Your children, a deep dependency has been created in my heart. I long for the God that is alive and can really do what is needed in me. All my dead gods required that I do it all for myself. They made me the answer to all my needs. I fell far short of being able to be my own supply. I soon realized that all these other gods were dead. They were completely powerless to do anything for me. I needed You for You alone are alive and able to do all You have promised. I am looking forward to spending eternity with You.

Psa 42:3 (NIV) My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" One of the things that happened to me was a time when I tried to mix You with other gods. When I first came to You, I didn't realize that You were able to meet all my needs. There were areas where I felt I had been successful in meeting my own needs. I decided to keep those efforts, beliefs, and dependencies. All of the areas where I put my complete dependency on You succeeded and blessed me. All the places where I kept my old philosophies and methods failed me. Even though You had forgiven me of all my sins and saved me for eternity, I lived a very miserable life because of the mixture I had added to Your provisions.

Tears and stress started dominating my life. It seemed like Christianity hadn't worked for me. I felt like You were failing me and wouldn't help me with my problems. While I was calling out to You day and night, I was still looking for Your help in my efforts to help myself. I kept looking to the philosophies of the world to work me the miracles I was asking You to provide. I was convinced that You would use them to set me free from my problems. I started living a life that brought discredit to Your name. I had told those around me that my trust had been placed in You. But much of what they saw in my life was defeat and pain. It caused them to ask, "Where is your God?" Since I have started giving up all world philosophies and principles, my life shows the power of Your might and love.

Psa 42:4 (NIV) These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng. From time to time I forget how bad it was when I mixed the principles and philosophies of the world with Your truths. As things start to fall apart again, I remember how it was when I put my complete trust in You and Your Word. I recall just how great things were when You and I were working together on all the issues of my life. I can hear the shouts of joy and thanksgiving when my life was given completely over to You. I remember how I used to go with the rest of Your people and worship You together with them. It is clear in my mind as I see myself leading the procession into Your presence for praise. Finally my heart becomes willing to give up all my human effort and I once again put my trust in You and You alone.

Psa 42:5-6a (NIV) Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. I start asking myself why I am willing to stay in the state of depression and defeat. I start wondering why I would be willing to hang on to my own efforts. I wonder why I would rather try to get the credit for my successes rather than turning to You for help. The momentary feelings of self-accomplishment soon fall away and I sit in defeat. I ask myself why I would rather try to build up "self-esteem" rather than accepting Your "God-esteem"? If I put my trust in You and You work me a miracle, it is true that I have to give You the credit. I wonder why I would rather suffer defeat just so I can get the credit if somehow I succeed.

I have decided to give up my own efforts and put my trust in You. Help me see how downcast I become, when I look to myself or the world for answers. All I have to do is put my hope in You, O God and I am no longer feeling downcast and disturbed. Soon the victories come from You and I find myself more than glad to give You the praise and the honor for all the answers. I am not my savior. You are my Savior and my God.

Psa 42:6b (NIV) My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon--from Mount Mizar. The way back to trusting in You is for me to see just how bad my life is when I put my trust in myself. The other way is for me to remember how much better my life was, when I was trusting You for all my needs. Help me allow the pain of my life when I am trusting myself to push me toward You. Help me not blame You for why I am suffering. Give me Your wisdom so I can see that I have brought all this pain on myself. I must not blame You and allow it to drive me away from You. Give me the ability to trust You and doubt my own abilities. We have had wonderful times together. Let me see why they have discontinued.

Psa 42:7 (NIV) Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and breakers have swept over me. The more time I spend with You, the more wonderful experiences I get from You. The more wonderful experience I get from You, the more I want to put my complete trust in You. Let the depth of our relationship call for an even deeper relationship. May I never get so satisfied that I cease to feel a need for more and more of You. When You answer a prayer or meet a need, let me still see how much I still need You. I don't just want the solutions to my problems. I want a loving relationship with You. I need Your help with my problems; but I need You and a relationship with You more than anything else. If I had too, I would rather have the problems than sacrifice our relationship. Fortunately, You don't require me to make such a choice.

Psa 42:8 (NIV) By day the LORD directs His love, at night His song is with me-- a prayer to the God of my life. I open my entire life up to You, my heavenly Father. My source of happiness is not in the things this world provides. None of the things I got from the world a few weeks ago are still making me happy. The world gives me fleeting happiness and feelings of success. As You direct Your love to me, I get a peace and satisfaction that heals my heart to its deepest level. Even when things really look bad and threatening, I feel Your love. You put a song in my heart and empower me to keep trusting in You all during the turmoil. I am able to pray to You and know that I have been settled. Once I have put the issues in Your hands, I feel Your love and start singing Your song. I know You have heard and are answering my prayers. I can trust You with all I am and all I need.

Psa 42:9 (NIV) I say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" There are times when I listen to another song. Sometimes I hear the songs of the world and the music of Satan. They are songs of defeat and destruction. There are times I allow Your song to leave my heart and I allow songs of doubt to fill my heart. Unfortunately these songs cause me to pray prayers of doubt and unbelief. But, You allow me to open my heart and pour out my distress. You already know that I feel like You have forgotten me. It would be impossible for me to hide those feelings from You. So, I simply open my heart and allow You to see those feelings so You can take them and heal them.

I know You have a timing that You use to help me with my problems. Sometimes I feel like You don't care that I am suffering. In my head I know You care. But, in my heart I feel rejected and neglected. Sometimes I would just like to know why You have decided to delay Your giving me the help I am praying for. It would be helpful (in my opinion) if you would allow me to know Your thinking on this. I don't want to be disrespectful like a rebellious child; but, if it is something You are willing to do, I would like to know why I must go about my day mourning? Why do You sometimes allow me to be oppressed by the enemy? If You want me to have this answer, then I receive it. If You want me to trust You without this information, then help me to be patient and just trust Your wisdom and love for me.

Psa 42:10 (NIV) My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?" Sometimes I allow people to get the best of me, heavenly Father. At times it gets so bad that it starts to affect me physically. They can be relentless in their attacks against me. It usually is most difficult during those times when You are delaying the answers to my prayers. I can start identifying with the way they are thinking. It looks like You aren't there for me. I know in my head that You are doing what is best for me. I know in my mind that You are much wiser, know all things, and love with a love greater than I can understand. But in the feelings of my heart I get down and sometimes sick. It is during those times that people's opinions affect me the most. Even though I know You will come through like You always do, I feel like it is hurting my witness to Your faithfulness and power. Help me to trust You with Your reputation as it relates to those I am telling about You.

Psa 42:11 (NIV) Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. Since You always come through, I don't understand why I get so worried, downcast, and disturbed. May I always live on the basis of faith and trust in You. Give my heart the strength it needs to feel the assurance that You will always do the right thing in every situation. Help me to not only put my trust in You in my head, but to put my trust in You in my heart. Put Your assurance in my heart so that my emotions come into agreement with Your Word. Put praise, peace, and worship in my heart all during crises periods. You are my Savior and my God not only in the area of forgiveness for sin but in all areas of my life.

PSALM 43

God, I want my circumstances to facilitate my work for You.

Psa 43:1 (NIV) Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men. Protect our nation, O Lord. Deliver us from ungodly men who are leading it away from You. Give us people who will lead us into godliness, purity, and spiritual growth. Let the world leaders of all nations come to You and listen to Your guidance. Rescue us from deceitful and wicked men. Give us a mighty move of Your Spirit that leads us to You. Help us to pray and seek Your presence, turn from our wicked ways, and come to You for our leadership. Vindicate us and plead our cause before the throne of grace. Give us grace and mercy as You set us free from evil people who are leading us into destruction.

Psa 43:2 (NIV) You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy? You are the only answer to my needs. You alone are able to deliver us and surround us with Your presence. If there is anything in my life that is separating me from You, I repent of it and ask for Your deliverance from it. I don't want to just keep on mourning and crying rather than repenting. I don't want to keep complaining rather than doing what it takes to be delivered from the enemy of my soul. Whatever it takes to keep my heart in a right place, I want Your healing power to flow through me and set me free from it. Change me spiritually so You can deliver me from the oppressions of the enemy.

Psa 43:3 (NIV) Send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell. Your light and Your truth will heal me spiritually. They will open my eyes to all that is going on in my heart and enable me to see where I need Your transforming power. Let them guide me into specific repentance and change. Let them show me exactly where my heart and life need to change so I can be completely pleasing to You. I know all my sins have been forgiven. But, I want to live out that forgiveness by having my thoughts, words, and actions changed. Since I have a good relationship with You, help me to have a good relationship with the people around me. Sanctify my life and make it one where all my thoughts, words, and deeds are a blessing to the people around me. Let them experience Your greatness through me.

Bring me to Your holy mountain of Your presence. Take me away from the pit of Satan's works. Elevate me above all the powers and beings that are against You and me. Let me sit at Your right hand inside of Jesus. Raise me far above all the evil powers that are trying to destroy me and Your work in and through me. Help me to remain where You dwell all the days of my life. Let me spend eternity in Your presence.

Psa 43:4 (NIV) Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God. I give my heart to You and all You have planned for me. I lay my will, plans, and goals on Your altar of repentance. I present my body as a living sacrifice on Your altar. I give my life to You. Live Your life and do Your ministry in and through me. Meet the needs of the needy by working Your work through my life and ministry. Give them all they need without any resistance from me. Be everything You need to be; go everywhere You need to go; do everything You need to do; say everything You need to say; accomplish everything You want to accomplish, so everyone's needs are met by all You have to offer. Let it all be done in and through me and everyone else that is willing to yield to You.

Psa 43:5 (NIV) Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. Help me to stop living a downcast and disturbed life. All I have to do is put all my faith and hope in You, my God. You are my God and my Savior. I have accepted Your salvation and I yield everything I have and am to You as my God. Be God in my life and service to all those who live on this planet. Be God in all my desires, thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds. Be God in and through my life and service to others. Be my God through time and eternity. I praise and worship You with all I am and will ever be.

PSALM 44

God, I want Your life-training.

Psa 44:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A maskil. We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us what You did in their days, in days long ago. God, our lives have been changed by all the great reports we have received from Your Word. Your people from times past have been moved by Your Spirit to write down a report of Your great and mighty works among them. These reports have inspired us and encouraged us as we have been allowed to look into the past and see Your great deliverances and blessings. Your Word has helped us to understand just how great and mighty You are. We have been able to see how much You love Your people and how much You are willing to do for all who will look to You for their needs being met. Thank You for allowing us to look into the past through the report of the Holy Spirit.

Psa 44:2 (NIV) With Your hand You drove out the nations and planted our fathers; You crushed the peoples and made our fathers flourish. Through Your Word I have seen You drive out nations of people who wouldn't serve You or acknowledge Your ways. Those who cheated, killed, and damaged those around them were driven out and people who were serving You were put in their place. You crushed those who lived lives filled with evil deeds and prospered Your people who allowed You to establish their laws and their government. You rewarded those who allowed You to be God in their lives and drove out those who followed false gods that represented evil treatment of fellow humans.

Psa 44:3 (NIV) It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was **Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your face, for You loved them.** Your people weren't able to use their power or skills to make all this happen. But, because their trust was in You and Your ways, You used Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your face to give them the victory. Because You are alive, our relationship with You is one of faith, trust, and dependency on You. Because You are alive, we have a faith in a real God Who provides for His people. You are the only true and living God that uses Your power to meet the needs of all who put their faith and trust in Him. You are the God of love and You work Your miracles for the benefit of Your people.

