

PSALM

141

O LORD, I call to you

Em (C) Am B⁷ Em G Am (D) G

1 O LORD, I call to you. Come quick-ly! I'm in need!
 2 Like in - cense may my prayer be - fore your face a - rise -
 3 Keep watch, LORD, on my mouth, and guard my lips, I pray;

(Em) D C (D⁷) G D (G) Am (Em) B⁷ Em

And, when I cry to you for help, to my ap - peal give heed.
 the rais - ing of my hands be like the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
 let not my heart to e - vil thoughts be drawn and led a - stray.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>4 Keep me from taking part
in what the evil do;
let me not taste their choicest food,
lest I be false to you.</p> | <p>7 The wicked then will know
my words were spoken well:
like ground that's ploughed,
our bones were strewn
before the mouth of hell^a.</p> |
| <p>5 A righteous friend's rebuke
will be a soothing balm;
such blows, in kindness aimed at me,
will never do me harm.</p> | <p>8 But now, O Sovereign LORD,
on you I fix my gaze;
do not deliver me to death –
you are my help always.</p> |
| <p>6 Against the wicked's deeds
I make my constant prayer;
their rulers will be thrown from cliffs,
and they will perish there.</p> | <p>9 Protect me from the traps
the wicked set for me,
and let them be ensnared themselves,
while I instead go free.</p> |

^a lit. sheol – the grave, the realm of the dead

Text: *Sing Psalms*, © Psalmody Committee, Free Church of Scotland, 2003, alt.

Tune: William Daman's *Psalmes*, 1579