

PSALM 57

1 Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,
For my soul takes refuge in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge
Until destruction passes by.

2 I will cry to God Most High,
To God who accomplishes *all things* for me.

3 He will send from heaven and save me;
He reproaches him who tramples upon me.

Selah.

God will send forth His lovingkindness and His truth.

4 My soul is among lions;
I must lie among those who breathe forth fire,
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows
And their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be exalted above the heavens, O God;
Let Your glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down;
They dug a pit before me;
They *themselves* have fallen into the midst of it.

Selah.

7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!

8 Awake, my glory!
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.

9 I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.

10 For Your lovingkindness is great to the heavens
And Your truth to the clouds.

11 Be exalted above the heavens, O God;
Let Your glory *be* above all the earth.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Father, we praise you that you are a God who makes wonderful promises. We praise you that you promise life, peace and joy; you promise a world ruled by a perfect ruler who loves and cares for his people.

Father, we praise you that you are faithful to all your promises. We praise you that you have the power to ensure that not a word of your promises ever falls to the ground. We praise you that even when men seek in their evil to obstruct your plans you use their evil to bring your plans to fulfillment. We praise you that we can have complete confidence in all your promises, including the promise that one day we will see the Lord Jesus Christ face to face in glory. Father, we praise you that you make your promises to those who do not deserve them.

We praise you that, though we have rejected your authority and refused to give thanks for your provision, you have promised your people an eternity under your perfect rule and a world full of abundance, a banquet of the best of meats and the finest of wines.

We praise you that you have done what was necessary for these promises to come to fulfillment, that you have sent your Son to seal the covenant of your promises in his own blood, so that we may have confidence that, though our sins are scarlet, you will wash them white as snow.

Father, we praise you that when we have received every blessing that you have promised, we will not rejoice so much in the glory of the world around us but in the face and presence of our beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ. We praise you that every blessing we receive from your hand is the overflow of the glories of your character. Amen.

- Prayer –

Luke 1:46–55 (NASB95)

The Magnificat

- 46 And Mary said:
 “My soul exalts the Lord,
47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
48 “For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave;
 For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.
49 “For the Mighty One has done great things for me;
 And holy is His name.
50 “AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION
 TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.
51 “He has done mighty deeds with His arm;

He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.
52 "He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones,
And has exalted those who were humble.
53 "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS;
And sent away the rich empty-handed.
54 "He has given help to Israel His servant,
In remembrance of His mercy,
55 As He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and his descendants forever."

Prayer for the harvest

Walking in the Spirit

Walking In The Spirit

Father, we affirm as St. Paul teaches us that we are no longer to walk after the flesh but after the

Spirit. Lord Jesus, because we are in union with You, and share in your ascended life, we delight to do Your will. To walk with You in and by the Spirit is what we deeply yearn for and desire.

May Your Spirit produce His fruit in us even today. May we, by that same Spirit put to death the deeds of the flesh by the cauterizing power of Your Cross. May the fruit of Your Spirit saturate our entire being because of the great love He has shed abroad in our hearts. Lord we love you.

We want to participate in the Triune Life, the endless dance of love between You Father, Your Son, and Your Spirit.

Holy Spirit, forgive us for the many times we have grieved You by our sins, iniquities, and transgressions. Cast us not away from Your Presence. Father do not remove Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and renew a right spirit within us.

Grant us discernment Lord to avoid deception by false spirits. As we move through our daily activities, be with us in the large as well as the small decisions today. Let what emerges from us be Your will and not ours. We want Your counsel, Your wisdom, Your grace, Your mercy, Your guidance, Your power, Your love.

Fill us afresh with Your Spirit as we praise and glorify Your name. Give us a fresh hunger and thirst for Your truth. Draw us up and draw us into the fellowship of Your Son by the inhaling power of Your Holy Spirit. May our prayers be His out-breathing through us!

Holy Spirit fill us to overflowing so that our being is saturated with the Father's presence through Jesus. Holy Spirit, we affirm that You indeed are the Spirit of faith. Infuse us afresh with

that faith as we give ear to the Living Word of Christ, the Word made flesh. We turn our ears toward You. We trust in Your indwelling presence and power to grant us victory today over all the works of our flesh, the world, and the devil. We trust You for the victory in us and through us. We proclaim "Grace, grace!" to every mountain of opposition by the power of Your presence within us. Speak through us today Lord! Rule us from the inside-out! Cause us to hear Your lovingkindness! We put our total trust in You!

In Jesus Name!

Amen