Psa 44:4 (NIV) **You are my King and my God, who decrees victories for Jacob.** I allow You to be my King to rule over my life. I want the same kind of provisions that come to those who put their faith, trust, reliance, and dependency in You. I don't want those things that I can produce through my efforts, skills, and power. I want the greatness of all You provide Your people. I allow You to be God in my life. I give up control and the decision making for my paths. I accept You and Your victories into all I am and do. I yield to what You can do rather than what I can do. I want God-sized victories to pour in and through me to all who will accept You.

Psa 44:5 (NIV) **Through You we push back our enemies; through Your name we trample our foes.** I have felt that I was my answer for all my needs. Even after I became a Christian and started receiving Your power into my life. I still thought that I was the one who was making things happen. I gave myself the credit for Your work. I saw it as being my commitment, my quality decisions, my pure attitudes that were making Christianity work. You changed me and my attitudes and gave me all the miracles that were happening in my life. Yet I took the credit for most of them. Your Holy Spirit has helped me to realize that I am a Christian only through Your great love. All that I am able to think, feel, say, and do has been provided by You. You allow me to push back my enemies using Your great power. You enable me to trample my foes through Your great grace and mercy. Even though You allow me to be involved, it is all You that is making it happen. Thank You for allowing me to be a part of the victory of the battle. Thank You for letting me feel included as we work together to accomplish Your great plan for me and all who will accept You. I give You all the praise, all the credit, and all the glory.

Psa 44:6 (NIV) **I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory;** I now realize that my abilities, strategies, skills, talents, and efforts are not bringing any results. I give up my trust in myself. I give up self-reliance, self-esteem, and self-centeredness. I accept a reliance on You. I receive the esteem that You give me. I yield to You as the central control of my life. You are allowing me to make these decisions and I willingly decide to make You the Lord, King, and God of all I am. I am free to make these decisions because You have given me a free will; because You have given me freedom from the slavery of sin; and because You have given me the right to use that freedom any way I want. I now use that freedom to choose You and all You have to offer.

Psa 44:7 (NIV) but You give us victory over our enemies, You put our adversaries to shame. Now that I have You as the God of my life, I am able to start seeing what You are capable of doing. I am now able to live the victorious Christian life because of all You are able to do. When I was dependent on myself for my victories, I found my enemies to be greater than I was able to handle. Now that You are the strength, control, and strategy of my life, I am experiencing Your victories over my enemies. You are putting our adversaries to shame. All who put their trust in You rather than in themselves are experiencing the greatness of Your love.

Psa 44:8 (NIV) In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise Your name forever. Selah. I give up all bragging on myself. I admit that it isn't me that is bringing about all these victories. I now know that it is all You that is making these great things happen. It isn't because I now trust You. It isn't because of my faith. It is because You have given me faith and trust in You. Everything I have that is opening up the doors to Your greatness have come from You. Nothing good has come from me. You drew me, You created a desire for You in me, You provided the words that gave me faith, You honored that faith, and You are producing Your greatness in my life because of the faith You gave me. I make my boast in You, my God. All day long I give You all the credit. Help me to never take any of the credit. When I do, it starts to destroy me. My eyes get off of You as my source and I end up being defeated by my enemies. Help me to praise Your name forever. I now stop and meditate on You and Your greatness.

Psa 44:9 (NIV) But now You have rejected and humbled us; You no longer go out with our armies. Every time I start looking to myself and start giving me the credit for all the things You have provided, I find myself alone. Your provisions stop and I feel Your rejection of my attitudes. I cause You to have to humble me and bring me back to my senses. My warning and signal for letting me know I have entered into pride is the results I am getting in my life. You no longer go with me to fight against the temptations of the devil. You let me be defeated by the allure of the world. You let me fail when my body makes demands of me. Weakness and defeat start to become normal for me. They all point me to the fact that I have made me the lord of my life. I have put my faith, dependency, reliance, and trust in myself and what I can do. The freedom of salvation is being used to choose me rather than You. I always have that freedom. Even when I choose You and all You have to offer, I am still free to take my permission back any time I want. And sometimes I use that freedom to take my life back from You.

Psa 44:10 (NIV) You made us retreat before the enemy, and our adversaries have plundered us. What a difference my life is when I take my life back from Your control. There are times I don't want anyone to control me. Sometimes I just want to be in charge of myself. I listen to Satan and start to distrust Your love. I start to see You from Satan's view point. When I do, life starts to fall apart. Rather than being strong in You and in the power of Your might, I start having to retreat before my enemies. My life gets plundered and my relationships start falling apart. Rather than Satan being a defeated foe, I become a defeated Christian.

Psa 44:11 (NIV) You gave us up to be devoured like sheep and have scattered us among the nations. I can see this pattern in all the accounts I read in the Old Testament. Every time Your people take their lives back from You, their lives start to experience defeat. Sometimes Your people didn't take the warning and heed the signals. There were times that they ignored them and went their own way. It was then that their lives progress on a downward trend getting worse and worse. If they ignored this downward trend, You would allow them to be defeated by their enemies and be scattered among the nations. Finally they would wake up and realize their mistake and open their hearts to You. When they did, You came back into their lives with power and victory. Help me to understand that I have to give You permission to intervene in my life. You have given me the freedom to always decide who is going to be running my life. If I reject Your help, You will honor that rejection and give me the freedom to decide.

Psa 44:12 (NIV) You sold Your people for a pittance, gaining nothing from their sale. Like You did in days past, You will let us go. We are people with a free will and You will not take that right away from us. Even though You have bought us with a great price, You will allow us to sell ourselves out to the cheap things of this world. It brings You no pleasure and benefit to let us go. But, You will honor our free will. Help me to always choose You. Help me to stop looking to myself, my body, the world, or the devil for my supply.

Psa 44:13 (NIV) You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, the scorn and derision of those around us. I never get the things I reach out for, when I turn from You and look to another source. It always turns out bad, when I decide to take my life back. Those things I thought I would gain never are gained. If it is an effort to gain popularity and people acceptance, it always ends up with me receiving reproach, scorn, and derision from the people around me. Why, God, don't I learn this? I always need You and Your help. My ways never work. Why do I keep thinking that I can do it better than You? What causes me to yield to these false ideas and keep going down this path to defeat? Help me to stop this pattern and keep my faith and trust in You.

Psa 44:14 (NIV) You have made us a byword among the nations; the peoples shake their heads at us. When I make the decision to take my life back, I hurt Your name. They know I am a Christian and use me as a false example that Christianity doesn't work. The non-Christians use me to prove that Christians are hypocrites. This is a false message I am sending out to them. It isn't You that is causing my life to look this way. I am sorry that I am causing them to use Your name as a byword among the nations. I am sorry that my name is tied to Your name and that I am hurting Your message. When people shake their head at me, they are rejecting me and the name that is united with me. I am bringing reproach to Your name. Forgive me God for taking my life away from Your control. I am glad You haven't turned me into a robot. I am glad I have this freedom of choice. You are wonderful for allowing me to decide whom I will serve. But, I want to use this freedom to freely give my life to You on a constant basis.

Psa 44:15-16 (NIV) My disgrace is before me all day long, and my face is covered with shame at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me, because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 15: Help this disgrace to become obvious to me. Help me to feel shame for what I have done. Help me to repent of my ignorant decision and realize that it is harmful to me. Help me see how wonderful You are and how trustworthy You have been. You have never taken advantage of me. You have never treated me wrong. You have always used Your power, greatness, and wisdom for my benefit. Even though You can overpower me and abuse me anyway You choose, You have never taken away my right to choose the paths of my life. I chose Your salvation and You have never taken it away. When I choose Your help, You always only do what I allow You to do. You never cheat me or mistreat me. Please keep these facts before my face all the time.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 16: Help me to see what I have done that is opening the door to the taunts, reproach, and reviling that is coming my way. The enemy of my soul has always wanted to hurt me. He would have done many evil things had I not been under Your protection. Now that I have decided that I can do a better job of running my life, I have open the door to the enemy who is bent on revenge. I have taken away my permission for You to give me Your protection. Help me to stop making these foolish decisions.

Psa 44:17 (NIV) All this happened to us, though we had not forgotten You or been false to Your covenant. Help me to so serve You that the reproach I receive it unjust. Help me to be so bold in my sharing Your message that I start getting resistance from the people who don't want You. If I am going to be persecuted by the people around me, let it be because they are hearing Your message and they are rejecting it and me. Help me to stop being persecuted because I deserve it. Help me to start being persecuted because I am serving You.

Psa 44:18 (NIV) Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from Your path. Help my heart to not turn back from You. Enable my feet to not stray from Your path. Take my life back under Your care. Give me such a dedication to You and Your ways that I start not only living the Christian life but I start sharing it with others. Let me start so invading the enemy's territory that he has to do everything in his power to resist me. Make me such an instrument for Your work that Satan's people hate me. But, for the sake of Your work, give me an open path of ministry for Your work. Give me complete victory of all of Satan and his people's efforts.

Psa 44:19 (NIV) But You crushed us and made us a haunt for jackals and covered us over with deep darkness. You have had to expose me to a lot of correction and pruning in the beginnings of my life and ministry. You did it not because I had rejected You or turned from You. You had to do it so You could trim me down and perfect me for a bigger and better work. You allowed be to be exposed to jackals and deep darkness so I could understand the pain of those I was going to be helping in the future.

Even though I was still giving You permission to take control of my life, there were times when I still had to face tough times. This type of crushing wasn't because of my rebellion it was in fact because of my dedication to You. I asked You to let me be a channel through which You could flow to the needs of the people around me. I wanted and still want Your life-training so I will be able to be a powerful help to the needy.

You put me in situations of life that prepared me for the ministry. You broadened my training beyond the areas of my own needs. I experienced difficulties that wouldn't typically come my way. You made me a person who understood numerous situations and problems. You gave me a heart that was able to understand and care about the sufferings that others go through. There were times when this training felt like the crises I had gone through when I took my life back. It caused me to question You and feel like You were being unfair to me.

I lifted my heart up before You and You didn't indicate that I had any areas that I had taken back. Yet I was experiencing things similar to the life I have when I do take it back. It was then that You helped me to see the Holy Spirit's work as He continued to lead me into all truths. He was making me into a person who was able to be used by You for the needs of others. Their needs weren't all like mine. Until Your life-training, I wasn't able to identify with their problems. I thank You for broadening my experiences so I am able to appreciate the magnitude of their needs.

Psa 44:20-21 (NIV) If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart?

PRAYER FOR VERSE 20: I haven't forgotten Your name and I haven't reached out of the god of this world. I now know that I am still committed to You and Your Lordship over my life. Your Holy Spirit has assured me that I am still under Your control and that these tough issues are coming as life-training for the ministry of Your Word. Thank You for removing the confusion. Thank You for allowing me to enter into Your school of training so I can do Your work. I want to help those who have forgotten Your name and have reached out to other sources for the meeting of their needs. Train me and make me a great tool for Your work. Shape me into a person who doesn't just grow spiritually for my own needs. Let me help all those on this planet to experience the greatness You have shown me.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 21: I now know You know that I have not taken my life back. I know You see the secrets of my heart. I accept the fact that I must go through many issues of life-training so I can be prepared to serve Your people. I want to be the very best trained and skilled minister of Your Word. I believe You know the secrets of my heart and are doing Your work in me as I yield to Your will. Sometimes it is hard to yield to the training issues You are sending my way. Help me to understand them and learn the things You are wanting me to learn. Help me not to allow anything from Satan, my body, or the world to teach me their ways. Help me to only follow Your voice and to run from everything else.

