**PSALM 27**

Ad te, Domine, clamabo.

*David’s prayer that his enemies may not prevail over him.*

**1** A psalm for David himself.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord: O my God, be not thou silent to me: lest if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

**2** Hear, O Lord, the voice of my supplication, when I pray to thee; when I lift up my hands to thy holy temple.

**3** Draw me not away together with the wicked; and with the workers of iniquity destroy me not: Who speak peace with their neighbour, but evils are in their hearts.

**4** Give them according to their works, and according to the wickedness of their inventions. According to the works of their hands give thou to them: render to them their reward.

**5** Because they have not understood the works of the Lord, and the operations of his hands: thou shalt destroy them, and shalt not build them up.

**6** Blessed be the Lord, for he hath heard the voice of my supplication.

**7** The Lord is my helper and my protector: in him hath my heart confided, and I have been helped. And my flesh hath flourished again, and with my will I will give praise to him.

**8** The Lord is the strength of his people, and the protector of the salvation of his anointed.

**9** Save, O Lord, thy people, and bless thy inheritance: and rule them and exalt them for ever.