**PSALM 53**

Deus, in nomine tuo.

*A prayer for help in distress.*

**1** Unto the end, in verses, understanding for David.

**2** When the men of Ziph had come and said to Saul: Is not David hidden with us? [1 Kings 23.19.]

**3** Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me in thy strength.

**4** O God, hear my prayer: give ear to the words of my mouth.

**5** For strangers have risen up against me; and the mighty have sought after my soul: and they have not set God before their eyes.

**6** For behold God is my helper: and the Lord is the protector of my soul.

**7** Turn back the evils upon my enemies; and cut them off in thy truth.

**8** I will freely sacrifice to thee, and will give praise, O God, to thy name: because it is good:

**9** For thou hast delivered me out of all trouble: and my eye hath looked down upon my enemies.