

109A O God, Whom I Delight To Praise

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1. ¹O God, Whom I de - light to praise,
 2. ²A - gainst me slan - d'rous words are flung
 3. ⁴/My good with e - vil they re - pay,
 4. ⁶Since love ap - peals to him in vain,

To Thee my cry for help I raise;
 From many a false and ly - ing toungue;
 My love turns not sin their hate a - way;
 The slave of sin let him re - mains;

Be Thou my friend and ad - vo - cate
³With - out a cause men hurl at me
 The part of venge - ance, Lord, is Thine,
⁷A - gainst him let his foe be turned,

When foes as - sail with bit - ter hate.
 The shafts of dead - ly en - mi - ty.
 To pray, and on - ly pray is mine.
 His sin be judged, his prayer be spurned.

5. ⁸Let sudden death upon him break,
His office let another take,
⁹His children and his widowed wife
Pursue the homeless beggar's life.
6. ¹¹Let creditors consume his toil
And strangers make his wealth their spoil;
¹²Let none in pity heed his claim,
¹³Cut off his race, blot out his name.
7. ¹⁴His parents' sin be not forgot
¹⁵Till Thou from earth his memory blot
¹⁶Since he remembered not to show
Compassion to the sons of woe.
8. ¹⁷He cursing loved and blessing loathed;
¹⁸Unblest, with cursing he is clothed;
²⁰For the the justice of the Lord
My adversaries will reward.
9. ²¹O God, the Lord, for Thy Name's sake
Let me of Thy good grace partake;
²²My need is great, and great Thou art
To heal my wounded, stricken heart.
10. ²³With failing strength I fast and pine,
Like shadows swift my days decline,
²⁴And when my foes my weakness see
²⁵They shake the head in scorn at me.
11. ²⁶O Lord My God, Thy help I crave,
In Thy great loving-kindness save;
²⁷Before my foes Thy mercy show;
That Thou dost help me make them know.
12. ²⁸What though they curse, if Thou wilt bless?
Then joy shall banish my distress,
²⁹And shame shall overwhelm the foes
Who would Thy servant's way oppose.
13. ³⁰Thanksgiving to the Lord I raise,
The multitude shall hear my praise,
³¹For by the needy God will stand
To save them from oppression's hand.