Psa 44:22 (NIV) Yet for Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. If it were not for You, we would already be dead. If we get too hot, we die. If we get too cold, we die. If we get exposed to too much acid, we die. If we get exposed to too much alkaline, we die. If we fall too far, we die. If we don't have enough air, we die. If we get shot or stabbed and are injured too much, we die. We are so vulnerable, heavenly Father. Diseases, poisons, and injury are all around us. If it were not for Your constant protection, we would have never made it down the birth canal. Without You protecting us, we don't stand a chance of survival.

We are like sheep being led to the slaughter. We don't stand a chance of staying alive. But You have made sure that we have stayed alive in spite of all the things that could have killed us. I commit myself to sharing You even in places where my life is on the line. Help me to stay willing to lay my life down for Your sake. I wouldn't have even been born, if You hadn't made it possible. Help me to appreciate the fact that You have given me my life. I want to love You and work for You even if it means losing my life. I believe that You Who have given me this life and have kept me alive this far will keep me alive for as long as it is Your will for me to be on this planet. Take my life and use it for Your glory and honor.

Psa 44:23 (NIV) Awake, O Lord! Why do You sleep? Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us forever. Sometimes I get frustrated with my prayer relationship with You. In the world where money is the method of exchange, all I have to do is make enough money and I can buy anything I want. But, in the spiritual world, I have to trust You and wait on You to decide when You are going to meet my needs and answer my prayers. I know You never sleep or slumber; but it seems like You aren't paying any attention to me or my cries. My need for You is constant and I have to have Your supply all the time. Yet there are times when I can't seem to get the things I feel I need from You. I feel rejected and ignored, when You delay Your answers to things I feel I desperately need. Help me to keep my faith and trust in You. Let me know that Your timing for my life is perfect. Strengthen my heart so I don't lose faith and damage my chances of being blessed by You. You will never fail me or neglect me. You always do the right things all the time.

Psa 44:24 (NIV) Why do You hide Your face and forget our misery and oppression? If there is something that is wrong in my life that is blocking off Your supply, show it to me so I can give it up to You for healing and deliverance. Empower me to be able to ask why without being filled with doubt. When it feels like You are hiding Your face from me, help me to always know that You are doing the right thing. Keep me from pride in thinking that You are somehow at fault. If there is a problem in our relationship, keep me aware of the fact that it has to be my fault and not Yours. You are perfect and can never make a mistake. I, on the other hand, make lots of mistakes. When I am in misery and oppression, I suffer and the pain and fear that comes from it pushes me toward blame. I want out of my suffering so much that I try to force all those things around me to quit hurting me. I know You are my only answer; but I try to get You to meet my needs by using techniques that are not good. Forgive me and help me to patiently wait for Your deliverance. Keep my attitudes in a pure and godly condition and empower me to stay in constant faith in You.

Psa 44:25 (NIV) We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.

There are times when it seems like everything is going wrong. Our lives are pushed down to the lowest we can go. I don't like it, when this happens. I only like it, when You see a negative situation in my life and fix it immediately. During times of suffering and defeat I can only see my situation. I forget about others and their needs. My eyes turn inward and I can only care about the pain and suffering I am going through. I forget that You are training me and preparing me for serving others. I get distracted from learning how to get the victory through faith and the truth of Your Word. During these times I stop wanting to fight the good fight of faith and just want deliverance. I just want You to deliver me without me being responsible for doing my part. Teach me Your Word. Help me to apply Your truths to my situations. Help me to learn how to be delivered so I can teach these principles to others. Deliver me from selfishness and fill my heart with love. Let me learn all of Your truths so I can be a constant source of Your mighty power for those around me.

Psa 44:26 (NIV) Rise up and help us; redeem us because of Your unfailing love. I don't deserve Your help. Sometimes I get to feeling like You owe me something. I start telling You what to do rather than allowing You to teach me. I stop letting You be God in my life and I start thinking that I am the one who knows what is best. I allow my opinions to be superior over Your wisdom and knowledge. I apologize for these attitudes of pride and rebellion. I don't mean to be damaging our relationship. I know You are a God of unfailing love. Help my prayers to be requests rather than demands. Help me to ask You to rise up and help us. Deliver me from ever demanding that You rise up and help us. If it were not for Your love, we wouldn't have redemption and freedom from sin. You were the One Who gave us Your only Son so we could be saved. I was still a sinner, when You sent Your Son. I was still being Your enemy and was doing things that were against Your holiness and purity. I didn't deserve Your grace and mercy. I am only able to love You because You loved me first. I humbly pray that You would rise up and help us; redeem us because of Your unfailing love.

PSALM 45

God, I want You to be my King.

Psa 45:1 (NIV) For the director of music. To the tune of "Lilies." Of the Sons of Korah. A maskil. A wedding song. My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the King; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. Jesus, You are my King. You are the governing authority for my life. You are the ruler over my decisions and plans. You know what is best for me. There was a time when I thought that I was the only one who had my best interests in mind. I thought that I cared about me so much that I was the only one who should make the decisions for my life. I protected myself from all decisions and influences that went contrary to what I thought was best for me. But, after years of experiencing You and Your love, I have discovered that You love me more than I love myself. I have experienced Your love, wisdom, authority, and power. For years I have compared Your plan for my life with my plan for my life. I have found that my life is freer and more wonderful, when You take control of the decisions for my life. You never abuse me or take advantage of me. You always have my best interests in mind. I choose to make You the King and Lord of my life.

Psa 45:2 (NIV) You are the most excellent of men and Your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed You forever. You were born on this earth in the likeness of a human. You have all the rights and authority of a man. Yet You came to earth as God. You have all the rights and authority of God. You represented me as the sacrifice for my sins on a human level. You died in my place by allowing Your body to be killed. You suffered for me and have taken away all my judgment. I will never be punished for all the sins I have committed. You loved me when I couldn't even love myself. Even though You are God, You made sacrifices that are beyond my comprehension. You have loved me with a love that exceeds anything I can conceive of. You are the most excellent of men. There has never been a human that has lived as perfect and pure life as You lived. Everything You said and did was anointed with a grace that blessed mankind beyond anything we could ever deserve. Our heavenly Father has blessed You with the throne and kingship over all mankind forever. You and You alone deserve to be our King.

Psa 45:3 (NIV) Gird your sword upon Your side, O mighty One; clothe Yourself with splendor and majesty. Take Your position over all creation. I pray that You would move before us and empower us to set the people of this world free from the slavery of Satan and sin. Enable us to deliver all who are will from their sins. Let the whole world see Your splendor and majesty so they can respond to Your greatness. Help them to understand just how great You really are. You have proven Yourself to me. You have helped me to see Your love and power to set us free. I have been able to devote my entire life to You because of Your great love. Do the same for all those around the world who are willing to see. Let Your delivering sword go in front of us and let it cut to bonds of those enslaved to the power of sin. You have died for their sins; let all mankind gain the benefits from that provision.

Psa 45:4 (NIV) In Your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness; let Your right hand display awesome deeds. Live Your life in and through us. Use my body to accomplish this last day work. Let the people of this world see You rather than me. Help me to become so transparent that I don't obscure any of Your majesty. Use all who are willing to yield to Your life and ministry and ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility, and righteousness. Do Your mighty and awesome deeds so the hearts of these people could be set free. You have purchased all of mankind with Your blood. You have provided salvation for everyone. Satan is a defeated foe. We have all been purchase by Your blood. Use our bodies and in Your majesty ride forth victoriously.

Psa 45:5 (NIV) Let Your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the King's enemies; let the nations fall beneath Your feet. There are those who are resisting You and Your message. They won't accept You as their King and they don't want anyone else to accept You. They have made themselves Your enemies. They don't want Your truth and they are spreading lies against it. I want to proclaim Your truth to all nations. We want to be Your people and do Your work. Open the doors for Your message and ministry. Let Your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of all Your enemies, dear Jesus. Let all the nations fall beneath Your feet. Let those who will accept You as their King be set free; and let all who will not accept You fall beneath Your feet.

Psa 45:6 (NIV) Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom. I serve Your eternal kingdom. I accept You as the eternal God. I believe in You as my God; and I know that Your throne will last forever and ever. I have devoted myself to You because You alone have a scepter of justice. No one has matched Your purity and holiness. No one has demonstrated Your kind of love and sacrifice. You alone are willing to share all Your greatness to all who will yield to Your kind of purity, kindness, holiness, and love. We all want Your kind of life of fairness, mercy, and grace. But, frequently, we aren't willing to treat others with the kind of purity we want for ourselves. Heal us so we will live out to others the kind of life we want for ourselves. Your kingdom will only have citizens who become like You.

Psa 45:7 (NIV) You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has set You above Your companions by anointing You with the oil of joy. You and You alone love righteousness and hate wickedness. You alone died so that everyone who put their faith in You could be filled with righteousness and delivered from wickedness. You alone have shared all You are with all of us. No one has been so generous as You. You alone are worthy of praise and honor. No one has lived the life You have lived and been the kind of person You are.

We all can see how wonderful the things are that You stand for. We all want to experience the things You provide. Some aren't willing to get them through You. They want to create them by their own efforts. I was a person like that. However, I found that You alone have the power to create them in me and in those around me. I want to be that kind of person and I want to be surrounded by this kind of people. I know that I will find this kind of a life in Your Kingdom.

God has set You above everyone else. He made the right and righteous choice. He knows that You are His Son and that You live like Him. You deserve to be above all mankind. You deserve it because You are our creator. You deserve it because You are our Savior. You deserve it because You are our God. You deserve it because You love righteousness and hate wickedness. You deserve it because God, Your God, anointed You with the oil of joy. I honor You and bow my knees before You. You are my King.

Psa 45:8 (NIV) All Your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; from palaces adorned with ivory the music of the strings makes You glad. You wear the robes of righteousness. You have clothed Yourself in all the purity and holiness of Your Father. When we see You, we see our heavenly Father. You have taken on all of His character. You are His perfect representative. We have accepted Him and have loved Him because You have shown how great He is.

Everything that is beautiful and wonderful You have made Your clothing. You have set up Your Kingdom in beauty and wonder. I want to live in Your Kingdom. I want to do whatever it takes to be a part of everything You are and everything You do forever. I want to sing Your praises and speak forth Your glory to all mankind. You are worthy of all credit, honor, and praise.

Psa 45:9 (NIV) Daughters of kings are among Your honored women; at Your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir. I am a member of the bride of Christ. I am the inheritor of You and Your relationship. You have prepared a people to become one with You. You have included me in that group. You have lifted us up with You and in You for all eternity. You have made us all one with each other and one with You. You have called us to unity in You. I yield to that unity. I give up discord, dissention, gossiping, lying, cheating, hurting people, and all the works of the body. I receive all of the fruit of the Spirit. I want all the characteristics and qualities that it takes to become one with You and the rest of Your bride.

Psa 45:10 (NIV) Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear: Forget your people and your father's house. Help me to forget the people who were pulling me into the world. Help me to give up all worldly pleasures and principles. I give up being a child of Satan and his lies. Deliver me from any desire to go back to those things my body craved, the world enticed me with, and the things the devil tempted me with. Being with You is far better than anything the world has to offer. Enable me to completely forget all of it and come to You with no regrets.

