

PSALM

17 LORD, hear my righteous plea

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1 LORD, hear my right-eous plea and lis - ten to my cry;
 2 De - clare me in - no - cent and vin - di - cate my name;
 3 Though you ex - am - ine me and probe my heart and mind,
 it does not rise de - ceit - ful - ly or come from lips that lie.
 LORD, may your eye see what is right and free me from all blame.
 and though you test me in the night, yet noth - ing will you find.

- 4 I said, "I will not sin
 in anything I say."
 From those who practise violence
 I have kept far away.
- 5 From every evil path
 by your word I'm preserved.
 My feet have held to all your ways;
 from them I have not swerved.
- 6 I call on you, O God,
 for you will answer me;
 O turn your ear towards my prayer
 and hear my earnest plea.
- 7 Display your steadfast love
 and save with your right hand
 all those who flee for help to you
 when foes against them stand.

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- 8 In shadow of your wings
hide me in times of strife;
and as the apple of your eye
preserve and guard my life.
- 9 Hide me from ruthless foes
who follow wicked ways,
from those who circle me about
and seek to end my days.
- 10 They close their callous hearts;
they speak with swelling pride.
They dog my steps; my enemies
are found on every side.
- 11 They fix their eyes on me
to cast me to the ground.
Like hungry lions stalking prey,
they crouch without a sound.
- 12 Arise, confront my foes
and bring them down, O LORD;
deliver me from wicked hands
and free me by your sword.
- 13 Save me by your right hand
from all such people, LORD,
from mortal men who in this life
will have their sole reward.
- 14 You fill them with good things;
their sons are satisfied.
They leave their children all the wealth
which they have set aside.
- 15 But I in righteousness
your face will surely see;
and with your likeness, when I wake,
I satisfied will be.