

Psalm 23

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Psalm 25

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Or

R. No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me. **R.**

Relieve the anguish of my heart
and set me free from my distress.

See my affliction and my toil
and take all my sins away. **R.**

Preserve my life and rescue me.

Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.

May innocence and uprightness protect me;
for my hope is in you, O Lord. **R.**

Psalm 27

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savor the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Psalm 42 and 43

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God; when shall I see him face to face?

Like a deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. **R.**

My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? **R.**

O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell. **R.**

And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. **R.**

Why are you cast down, my soul,
why groan within my?
Hope in God; I will praise him still,
my savior and my God. **R.**

Psalm 63

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

You have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Psalm 103

R. The Lord is king and merciful.

Or

R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

The Lord is compassionate and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust. **R.**

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flowers like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and he is gone
and his place never sees him again. **R.**

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth. **R.**

Psalm 116

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Or

R. Alleluia.

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

R.

I trusted, even when I said:
“I am sorely afflicted,”
and when I said in my alarm:
“No man can be trusted.”

R.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

R.

Psalm 122

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

“Let us go to God’s house.”

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
“Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!” **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: “Peace upon you!”
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R.**

Psalm 130

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Or

R. I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Psalm 143

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgment
for no one is just in your sight. **R.**

I remember the days that are past:
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you. **R.**

Lord, make haste and give me answer:
for my spirit fails within me.
In the morning let me know your love
for I put my trust in you. **R.**

Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord, are my God.
Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth. **R.**