Psa 45:11 (NIV) The King is enthralled by your beauty; honor Him, for He is your Lord. Jesus, You have made me beautiful. You set me free from the hideousness of sin. You transformed me into a whole new creation. You have given me more than I could have thought of, desired, or asked for. I honor You. You are my Lord.

Psa 45:12 (NIV) The Daughter of Tyre will come with a gift, men of wealth will seek Your favor. I sought to be popular with the people of the world. I tried to win them over as my friends. I followed their patterns so I could be accepted into their group. I lowered my standards and gave in to their philosophies. I did everything I could to be one of them. Then I realized that this wasn't who I wanted to be. I want becoming a person I couldn't respect. My goals were taking me down a path that was destroying me. I want trying to please the wrong people. So, I turned to You for direction. You showed me a way of life that was beautiful and joyous. I gave my life over to You and You have never directed me into anything that I couldn't appreciate or honor. Now I am trying to be pleasing in Your sight. I am turning all my goals and plans over to You. You have proven that You are the One I want to be like. Since then I have been accepted by people like You.

Psa 45:13 (NIV) All glorious is the princess within her chamber; her gown is interwoven with gold. I tried to get wealth by devoting myself to its pursuit. I gave my life over to studying how to have a career and a good position in a good company. I put all of my time and effort into becoming a person who could earn as much money as possible. I spent all my time, poured out my heart, and invested my money in getting ahead. I didn't have time for You. I was too busy pursuing my financial goals. I filled my life with everything money could buy. But after reaching my goals and obtaining the objects of my desires, I found no happiness or satisfaction. I was tempted to increase my efforts. I thought that maybe I hadn't tried hard enough. I thought that my way was right I just hadn't done it right. I almost spent the rest of my life trying harder to get happiness through possessions. But, You interrupted my pursuit and showed me another way. Now I pursue You and all these other things are being added to me.

Psa 45:14 (NIV) In embroidered garments she is led to the King; her virgin companions follow her and are brought to You. There is a world and a life that You are preparing for me. It is far better than anything this world can ever be. This new world and life have everything I have ever wanted and more. I want to do whatever it takes to get ready for that world. I want to do all those things You want me to do in this world so I can inherit that world. Help me to not get distracted by this world and fail to properly prepare for Your new world. Lead me to You my King. Keep me heading in Your direction. Help me see Your future plans. Prepare us Your people for eternity. Empower us to maintain an eternal perspective.

Psa 45:15 (NIV) They are led in with joy and gladness; they enter the palace of the King. There will be a special moment when You call us to all come to You, my King. You will sound the trumpet and will catch us all up in the air. You will come for us and will take us to be with You forever. Right now You are helping us to get dressed for this great event. You have been preparing our hearts so we would be able to be a part of all You are. You have cleansed me, transformed me, dressed me in righteousness, and prepared me for this moment. You have given me the opportunity to excel in all You have for me.

Some of the things I have been exposed to have been difficult and painful. I have had to suffer many rejections and corrections. You have had to chastise me and correct me many times. You have had to prune me and cut off many of my achievements. I have been persecuted and accused. Some persecutions have been justified concerning me and others have been false accusations. You have been giving me many difficult assignments so as to prepare me for now and eternity. But, in it all, it will be worth it for eternity. I will be led with joy and gladness into the great palace of You, my King. Then I will be totally glad that You did all You did to prepare me for that day.

Psa 45:16 (NIV) Your sons will take the place of Your fathers; You will make them princes throughout the land. There are those that You wanted to be Your people. You wanted to make them a nation and a people for Your name. Some of them responded to Your plan; but others refused to let You be their Lord. Those who have accepted You as their Lord will take the place of many who were in Your human lineage. It isn't by natural birth that we enter into Your Kingdom, my King. It is those who hear Your Words and obey them that will enter Your Kingdom. They will be Your princes in the land You have prepared for them.

Psa 45:17 (NIV) I will perpetuate Your memory through all generations; therefore the nations will praise You for ever and ever. I want to let everyone know how great You are. I want to tell everyone all You have done for me and for all who will accept You. I want to show my appreciation for Your great work You have done to provide salvation to all. It isn't Your fault that some will not accept that great salvation You have provided. I want all to see that You made all of these things available to everyone for free. All we have to do is accept You and Your provisions in faith and they are ours. Help me to let the nations know about Your greatness. Provide me with the opportunity to praise You by expressing my thanksgiving to all mankind. Let me help anyone who wants to, to touch the lives of everyone on this planet. I will praise You forever and ever.

PSALM 46

God, I want my eyes to stay focused on You.

Psa 46:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamothe. A song. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Heavenly Father, You are my protection from everything evil. You have provided me with a place to go, whenever something is about to hurt me or scare me. Your Word has shown me how much You love me and are concerned for me. Your Holy Spirit has explained the meaning of Your Word and helped me to see that You never take Your eyes off of me.

I can come to You with my problems and needs and know that You are doing the very best for me. I can relax knowing that You are taking care of everything. You tell me what You want me to do and You empower me to do it. If You want me to take action, You fill me with the wisdom and knowledge so I can move in all the right directions with the right attitudes. If You want me to wait for a while and just relax in You, then You give me peace and patience. I rest in the security of knowing You are taking care of everything for me. Your protection, strength, and constant help in every situation has happened for me every time. You have never, never let me down or failed me.

Psa 46:2 (NIV) Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 2: I open my heart up for You to fill me with the assurance of Your protection. In my own strength, I will fear and react negatively. Without Your peace and patience, I will step outside Your will. Pour Your security and truth into my heart so I can feel fearless. I don't want to try to not fear. That has never worked for me. I need Your healing power in my heart so I am empowered to never fear. I want a peace and security flooding into my heart that is so powerful that nothing causes me to doubt You. Help me to have a constant faith in You, Your love, and Your provisions. Make me so strong in You that even if the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the sea, I will stay in total faith in Your protection.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 3: I give You the emotions of my heart and allow You to heal them. Take my feelings of fear and doubt and replace them with a complete confidence in You. Stabilize my heart and direct its eyes to You. Help me to see Your greatness in comparison to the circumstances. Let me see that You are much more powerful than anything that comes against me. Fill my heart with the assurance that You are much more powerful and capable than those things Satan wants to do to me.

All Satan can do is make the waters roar and foam. He can only make the noises that sound like they are about to destroy me. He can't touch me unless I believe his lies. Satan can't drown me with the waters without getting Your permission. He can't bury me with the mountain unless You say he can. Satan has to pass through You because I have run to You and made You my refuge. I would have to get into fear and leave Your protection before he could hurt or kill me. Help me stay inside You by constantly believing that You are going to always meet my needs.

Psa 46:4 (NIV) There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. So empower me, heavenly Father, that I learn to trust You for everything. Teach me Your ways while I live on this earth. Use the circumstances of this life to prepare me for eternity. Teach me how to live in the spirit realm. Get me ready for eternity by using the systems of this earth as examples. Help me to see the parallels of how You made this planet so I can understand what my life with You is going to be like. Use the parables of Jesus to explain how my life in the Spirit works. Give me great skill in walking in Your Spirit so I can be ready to live with great skill in eternity. Make me one of Your advanced students in all spiritual methods and procedures. Soon I will be living in the city You have prepared for me and all Your people. Soon I will be looking at the river that flows in the middle of Your great city. For eternity I will be with You in the holy place where You, the Most High dwell. I want to be completely trained in and ready to live there by having all You have to offer.

Psa 46:5 (NIV) God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Soon I won't face any evil or have any problems. You will bring me where You are and all my temptations and difficulties will be over. You will have trained me in how to live in total faith and trust in You. You will have created a heart in me that is completely yielded to You. You are building a relationship with me that is melting our hearts together. My focus is being directed toward You and making You the central desire of my heart. I am desiring to be closer to You more and more each day. By the time You bring me home to You, I believe we will be one. You are in that great city where nothing bad can happen. You have prepared a place where You are in total control. Satan and all his minions will be cast into the lake of fire. All those who refused to be separated from sin and evil will be kept out. Everything will be beautiful and wonderful. Use the experiences of this world to teach me how to live with great success and skill in this new world.

Psa 46:6 (NIV) Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. Heavenly Father, I see all the problems this world is having. Satan wants us to think that he is in control of all this evil I see here. Many of Your people are allowing their hearts to be filled with fear and amazement. All You have to do is lift Your voice and all of this will melt away. Nothing is happening without Your permission. Nothing is taking place that You didn't plan for it to take place. You are allowing Satan to challenge and lure any who want to believe his lies. You have given us the freedom to choose who we want to believe. Satan is trying to make his arguments and proofs to be powerful.

Help us to not be impressed with the turmoil he is creating in the nations. Take our eyes off of the wars and defeat of kingdoms. Keep our eyes on Your great power and control over it all. None of these events are evidence that You don't have control. Your Word has drawn out in great detail all of the things that are happening now. It shows us that none of these circumstances are taking You by surprise. All that is happening is flowing inside of Your plan. Help us to have faith in You and not in these calamities.

Psa 46:7 (NIV) The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah Bring my eyes into focus on You and You alone. Help me not to allow my attention to be drawn away from Your greatness onto the problems of this world. I want to be impressed with You and not with the events of this world. You are the Lord God Almighty and You are with us. The great and mighty things You did for Your people, Israel, in the Old Testament is more than enough to help me see how great and loving You are. You are patient and kind and will do whatever it takes to help me be safe. I now stop and meditate on the fact that You are with me and that You are all I need.

Psa 46:8 (NIV) Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations He has brought on the earth. You are allowing the individuals of this world to choose their own way and then reap the problems their own ways create. You work in each person's life as You show them what their life is like without trusting in You. Then You bless them for a while so they can see what their life could be if they put their trust in You. Some are willing to see the difference and turn to You. Others refuse to see the difference and refuse to give You the praise and glory for the blessings that You send their way. Some take all the credit for all the wonderful things You are giving them. You show everyone Who You are through Your creation. You explain Your character and Your plan for them through the things You have made. You make sure they know You exist and then You send Your people to provide them with Your gospel, the good news. I can see how great You are just by looking at the events of this world. You have made Your people blessed and have allowed desolation to come against those who love to live the life of sin.

Psa 46:9 (NIV) He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, He burns the shields with fire. Everywhere You are being honored, You make the wars to cease. You do away with armaments and human efforts to be protected and safe. Everywhere You are not being honored, You are allowing them to war and fight constantly. If anyone chooses to see the difference, they can learn from these world events and be saved. All who see and come to You will be taken to a world where all wars cease all around that earth. There You will destroy all weapons of destruction and do away with all weapons of defense. We will live with You forever in a heaven and earth with everlasting peace. Now we have the opportunity to give up war in our hearts and lives and accept You as our Prince of Peace. If we will allow You to put peace in our hearts, You will allow us to live in Your Kingdom for eternity.

Psa 46:10 (NIV) "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Help me to learn to stop trying my own ways and doing my own plans. Let me wait on You and let You show me that You are God. Give me eyes to see and ears that can hear the truth about You. Convince my heart that You are the answer to all I am and all I need. Help me to allow You to be my God in all I am and all I do. Flow in and through me so You can exalt Yourself before the nations. I give You my body and my life for You to use to exalt Yourself among all the nations. I only have this one body and one life and I give it all to You. I want You to use me to accomplish the Great Commission so we can go into all the world and proclaim Your good news to every person. Take my body and my life and use it to make disciples in every nation. Help us to baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Help us to teach them to obey everything You taught them to obey when You were doing Your earthly ministry. Be exalted in all the earth.

