

Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me.

Relieve the anguish of my heart and set me free from my distress.
See my affliction and my toil and take all my sins away.

Preserve my life and rescue me. Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me for my hope is in you, O Lord.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To savor the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord.

Psalm 42/43

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
So my soul is yearning for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;

When can I enter and see the face of God?

O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell.

And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, my soul, why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still, my savior and my God.

Psalm 63

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God..

O God, you are my God, for you I long: for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

You have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our faults.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
For he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass; he flowers like the flower of the field;
The wind blows and he is gone and his place never sees him again.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear;
His justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth.

Psalm 116

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

I trusted, even when I said: "I am sorely afflicted,"
And when I said in my alarm: "No man can be trusted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, come with us to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say; "Let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David

For the peace of Jerusalem pray; "Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends I say: "Peace upon you!"
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

Psalm 130

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Psalm 143

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Lord, listen to my prayer: turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgment for no one is just in your sight.

I remember the days that are past: I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and give me answer: for my spirit fails within me.
In the morning let me know your love for I put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you, O Lord, are my God.
Let your good spirit guide me in ways that are level and smooth.

