## The Prayer of the Righteous



2 With steadfast courage I design No wrong to speak or do; Thy path of life I choose for mine And walk with purpose true. For help, O God, I cry to Thee, Assured that Thou wilt answer me.

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- 3 O Thou that ever savest those Whose trust on Thee is stayed, Preserving them from all their foes By Thy almighty aid, Let me Thy loving-kindness see, Thy wondrous mercy, full and free.
- 4 O guard me well as one doth guard
  The apple of the eye;
  While deadly foes are pressing hard,
  To Thee, to Thee I cry.
  Do Thou my rest and refuge be,
  O let Thy wings o'ershadow me.

- 5 My enemy, grown strong in pride, Would take my life away, A lion lurking by my side, Most greedy for his prey. Confront and cast him down, O Lord, From evil save me by Thy sword.
- 6 Defend me from the men of pride, Whose portion is below, Who, with life's treasures satisfied, No better portion know; [content, They, with earth's joys and wealth Must leave them all when life is spent.
- 7 When I in righteousness at last
  Thy glorious face shall see,
  When all the weary night is past,
  And I awake with Thee
  To view the glories that abide,
  Then, then I shall be satisfied.