Psa 46:11 (NIV) The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah You are the Lord Almighty; and You are always with us. You are all we need and You will always meet our needs. You have never let me down or failed me. You are the God of the Old and New Testaments. In times without number, You have proven that You are our fortress. We can run into You and hide from all that would hurt or destroy us. Even if our body is destroyed, You have provided us with eternal life. There is nothing anyone or anything can do to us that will discontinue our eternal relationship with You. We will always exist throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. I now stop and meditate on these awesome concepts.

PSALM 47

God, I want to praise You.

Psa 47:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. God, You are worthy of all praise and worship. You have met my needs and helped me with all my problems. You have transformed my life and protected me from my satanic enemies. You have given me complete health, healing, and wholeness. You are the only one who represents purity, holiness, righteousness, and godliness. You have taught me Your fruit of the Spirit and empowered me to start living that kind of life. All mankind is bent toward evil and You provided Jesus so we could all be saved, if we choose to take advantage of it. You fill my heart with joy and happiness. I cap my hands in honor of You. Let me take Your greatness to all the nations. Help me to bring praise for You from all the people of this earth.

Psa 47:2 (NIV) How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth! God, You are awesome. You sit far above all power and authority. You are everywhere; You know everything; You have all power; and You are all love. Nothing or no one can keep You from doing anything You want to do. You are able to do and be anything You choose to be; yet You choose to be awesome and wonderful. You Who sit as the Most High choose to love me and give Your Son to bring salvation and blessings to me. Even though it looks like Satan is doing anything he wants, You are the great King over all the earth. It is so comforting to know that such an awesome God is in total control of all the earth. Satan is showing us how awful a being can be. He is demonstrating a character and use of power that reveals what You have chosen to prevent from being a part of Your character and methods. I am glad You are God; and I am glad You are my God.

Psa 47:3 (NIV) He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. Give Your people the nations as an inheritance. Let us go into all the world and preach the gospel to every person. Give us authority over governments and powers that try to resist our ministry to the people of this world. Thank you for giving us the nations. We yield to Your power to reach their hearts with Your good news. Help me to not try to use this power and authority for anything other than for their best interests. Help me to be able to be anointed by Your complete power and presence with total submission to Your will. It is such a privilege to be one with You as we reach our world for Christ.

Psa 47:4 (NIV) He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom He loved. Selah You have adopted me into the family of Israel (Jacob) and gave me a new life inside of Jesus. Now I am in Jesus, Jesus is in me, and we are in You. Through Jesus, I have inherited You as my God and my heavenly Father. What a privilege to be Your child and You to be my dear Father. I love being in Your family and inheriting You and all You offer. I would have never imagined that any of these things could ever be possible. What a gracious and loving God You are. I will praise and worship You forever and ever. I love You with all my heart.

Psa 47:5 (NIV) God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. Your people love You for great reasons. The way You treat us causes us to love You and shout out with great joy at Your presence. Satan mistreated us. We felt the pain it caused by going our own way. We all know how empty the promises of the world are. I tried everything else to fill the emptiness in my heart. I gave it my best efforts; and it didn't meet my needs.

Psa 47:6 (NIV) Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. I sing worship songs and praise songs to You, my King. I love our relationship of me praising You for Your greatness and loving kindness. There is no one like You. You are my creator, Savior, Healer, Supplier, Deliverer, God, and King. It is my pleasure to spend lots of time praising You and singing songs that worship You. I love You with all my heart and enjoy spending time talking to You and You talking to me. It is such a blessing to let You know how I feel and how much I appreciate Who You are and all You have done for me. I devote my life and eternity to worshiping and praising You. I run out of words that express my heart. I look forward to the moment when I can use a heavenly language to sing, praise, and worship You.

Psa 47:7 (NIV) For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise. Thank You for this psalm, heavenly Father. Thank You for providing me additional ways and concepts for praising and worshiping You. You are the authority over all authority. You are the King above all kings. You are the power above all power. Your decisions rule over any other decisions made by anyone else. You are in control of all the earth. You allow others to make temporary decisions. You give all beings an opportunity to make pure, holy, godly decisions. If they use their temporary decision-making time for evil, then You will judge them and force them to stop their evil. We have all been given ample time to repent and do what is right and godly. You have been fair with us all. I thank You for helping me to follow Your direction. I thank You for providing the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ, my Lord. I sing psalms, hymns, and praises to You. You alone are worthy of all our praise.

Psa 47:8 (NIV) God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne. I am so thankful that You alone are in charge. I wouldn't trust anyone else to be in charge. It is such a privilege to have You as our God. The nations are evil enough with the temporary time You allow them to have to make their decisions of who they will follow. The world situation is difficult enough with the people of this world being given time to make up their mind concerning what they are going to do with Your provisions of salvation. With all the wars and calamities that are going on, it is comforting to know that You will eventually step in and turn everything around. Just to know that eventually You are going to take complete control and give us a thousand-year reign with Jesus. And then we will spend eternity with You in the new heaven and new earth. I am so thrilled that You reign over the nations and are seated on Your holy throne.

Psa 47:9 (NIV) The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted. You have made us Christians the nobles of the nations. You are going to give us the power to rule over the nations during the reign of Christ over the earth. You are going to teach us how to lead the way You lead. You will continue to show us how to have power and use it for the benefit of others. You will reveal to us how to rule with a rod of iron and yet stay inside of Your love for everyone. We are learning how to yield to Your presence and power so we will not do anything to anyone that isn't representative of Your grace and mercy. You are making us one with You so we can rule and reign with You in the same fashion You rule over the world.

PSALM 48

God, I want to be thankful for all You are and all You do.

Psa 48:1 (NIV) A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah. Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, His holy mountain. You are the great Lord. You reign with great power and authority over all evil. You are helping all who are willing to be separated from evil to be set free. You are bringing peace into the hearts of all who accept Your salvation. Your way of bringing peace on the earth is to turn each person into a person of peace and joy. You are allowing every individual to decide where they want to live for eternity. We are all going to spend eternity somewhere and You have prepared a wonderful place for those who love the holiness, purity, and godliness You love. You alone are worthy of praise. Because You have provided us a way to live in peace and harmony with all people everywhere. You have prepared us a city of great beauty where only the pure and righteous will live. You are sitting on Your holy mountain of power and authority and are bringing great deliverance to all who want to be set free from sinning.

Psa 48:2 (NIV) It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth. Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King. Not only is Your place of dwelling beautiful in appearance, it is beautiful in character. Your place is free from all evil and all problems. You have not allowed anything bad to enter into it so that it could be a place where everyone should want to live. It is sad that some will not allow themselves to be separated from sin and its evil deeds. Because they insist on keeping evil in their lives they seal themselves out of Your great Kingdom. Anyone can be set free from their sins, if they want to. All are welcome to be cleansed from evil and join Your family. Jesus died for all their sins and shortcomings. It is such a shame that many will not let go of evil deeds against the people around them and be saved. I pray that You would help large quantities to come to You to be forgiven and set free. Heal the hearts of the nations and make them Your children. Let them come into Your great city. Let them see You, the Great King.

Psa 48:3 (NIV) God is in her citadels; He has shown Himself to be her fortress. Because You are in Your city and in Your Kingdom, it is safe. You have all power in heaven and earth. No one and nothing is powerful enough to overcome You. Therefore, we are all completely safe forever and ever. We know that You are able to give us all You have promised because You have the power and authority to keep Your word. You are the fortress of all that exists. You are our assurance that all we are accepting from You will last for eternity. We know that we will have all the great things described in the Bible. Christianity is made real by the fact of Who You are. You alone can make such demands on people and then make such great provisions.

Psa 48:4-5 (NIV) When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together, they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 4: All power and authority that tries to take Your city, Your new heaven and new earth down will fail. Everyone and everything that attempt to destroy Your plans will fail. No matter how great the forces, no matter how powerful they advance together, they will fail. You are far greater than anything they can muster up. That is why we can have faith in You. That is why we can know that You will keep Your promises. Not only do You love us and are generous to us, You have the authority and power to back up Your words.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 5: The greatness of Your provisions are so great and mighty, just the appearance of Your provisions cause all who resist You to flee. Give us the magnificent aspects of Your presence and power. Let us go forth living inside of Your life and ministry. Empower us to stay locked inside of You and all You have to offer. Help us to not try to live or minister for You. Help us to live and serve with You. Help us to realize that all evil is fleeing from You and not from us. I want Your presence to rule and reign in my life forever. I want a relationship with You and not a life for You. I don't ever want to leave Your presence to go do anything. I want to be inside You and You inside me. Let us do everything and be everything in total oneness.

Psa 48:6 (NIV) Trembling seized them there, pain like that of a woman in labor. You give us the victory over evil. Your presence opens the doors for us to live a victorious life. Fear grips the hearts of all who try to stop You. Pain fills their hearts as You cause them to get out of the way of Your plans. You open the doors for us to serve You and the needy. You drive all our enemies out of our life and work. I want You to have Your way totally in my life and ministry. I want everyone to see You and Your work. I want to praise You for the mighty things You do in and through me. I am giving You the glory for all these victories in and through my life because Your Holy Spirit has shown me that all I do is by means of You. He has set me free from pride and arrogance. He has helped me to be set free from thinking that I am doing Your work and living the Christian life. He has shown me that You are doing all these things and deserve all the glory. Nothing I am or do can drive the enemy out of my life or the lives of others.

Psa 48:7 (NIV) You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind. You are setting me and the people of this earth free from Satan and his demonic forces. You are giving us the victory over sin and the misdeeds of our body. You are destroying the things that were destroying me. You have destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind. Just by You blowing on them, You have defeated things that were much too powerful for me. It was easy for You to do a powerful work in my life. All I had to do was yield to You and I received great power and deliverance from You. Your Holy Spirit has taught me the truth concerning how to live the victorious life. He has shown me how to receive Your mighty delivering power. Living in You and You living in me is the answer to all I am and do. I place my faith and trust in You and You alone.

Psa 48:8 (NIV) As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God: God makes her secure forever. Selah Everything You have promised we are experiencing. All You say You will do You do. All Your promises are coming true. You are faithful to Your words. You will never lie to us or mislead us. Because You have been so honest and trustworthy we are able to relax in You and know that all Your promises for our future will come true as well. We know that the city You have prepared for us will be just exactly as You have promised. We know that it will be far more wonderful than we have been able to imagine. I am looking forward to living in Your presence in Your great city. The city where Your will is always followed all the time. You will keep Your city secure forever and we will live there with You. I now pause and meditate on all these exciting concepts.

Psa 48:9 (NIV) Within Your temple, O God, we meditate on Your unfailing love. Our bodies are now a temple of Your Holy Spirit. You now live inside me and communicate with me Spirit to spirit. We don't have to go anywhere to any special location to pray to You and hear Your voice. You are with Your people all the time. I can carry Your presence with me everywhere I go and commune with You constantly. Help me to include You in all my thoughts and decisions. Help me to ask You questions constantly rather than trying to make decisions on my own. Anoint me to take advantage of Your presence inside me. Let me discuss everything I think and do with You so I can get Your great wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. Let Your unfailing love motive all my thoughts, words, and deeds, O God.

