

LORD, listen to my prayer

D (Bm) F#m A G (Bm) A D (F#m) G

1 LORD, lis - ten to my prayer, and hear my cry for aid.
 2 Like smoke my days are gone; my bones are burned a - way.
 3 I'm like a des - ert owl, an owl midst tum-bled stone,

A F#m Bm F#m E A

Hide not your face from me, for I am so a - fraid.
 My ap - pe - tite is lost; my heart is parched like hay.
 or bird up - on a roof - I lie a - wake, a - lone.

D C Bm Em C G D7 G2 G

In - cline your ear to me in need;
 Be - cause of my in - ces - sant groans
 My foes re - vile me all day long;

A D G D Bm A7 D

and, when I call, be swift to heed.
 I am no more than skin and bones.
 my hat - ers mock my name in song.

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- 4 For ashes are my food;
I weep incessantly
because in your great wrath
you have abandoned me.
My days like evening shadows pass;
I wither like the sun-dried grass.
- 5 But you, O LORD, are set
forever on your throne;
through each succeeding age
endures your great renown.
You will arise in mighty power;
on Zion mercy you will shower.
- 6 The set time now has come
to bless Jerusalem.
Her stones your saints hold dear;
her dust is mourned by them.
Nations will fear your name, O LORD;
all kings on earth your praise record.
- 7 For God will yet appear
in glorious might to reign;
the LORD in grace will build
Jerusalem again.
The prayers of all the poor he'll heed;
he will not spurn their cry of need.
- 8 Let this be written down
to teach a future race,
so people yet unborn
may magnify his grace:
that from his holy place above
the LORD looked down in tender love.
- 9 From heaven he viewed the earth,
observing all mankind,
to hear the groans of those
in prison cells confined,
and to deliver from on high
a multitude condemned to die.
- 10 In Zion will be praised
the LORD's exalted name;
his praises will be sung
within Jerusalem,
when peoples and their kingdoms throng
to serve the LORD with cheerful song.
- 11 He took my strength away
by his almighty power;
he shortened grievously
my life's allotted hour.
I said, "O take me not away,
my God, at noontide of my day.
- 12 "Your days and years go on
through every age of man.
The earth's foundation strong
you laid when time began.
The heavens came at your command,
created by your mighty hand.
- 13 "The earth and heavens will fail,
but you alone remain.
Like garments they will age,
while you on high will reign.
Like clothing you will change them all;
like clothes discarded they will fall.
- 14 "But you endure always;
your years will never cease.
Your servants' children too
will know your reign of peace.
Their offspring, their succeeding race,
will ever stand before your face."