

PSALM 17 – BCP

Exaudi, Domine

- 1 HEAR the right, O Lord, consider my complaint : and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
 - 2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence : and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.
 - 3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season; thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me : for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.
 - 4 Because of men's works, that are done against the words of thy lips : I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.
 - 5 O hold thou up my goings in thy paths : that my footsteps slip not.
 - 6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me : incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.
 - 7 Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee : from such as resist thy right hand.
 - 8 Keep me as the apple of an eye : hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
 - 9 From the ungodly that trouble me : mine enemies compass me round about to take away my soul.
 - 10 They are inclosed in their own fat : and their mouth speaketh proud things.
 - 11 They lie waiting in our way on every side : turning their eyes down to the ground;
 - 12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey : and as it were a lion's whelp, lurking in secret places.
 - 13 Up, Lord, disappoint him, and cast him down : deliver my soul from the ungodly, which is a sword of thine;
 - 14 From the men of thy hand, O Lord, from the men, I say, and from the evil world : which have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thy hid treasure.
 - 15 They have children at their desire : and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.
 - 16 But as for me, I will behold thy presence in righteousness : and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.
- Conserva me, Domine

Psalm 17 – Common Worship

- 1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold what is right.
- 3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

- 4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.
- 7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, from my enemies who surround me to take away my life.
- 10 They have closed their heart to pity and their mouth speaks proud things.
- 1 They press me hard, they surround me on every side, watching how they may cast me to the ground,
- 2 Like a lion that is greedy for its prey, like a young lion lurking in secret places.
- 3 Arise, Lord; confront them and cast them down; deliver me from the wicked by your sword.
- 4 Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand from those whose portion in life is unending,
- 5 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.
- 6 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness; when I awake and behold your likeness, I shall be satisfied.