

Book of Psalms

Chapter 34

Douay-Rheims Bible

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Judica, Domine, nocentes me.

David, in the person of Christ, prayeth against his persecutors: prophetically foreshewing the punishments that shall fall upon them.

34:1. For David himself. Judge thou, O Lord, them that wrong me: overthrow them that fight against me.

34:2. Take hold of arms and shield: and rise up to help me.

34:3. Bring out the sword, and shut up the way against them that persecute me: say to my soul: I am thy salvation.

34:4. Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and be confounded that devise evil against me.

34:5. Let them become as dust before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord straiten them.

34:6. Let their way become dark and slippery; and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

- 34:7. For without cause they have hidden their net for me unto destruction: without cause they have upbraided my soul.
- 34:8. Let the snare which he knoweth not come upon him: and let the net which he hath hidden catch him: and into that very snare let them fall.
- 34:9. But my soul shall rejoice in the Lord; and shall be delighted in his salvation.
- 34:10. All my bones shall say: Lord, who is like to thee? Who deliverest the poor from the hand of them that are stronger than he; the needy and the poor from them that strip him.
- 34:11. Unjust witnesses rising up have asked me things I knew not.
- 34:12. They repaid me evil for good: to the depriving me of my soul.
- 34:13. But as for me, when they were troublesome to me, I was clothed with haircloth. I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer shall be turned into my bosom.

34:14. As a neighbour and as an own brother, so did I please:
as one mourning and sorrowful so was I humbled.

34:15. But they rejoiced against me, and came together:
scourges were gathered together upon me, and I knew not.

34:16. They were separated, and repented not: they tempted
me, they scoffed at me with scorn: they gnashed ukpon me
with their teeth.

34:17. Lord, when wilt thou look upon me? rescue thou my
soul from their malice: my only one from the lions.

34:18. I will give thanks to thee in a great church; I will praise
thee in a strong people.

34:19. Let not them that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice
over me: who have hated me without cause, and wink with
the eyes.

34:20. For they spoke indeed peaceably to me; and speaking
in the anger of the earth they devised guile.

34:21. And they opened their mouth wide against me; they said: Well done, well done, our eyes have seen it.

34:22. Thou hast seen, O Lord, be not thou silent: O Lord, depart not from me.

34:23. Arise, and be attentive to my judgment: to my cause, my God, and my Lord.

34:24. Judge me, O Lord my God according to thy justice, and let them not rejoice over me.

34:25. Let them not say in their hearts: It is well, it is well, to our mind: neither let them say: We have swallowed him up.

34:26. Let them blush: and be ashamed together, who rejoice at my evils. Let them be clothed with confusion and shame, who speak great things against me.

34:27. Let them rejoice and be glad, who are well pleased with my justice, and let them say always: The Lord be magnified, who delights in the peace of his servant.

34:28. And my tongue shall meditate thy justice, thy praise all the day long.