

## An Importunate Prayer

PSALM 44 118

MAGNUS

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*Slowly*

1 If we have for-got-ten the Name of our God, Or un-to an i-dol our  
hands spread a-broad, Shall not the Al-might-y un-cov-er this sin? He  
knows all our hearts and the se-crets with-in. Rise, help, and re-deem us,  
Thy mer-cy we trust; Rise, help, and re-deem us, Thy mer-cy we trust.

CHORUS

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- 2 We all the day long for Thy sake are consumed,  
Defeated and helpless, to death we are doomed;  
Then why dost Thou tarry? Jehovah, awake,  
Nor spurn us forever; arise for our sake.
- 3 O why art Thou hiding the light of Thy face,  
Forgetting our burden of grief and disgrace?  
Our soul is bowed down, yea, we cleave to the dust;  
Rise, help, and redeem us, Thy mercy we trust.