Psa 48:10 (NIV) Like Your name, O God, Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Your name is known all over the earth by everyone. You have used Your creation to explain Your existence and made Yourself known to every adult. Your name reaches to the ends of the earth. The greatness of Your work has given everyone the opportunity to praise You and love You. Because Your right hand is filled with righteousness, we have been treated with great love, grace, and mercy. You have blessed the whole world with the gift of Your Son. Salvation and the freedom that it brings is available as a free gift to every person. You haven't left anyone out of all You have to offer. You don't respect anyone over another. You have provided Your love to be accepted by anyone who will open their heart to You. You have been awesome in all the ways You have treated the people of this earth. You have provided us with resources that have fueled our houses and cars. You have given us rain and beauty that has filled our hearts with joy and happiness. You have given us air to breath and food to eat. I owe You a great debt of gratitude for all You have done for me.

Psa 48:11 (NIV) Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of Your judgments. God, You have made all the right decisions. Even those I didn't like at first, I found to be the right way. Not only have they been the just and fair decision, they have been the very best for me. You have used Your great wisdom, understanding, and knowledge to bless me beyond measure. You have used Your great foreknowledge to look into my future and do what was best for me. You have used Your great power to make sure I have had the very best. You have used Your greatness to be more than generous to me and those around me. I am glad because of Your judgments.

Psa 48:12-13 (NIV) Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 12: Heavenly Father, all I have to do is take a mental trip around my life and I see how great, loving, and wonderful You have been to me. Help me to spend time on a regular basis looking at the things You have done for me and my friends. Give me a deep desire to appreciate what You have already done. Don't let me be always looking at those things I need. Give me the power to spend great amounts of time looking at Your protection and provisions that have already come my way. Let me count all of the blessings You have already poured out on me. Fill my mouth and heart with praise for the way You have always come through for me and those I know about. You are my great God and I love You with all my heart.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 13: Dear God, help me to not only appreciate all the things You have done for me. Help me to give You praise before the people around me. Let me share them with the young so they will know You from my eye witness account. Let the past events of my life show forth as a guide to those who are just starting out in their life. Allow my life and my words express how great You have been to me. Give me the words to say all the things You have blessed me with. Empower my memory to bring up all the blessings, preventions, and healings You have provided me and those I know about. Let me tell about them to the next generation of people who are about to set the patterns for their life. Use my life and my words to encourage them to put their trust in You.

Psa 48:14 (NIV) For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end. You are God and You are my God. I accept You as God and I accept You as my God. I know You are in control and I give You the free will You have given me. I freely choose You to be the God-control of my thoughts, feelings, words, and actions. Guide me all the days of my life. I trust You because You are trustworthy. You have proven to me that You can be trusted with all I am and all I will ever be. Rule as God in my life and ministry. Give me and all those I am able to influence You and all You have to offer. Help me to not get in Your way as You work Your will in my life. Help me to not get in Your way as You minister to all those available for me to influence. I don't need my help and those around me don't need my help. We all need You and all You can give us. I seek You and You alone.

PSALM 49

God, I only want to hear Your words.

Psa 49:1-2 (NIV) For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm. Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, both low and high, rich and poor alike:

PRAYER FOR VERSE 1: Help me to have spiritual ears that can hear spiritual words, mighty God. Set me free from only being able to hear things that make sense to my poor, inadequate brain. I want Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding flowing through my mind and my heart. Human thinking is so far below what You are able to give. I need the greatness that You have to offer so I can live the life You have to offer. Deliver me from living in the principles of the world and the satanic realm. Fill me with Your truth that will set me free from all the sin, sickness, sadness, and pain that comes from human philosophies. Fill my mind and my heart with Your truth. Give me deliverance from all the lies of Satan and all the confusion of the world. Speak Your Word into my mind and heart and give me ears that can hear and understand it clearly.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 2: It doesn't matter how much success or lack of success I have. I want the success that You bring. Prestige and wealth are the two major things that humans seek. The world measures people based on their popularity and wealth. You are not impressed with these human traits and accomplishments. Failure to You is based on spiritual quality. You put a priority on love, gentleness, kindness, being longsuffering, and things like that. No matter how popular we are with the world or how much money we have, You still measure us on the basis of how we got popularity or wealth. If we cheated people, lied, neglected our family, walked over others to get where we were trying to go, failed to love those around us, and used people get ahead, then You judge us as failures. Give me ears that can hear a better way of living life.

Psa 49:3 (NIV) My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding. Let me hear the utterances from Your mouth, my heavenly Father. Help me to put a priority on what You have to say. Turn my attention to You and the truth of Your words. Help me to focus on all that You are saying. Give me ears that can tell the difference between Your voice and the voice of my body, the voice of the world, and the voice of Satan. Empower me to run from all voices but Yours. Enable me to reject all other voices and give complete obedience to everything You say. Speak Your words of wisdom and understanding in to my mind, my heart, my mouth, and my life. Set me free from listening to any other words until I am completely set free from all other philosophies.

Psa 49:4 (NIV) I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:

Let Your proverbs, psalms, and songs flow into my life as I listen to all You have to say. Help me to not think thoughts that are contrary to what Your proverbs, psalms, and songs have to say. Give me a great appreciation for the way You think and talk. Fill my heart with a love for Your ways. Provide me with a respect for Your greatness and superiority. Humble me and fill my heart with a hungering and thirsting after all You are. Reveal Your greatness in such a way that I hear Your words and start singing with great joy and happiness. Let Your praise flow out of my mouth to You with songs, hymns, and psalms of praise and worship. I want great understanding, wisdom, and knowledge to fill my heart so I can praise and worship You with the full truth behind them.

Psa 49:5-6 (NIV) Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me-- those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?

PRAYER FOR VERSE 5: There are enemies that come against me. They have words that are trying to convince me to believe their lies. They come at me with words that are designed to create fear and unbelief in You and Your provisions. I know they can't make these evil things happen. I know I have to believe their lies before they can happen to me. Your Holy Spirit has taught me the truth about how Satan gets past Your promises and into my life. Faith in what he has to say allows him to do those things he is threatening to do. I have to believe his words over Your words. Strengthen my faith in You and Your words. Give me power to resist the words of Satan. Keep me strong in Your truths so I can destroy the threats of Satan. Give me great assurance that Satan can never do any of the things he is trying to convince me to believe. Strengthen me spiritually so I can always tear down all of the cases he builds against me. Let my mind and my heart use Your words to counter act the arguments Satan is using to convince me that he is going to be able to hurt me.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 6: I don't want to use money to gain the victory over my problems and the threats of Satan. I don't want to look to finances as my security over my life issues. I know I can pay people to help me solve my problems. I know I can buy things that will help me with the things that Satan sends my way. I have looked to human solutions and financial protection for most of my life. I have tried to earn enough money and have big enough savings to be able to solve anything that came my way. There will never be enough money to protect me from the problems of this world. You and You alone are big enough to handle all the problems I have to face in this world. Money can't buy enough solutions to keep up with all that Satan wants to send against me. You have defeated him and have given me the power to resist him and he will flee from me. I put my faith and trust in You and Your great provisions.

Psa 49:7-9 (NIV) No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him-- the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough--

PRAYER FOR VERSE 7: Money can't buy You or Your provisions. You didn't use financial supply to try to solve our spiritual condition. You had to send Your Son into this world to die for our sins. My problems are all spiritual ones. The reason I have physical, emotional, relational, and financial problems is because of spiritual issues I have in my life. All my problems in this world come from spiritual problems I have in my heart and life. I accept the fact that natural solutions will only bring temporary relief from my physical, emotional, relational, and financial problems. I seek the permanent solutions You provide. Heal me spiritually so all my human, natural problems will be permanently fixed. Money can only buy natural solutions. Prayer can open the doors for me to get spiritual solutions from You. I pray to You and ask You to solve all my problems using Your solutions that last forever.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 8: You have proven in Your Word that Jesus and His sacrifices were the only answer to all my problems and needs. When He prayed that if there was any other way that You would set Him free from the cross, You didn't deliver Him. If there had been another way for us to be delivered from sin and the great problems it creates, You would have used it and set Jesus free from the death of the cross. I accept the fact that Jesus' death was the only payment that could have been made. There was nothing else that could ransom me from my spiritual problems. Jesus was the answer then and Jesus is the answer now. I put my faith and trust in His name of authority and power. In Jesus' name I resist all the lies and arguments Satan is bringing against me. Jesus has paid my debt and has lifted me up in Him to Your right side. Jesus and I are seated by You and we are far above all principalities and powers. In His name I resist all Satan's lies and refute all his arguments against me. I resist you Satan in Jesus' name. I use His power, authority, and position to defeat you and all you have to say.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 9: God, only You have been able to handle death and decay. You have handled my mortality and temporary life. I have Your life and will now spend eternity with You. You not only have given me eternal life, You have prepared a wonderful place for me to live for eternity. Not only that, You have prepared a glorified body for me to live in for eternity. You have thought of everything. We are all going to spend eternity somewhere. Some have chosen to keep their sins and are disqualifying themselves from being able to enter Your Kingdom. Others have chosen to be set free from their sins and be cleansed from all unrighteousness. They can enter Your Kingdom and not contaminate it with sin. Your Kingdom will be perfect because no evil or sin will be allowed to enter in. You have provided me with Your righteousness in Christ Jesus so I could be clean and would be able to enter into Your Kingdom. I praise You for providing such a great salvation.

Psa 49:10 (NIV) For all can see that wise men die; the foolish and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others. This life only offers temporary pleasures and success. Your eternal life provides eternal pleasures and success. Even to my little brain it makes sense that I should make all my investments in eternity. Teach me how to store up treasure in heaven where thieves can't break in and steal it; moths can't come in and eat it; rust can't attack and dissolve it; and death can't separate me from it. All the things I learn about eternity will be able to be used in my eternal life. Teach me the systems and principles of eternity so I will be well educated in how to live in the eternal life that You are giving me. All worldly wealth and education are passing away. All spiritual training is going to last forever. I want to be led into all spiritual truths by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Teach me all about Your ways, Your truths, and Your life.

Psa 49:11 (NIV) Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves. I don't want to invest in things that don't last. Help me to not seek fame and fortune in this world. Teach me how to prepare for eternity. Give me guidance for preparing for Your Kingdom. Enable me to devote my time, money, and effort to training in on those things that will help me and all I can influence to get ready for our eternal inheritance. Keep me focused on those things that really matter. Help me to not waste time on issues that are only important for here. Give me wisdom, understanding, and knowledge so I can yield to Your life and ministry. You hold the eternal perspective in Your hand. You know what is best for giving ourselves over to Kingdom thinking. Help us to not die and leave everything we have done behind. Teach us how to send it forward into Your Kingdom.

Psa 49:12 (NIV) But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish. Death awaits us all. This life always comes to an end. Just about the time we have everything accumulated and set up, we come to the end of our lives here. But, eternity is a place where we can flourish and grow. It holds the real potential. Help me to use all the time I have here to get ready to advance in Your Kingdom. So much can be done here that helps people come to You so they can spend eternity with me. I yield to Your Holy Spirit's teaching so I can be led into all truths. Lift my eyes up to the harvesting of people for Your Kingdom. Help me to live the kind of life that can be duplicated in the lives of the lost. Fill me with Your truths so I can pass them on to every person on this planet. Help me help all who are willing to invest all their treasures in the issues of eternity. Help me to help all who are willing to get ready for Your Kingdom.

