



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalms 21-25



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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.