Psa 49:13 (NIV) This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings. Selah Heavenly Father, self-confidence, self-centeredness, self-reliance, and selfishness are becoming the predominate way of life for the people of this world. They are being taught that they need to be more self-confident in order to be successful in life. Secular humanism is spreading all around the world and is becoming the number one “religion” of mankind. They don’t realize that even though this philosophy makes sense to their human mind, it is the way of death. Help me to show them how to have faith and confidence in You. Let Your Holy Spirit convict them of this self-centered, egotistical approach to life. Breakdown the teachers of this false religion and bring them into shame. Give us the power to show the people of this world how false and futile this way of life is. Use us to set them free from self-dependency and help them to look to You for their strength, power, and help. Teach them Your truth, Your life, and Your way.

Psa 49:14 (NIV) Like sheep they are destined for the grave, and death will feed on them. The upright will rule over them in the morning; their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions. The thing that is confusing them is the fact that they seem to be having success in the achievements of their pursuits. They are winning at sports, business, and education as they increase their self-confidence. It looks to them like self-reliance is paying off and making them win at all the challenges of life. They don’t realize that they are not getting ready for eternity. Help them to see that this life isn’t all there is to their existence. They are going to spend eternity somewhere and they are preparing to spend eternity without You. The smoke of their torment will go up forever. All their “success” will crumble and they will leave all their wealth and success behind. If they don’t get ready for Your Kingdom they will spend their eternity in the lake of fire. Anoint me to do everything possible to help them come to You for help.

Psa 49:15 (NIV) But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to Himself. Selah You have eternity with You waiting for me. Death and the grave will not be able to separate me from all You have done in and through my life. You are giving me the eternal perspective and are helping me to do everything I do for eternity. You are making it possible for all my accomplishments to be sent into eternity and becoming my inheritance. You are working all of my life into good so it can be sent ahead into Your Kingdom. I am inheriting You and all Your provisions because I have been placed inside of Jesus and Jesus inside of me. You have made me one with You and raised me up with You. Your salvation has made it possible for me to spend eternity with You. I praise You for all You are and all You have provided me. You are the great God and are worthy of all praise. I pause now and meditate on these great and wonderful truths.

Psa 49:16-17 (NIV) Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases; for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 16: Don't let me be impressed with the worldly accomplishments of the lost. Keep me from being distracted by the cares of this world. Keep my goals centered completely in You and Your ways. As I look around me at all the things people have accumulated, help me to realize that they are soon to pass away with a fervent heat. Put my focus on the wealth of eternity. Let my wealth be in heaven; and let my heart be where my treasure is. Enable me to only value those things that will last forever. The salvation of people is the most important and most valuable issue in this life. Help me to not just be satisfied with the fact that I am saved and going to spend eternity with You. Give me great compassion for the people who haven't accepted You as their Lord and Savior. Let me show them the way to true riches.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 17: I can send everything I do, say, think, and feel ahead into eternity. I can put my trust in You and You will help me to live a life that will transfer into eternal value. Take control of all I am and do so it and I will be raised into the glory of Your Kingdom. My body wants to lay up treasure on this earth. It only cares about creature comforts and worldly benefits. My inner person cares about eternal issues. I delight in all Your ways and the things You value. I commit everything I do and everything I am into Your hands. Shape my life so that it is devoted to those things that matter. Place Your priorities and Your perspectives in my heart so I will serve You. Be God in my life so I will do that which matters for eternity. Help me to not cater to my body's desires. Let me follow the patterns of the plans in Your Word. Give me the power and Your presence so I will yield only to Your plan for my life. Make the entirety, the sum total of all I am and all I have done count for eternity.

Psa 49:18-19 (NIV) Though while he lived he counted himself blessed-- and men praise you when you prosper-- he will join the generation of his fathers, who will never see the light of life.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 18: Completely set me free from accepting or seeking the praise of me. Help me not to do anything to be seen by men. Make me into a person who only seeks to please You. Enable me to give You all the praise and glory for everything I am and do. Help me to always see that You are living Your life and doing Your ministry through me. Therefore, You and You alone deserve the credit for all I am and all I do. I give my life to You and I give You the glory for the work You are accomplishing in me. You are all that matters. You alone are worthy of all praise. I worship You and praise Your name forever. I give up all prosperity to the work of Your plan. I devote all resources to accomplishing Your ministry. Let me prosper in such a great way that I am able to do everything You have called me to do. I give You the glory for it all.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 19: Help me to join the generation of my Father Who is in heaven. Thank you for not allowing me to be born in a family that didn't serve You. Thank you for helping me to find the truth of Your gospel, the good news. I praise You for giving me the riches of eternity rather than causing me to be born in a wealthy family. Thank you for putting me in a family that didn't have much wealth in worldly matters. Instead, You gave me eternal wealth that is in heaven with You. I praise You that You made it possible for me to see the difference between temporal wealth and eternal wealth. I thank You for letting me inherit You in Christ Jesus. Thank You for being my heavenly Father and making me Your child. I see the eternal light and I can see the truth by it. My eyes have been opened and they see all the truths that Your light is shining on. Thank You for the light that reveals the truth; and thank You for giving me eyes that can see that truth.

Psa 49:20 (NIV) A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish. I thank You for the understanding, knowledge, and wisdom You have given me. I would have been lost forever, if You hadn't shown me Your way, truth, and life. Jesus has saved me from eternal damnation. Jesus has taken me into Himself and made me sit far above all powers and principalities. Jesus has made me one with Him so I could inherit You as my heavenly Father. Your Holy Spirit has given me Your love. He has revealed our relationship to me so I can call You dear Father. You have opened my heart to Your great wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. I will not die like the beasts that perish. I will live forever with You. You are the great God and You are my heavenly Father. I praise and worship You for all the awesome things You have done for me. I love You with all my heart and life. I devote myself to You and all You have to offer.

PSALM 50

God, I want to submit to Your way.

Psa 50:1 (NIV) A psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. You are calling all Your creation to You. You are bringing it all back into Your control. We sold it all out to Satan and allowed ourselves to be given over to his bidding. You gave the control of the earth to Adam and Eve; and they gave it over to Satan. Satan has become the god of this world; and we have become a people bent toward sin. Now You are calling it all back to You. Jesus paid the price and has gained authority over everything. Jesus has bought it all back; and now He has all power in heaven and earth. As we proclaim this good news to all creation, we take back all that was lost. All who are willing can come back to You. The earth and all its fullness now is back into Your hands. We are Your people; and I accept You as my God. I renounce all that Satan stands for. I give up my nature to sin. I come to You with all my heart and love You with all I am.

Psa 50:2 (NIV) From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Your greatness is shining forth from the New Jerusalem, the city prepared for Your people. I see Your beauty and perfection with the new spiritual eyes that You have given me. You are shining forth for all to see how great You are. We have been given the great privilege of showing You to all who have ears to hear. Empower Your people to demonstrate how great You are. Allow me to be used by You so You can flow through me to all who will receive You. Let Your greatness work in and through me with great power and the demonstration of Your Spirit. Let everyone on this planet see Your love and power. Let all who are willing to come to You with great dedication and love.

Psa 50:3 (NIV) Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before Him, and around Him a tempest rages. Consume all who are resisting Your message and ministry. Devour all who resist us as we proclaim Your good news. Give us the right and authority to go anywhere and do anything that we need to do to let everyone have multiple opportunities to hear and see the way to Your salvation. Send us forth in great power and demonstrations of Your great work. Let all be set free who will listen to Your message and receive Your forgiveness. Go in and through us to every person on this planet. Help us to reach every single person with Your message and with Your power. Let them all see how wonderful You are. Fill their lives with proof of Your great salvation. Allow everyone to know that You are their God and the Savior of their life. Don't let there be any doubt that You are real and that You reward all who diligently seek You.

Psa 50:4 (NIV) He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that He may judge His people: Help us all to be ready for the judgment day. Help Your people to stay faithful to You all their lives. Help us to serve You with all our hearts. Give us a complete dedication to all You are. Make us into people who are doing everything You require of us. Teach us every deed and word of Jesus. Help us to obey everything He said and did. Empower us to not only hear every word but to live it all. Transform us and make us into people who respect all You stand for. Give us faith to realize that Your way is the only way. Help us to believe that Your life is the only life to live. Teach us Your truth so we can be completely set free. Give us the privilege of standing before You with perfectly clean robes of righteousness. Make us Your righteousness in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Psa 50:5 (NIV) "Gather to Me My consecrated ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." I accept the sacrifice of Jesus as being my sacrifice. I believe that He died in my place. I accept the New Testament covenant ratified by Jesus' blood. He died for all the people of this planet. His death provided salvation for all who will confess with their mouth that He is their Lord and will believe in their heart that You raised Him from the dead. We have made a covenant with You to believe in You and to live by faith in You. Your people accept Your grace and mercy as an awesome gift that cannot be earned. You have given us a free gift that can only be received by faith. My faith is in You and You alone. Strengthen my faith and keep it consistent and strong. Help me to never doubt You are put my trust in anything or anyone else. I commit all I am and all I do to Your keeping.

Psa 50:6 (NIV) And the heavens proclaim His righteousness, for God Himself is judge.

Selah. The heavens and all of creation proclaims Who You are. You have used all of heaven and earth to show me Your existence. You have powerfully shown me that You exist and that You are the creator of the universe. You make the rules and You decide what the patterns of life will be. You rule everything and we must accept the commandments You put forth. You are in charge and we are Your subjects. I accept Your rules, edicts, and commandments. I not only obey them in obedience and submission. I obey You because my heart agrees with all You have established as principles, rules, and laws for this universe. I agree with the motives and purposes You have for setting these principles, rules, and laws in place. Your reasons for making them the requirements for all creation are righteous and pure. You are gracious and merciful and I believe in Your love for me and all people.

Psa 50:7 (NIV) "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God. Give me a life that yields completely to You as God over my life. I hear Your voice and I accept Your words into my heart. I believe that You are God and You are my God. I believe You have made me a part of all the promises You made to Abraham. I believe that You have made me to be one of Your people. I believe that You have placed me in Jesus and I am not a candidate for all He provides. I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior and I bow my life before Your throne. You are my heavenly Father; and I am Your Child. I have Your salvation and will spend eternity with You. You have accepted me into Your great Kingdom and have prepared a special place for me. Thank you for all You have done for me.

Psa 50:8 (NIV) I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before Me. I now give up all my human efforts to try to please You. I give up all the Old Testament systems that were set forth for those who didn't have Jesus' sacrifice. You couldn't live inside them; so they had to use their own strength to come to You. I lay all those human strengths down and accept the power of the Holy Spirit to do them in and through me. Jesus' sacrifice bought me permanent forgiveness and a righteousness from You. I no longer have to involve myself in animal sacrifices or burnt offerings. Jesus paid it all. He is my sacrifice before You. I don't have to go year after year to get forgiveness. Jesus' one sacrifice did it for me once and for all. He will never have to die again. It was sufficient for all the sins of all humans for all times.

Psa 50:9-10 (NIV) I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, Psa 50:10 (NIV) for every animal of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 9: With the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, You no longer require the ritual of animal sacrifices. They were just the type, example, and shadow of things to come. You were giving spiritual illustrations of the great New Testament that Jesus was coming to fulfill. The Old Testament was ratified by the blood of animals. The New Testament has been ratified by the blood of Your Son. His blood was perfect and powerful enough to bring a finality to all forgiveness of sin and death. You, Jesus, have provided us with a completed package that meets every need we have. We are now complete in You. All power in heaven and earth is in You. I am in You and You are in me. I don't need anything else to complete me. I look to You and You alone for the meeting of all my needs. Thank You God for taking care of all my needs and providing me with eternal life.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 10: I can't give You anything. Everything belongs to You. I give up my claim to anything I think I have. All I have belongs to You. I release it all and yield it all into Your control. You have given me a lot of opportunities and possessions. But, they are all from You. I give them all back to You for You to use for Your glory and honor. All I have and all I am I devote to Your use. I use the free will You have given me to give it all back to You. Use me and everything You give me to accomplish Your will on this earth. I freely submit my life and ministry to You and Your work. You are my God and You are all I need. All my needs will be met by You. I won't have to step outside of You to get my needs met. Help me to always keep my faith and dependency on You. Keep me inside of You and stay inside me forever, I pray.

Psa 50:11 (NIV) I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are Mine. We can't give You anything You need. We are the ones who need help. False gods are fashioned to need the help of their followers. They are dead so they have to be supported by the provisions of their worshippers. They can't help anyone so all who follow them have to help themselves. You are the living God; You don't need help. Instead, You are the One Who helps us. You know every bird in the mountains. Everything belongs to You. You created everything so we would have a place to live. You didn't need the universe or the planets. You didn't need the earth, water, or air. All these provisions are Your provisions for us. We needed all of these things and You created them so we could live here. We owe You our lives. I praise You for all Your provisions. Everything I have has been provided by You. You have been meeting my needs all my life. I show my appreciation for all Your provisions by praising and worshiping You. I believe in You and all You have provided. Since You have been so generous, I can see that I don't have to worry or fret. You were taking care of me long before I met You. Everything was in place before I was born.

Psa 50:12 (NIV) If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, and all that is in it. All Your needs are met by You. You are complete in Yourself. We need to praise and worship You. We need to give You the credit for all we are and all we have. Pride kills and destroys us. Just like pride turned Satan into the evil being he is, so will pride turn us into evil people. You know You are all powerful, all knowing, are everywhere, and have all wisdom; and none of these abilities and powers damage Your character. Still You are generous and loving. In spite of Your absolute power and authority, You still maintain grace and mercy for all mankind. You own everything and yet You give it away to us who do not deserve it. We don't have anything we can give to buy any of the things we need. I submit myself to You. I praise You because You alone can handle praise. I give You all the glory and all the honor because You deserve it. I give up all credit that I might take to myself. I release all pride out of my life. I don't deserve any praise or credit. Plus, I wouldn't be able to handle it, if I did. It would destroy me and turn me into an evil person. So, I give all praise, credit, and worship to You.

Psa 50:13 (NIV) Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? None of the sacrifices You established in the Old Testament were for You. Humans needed to see the death that sin produced. We of the New Testament had to have a perfect sacrifice so we could be forgiven of our sins. Even though we have seen Your great sacrifice, many times we still don't see the magnitude of the evil sin is. Often we don't see why Jesus had to die for our sins. Frequently we are blind to the spiritual issues of the deadliness of sin on the people of this planet. Help us to see how deadly sin has been. Help us to see the wars, fighting, killing, cheating, lying, and pain we have brought on each other because of sin. Give us spiritual insight into how much the earth has been changed because of sin. The storms, disease, weeds, earthquakes, death, and suffering all because of the fact that sin entered into this world. Open my eyes and help me understand why You hate sin. Fill me with Your righteousness and drive out the filth of the works of my body. Make me into a loving person who has put my complete dependency on Your way of living.

Psa 50:14-15 (NIV) Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me."

PRAYER FOR VERSE 14: I give myself over to sacrifices of thank offering to You, my God. I commit my vows over to Your ability to make them work. I believe that You are the only way I can fulfill a vow. I can't make promises in my own strength. I will fail all vows and break all promises, if I put my trust in me. But I can fulfill my vows and keep my promises, if I put my trust in You. Empower me to do everything I am reading in Your Word. Use me to live the commandments that Jesus taught. Enable me to teach everyone everywhere to obey all You taught us to do. Help us to go into all the world and proclaim the good news to every person and to make disciples in every nation. Help us to baptize them and teach them to obey everything You taught. Make us into Your people to serve You in every way possible. I am Your person who is asking for the privilege of serving You all over this earth. Let Your great glory and honor be spread around the world.

PRAYER FOR VERSE 15: It isn't so much what I can do for You. It is what You can do for me. You are the answer to all mankind. We need You and all You provide. I call on You right now. I am always in trouble. Even when I don't know I am in trouble, I am in trouble. You are able to prevent all of the evil that Satan wants to do to me. I don't know what his plans are; but I know they are all evil. You know his plans and are setting me free from them. I call on You each day to deliver me from evil and the evil one. Help me to see all the things You protected me from so I can honor You. Let me see Your love and great provisions so I can enumerate them before You. I want to have knowledge of all Your provisions; and I want to be filled with great appreciation and praise for all You have done and are doing. Help me to call on You constantly; because I constantly need You and all You have to offer. There is never a moment when I don't need You.

Psa 50:16 (NIV) But to the wicked, God says: "What right have you to recite My laws or take My covenant on your lips? Heavenly Father, it isn't a ritual of reading and stating Your words. Your words exist to transform our lives. You haven't given us Your Word so we could just learn, memorize, quote, and teach it. You want us to live it. If we learn it all and are still wicked, then we haven't allowed You to use it to change us. Make me a person who lives Your Word. Fulfill all its principles in me. I give myself, my life, and my ministry over to You and Your Word. Live Your life in and through me. I can't live this life You have described in Your Word by my own power. I need You to live it in and through me by Yourself. You are the answer to my success at being a Christian. You know that if I were to receive Your great power separate from You, I would use it for all the wrong reasons. I have to have all Your power, all Your character, all Your motives, and all Your principles before I would be able to live the Christian life. In other words I need all of You in order to live the Christian life. I turn my life over to You for You to live in and through me.

Psa 50:17 (NIV) You hate My instruction and cast My words behind you. Deliver me from anything that would cause me to resist Your instructions. Empower me to agree with everything You say. I know there are things I read in Your Word and don't understand. Because of that lack of understanding, there are times when I think I don't want what Your Word is describing. Heal my heart and heal my understanding so I will want everything Your Word presents. God, You know that I am limited in my ability to reason. It is easy for me to misunderstand what You are saying. It is typical of me to see things from an inadequate perspective. Pour Your knowledge, understanding, and wisdom into me. Let Your Holy Spirit reveal Your truths to me in such a way that I agree with everything You say. Set me free from misunderstanding and therefore rebellion against things in Your Word. Produce all of Your Word in my heart, life, and ministry. I yield to You and Your Word.

Psa 50:18 (NIV) When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. Mighty God, there is a way that seems right to me and yet it would end in death. My way of thinking is opposite of the way things really are. I grope around in darkness and constantly need Your great light. Shine the light of Your truths into my way of seeing things. My understanding, knowledge, and wisdom are all weak and inadequate. Yet that is what I often use to make my decisions. I can't see the circumstances around me; and I can't see what the future holds. I am blind to what the consequences of all my decisions will be; yet sometimes I go ahead and make decisions without consulting You. You see it all and know it all. You are always available for me to look to for my decision making. Stealing from people hurts them and me; yet I can justify my misdeeds. Sex provides great pleasure in my body; yet just having sex isn't what I need. If I gravitate toward the meeting of my own needs, I use systems that meet my needs but hurt those around me. If I win at life by walking over the people around me, I succeed by using the principles of the body, the world, and the devil. If I look to You, I will win at life by helping others get their needs met. You have a system of life where everyone wins.

Psa 50:19 (NIV) You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. It can feel so good to run others down and make myself look good. But, that isn't the way You want to help me feel good about myself. When I use my mouth for evil and connect my tongue to deceit, I am trying to meet my own needs by using evil systems. Deliver me from using any systems other than Yours. You have a way for me to feel good about myself without hurting others. Your way is a perfect way where no one is considered superior to another. I can get my needs met by helping others get their needs met. I can give to others and You will prosper me. The more You prosper me, the more I am able to give to others. The more I give to others, the more You continue to prosper me. I want to get into the flow of that way of life. Heavenly Father, I give my mouth over to You and I connect my tongue to the control of Your Holy Spirit.

Psa 50:20 (NIV) You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son. Set me free from criticizing those around me. Let me see my own faults so I won't get to thinking I am superior to others. Help me to see all the faults You have healed in my life. Then let me see that I didn't deserve all of that healing. All You have made me and healed me of has come by grace. I am a much better person only because of Your great handy work. You love all those around me just as much as You love me. You want to do the same work You have done in me in their lives. Help me to help them out of gratitude to You. Rather than being critical of them, let me love them and want Your great transforming power to work in them. Help me to not be selfish and try to keep all Your great provisions for myself. Heal me from speaking against and slandering people.

Psa 50:21 (NIV) These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was altogether like you. But I will rebuke you and accuse you to your face. I am glad You sent Your Holy Spirit into the world to convict us concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. Thank You for causing us to feel miserable about all the evil things we have been doing. If You hadn't caused us to feel miserable about our sins, we would have never realized that we needed a Savior. You empowered our conscience to feel guilt and pain for the way we were living. You showed us the magnitude of the damage our sins were creating in the lives of others. I wanted to escape all that guilt and pain. I wanted to feel good about myself in spite all the damage I was doing to others. The world was trying to teach me to accept myself as I was. But, Your Holy Spirit wouldn't leave me alone. He kept causing me to feel bad about the sins I was committing against others. Finally I turned to You for deliverance and healing. You helped me to take advantage of the wonderful provisions that Jesus made. Now I have been born again and made into a new creation in Him. Thank You for Your great salvation and healing in my heart and life.

Psa 50:22 (NIV) "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with none to rescue: Help me to consider all You want me to consider. Let me yield to You without any resistance. Show me why I need all Your changes and transformations. Enable me to understand the reasons and come into agreement with all Your truths. I know I deserve to be torn to pieces. I know that I have hurt a lot of people. I know I have taught others how to involve themselves in other sins. I know I have caused them to sin by my influence on their lives. I know that if it were not for Your grace and mercy, there would be no hope for me. I yield to Your grace and mercy. I believe in Your forgiveness. I accept Your forgiveness for all the sins I have committed against You and the people around me. I can't forgive myself; but I can accept Your forgiveness. You paid the price of death on the cross so I could be forgiven. If I forgive myself, then I am just being nice to me. But, if I accept Your forgiveness, then I agree with You that Your sacrifice was enough to cover all my evil deeds. My forgiveness of myself is weak and powerless. Your forgiveness is based on truth and power. Your forgiveness is enough for me.

Psa 50:23 (NIV) He who sacrifices thank offerings honors Me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." God, I send sacrifices of praise, worship, and thanksgiving to You. I sacrifice my time, efforts, and money to You so I can have time to spend with You. I want to prepare a way for You to be able to show me the salvation of You, my God. I praise You; I worship You; I give You the praise that You deserve. No one thinks like You do. You are unique in all the principles that You teach. The demands You are placing on my life are perfect in every way. It is a privilege to be able to spend and sacrifice my time by thanking You for all You have done. It is easy to thank You. There isn't enough time in my life to run out of things to thank You for. I praise You for eternity. I am going to need all of it to try to thank You for all You are and all You have done for me. I thank You and praise You for showing me Your great salvation.