

today's prayer

Psalm 129

Gracious and compassionate God,

I come before You with a heart burdened by afflictions and challenges. I lift up my voice like Israel, declaring, "*Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth.*" I acknowledge the trials and tribulations I have faced, the opposition and oppression that have sought to overpower me. Yet, I proclaim with confidence that they have not prevailed against me because of Your loving kindness.

Lord, You are righteous and just. You see the afflictions I have endured, the plowing upon my back and the furrows made long. But in Your righteousness, You have cut the cords of the wicked. You have intervened on my behalf, delivering me from the hands of those who would oppress me. I find comfort and strength in Your unfailing love and justice.

I pray for those who hate Your truth, for those who stand against Your people and Your purposes. May they be put to shame and turned backward, Lord. Let their efforts wither away like the grass on the housetops, without bearing fruit or gaining strength. May their plans crumble before them, and may they recognize the futility of opposing Your will.

I ask for Your blessings, O Lord, upon Your people. As we walk in Your ways and seek Your face, may Your favor rest upon us. May those who pass by us be touched by Your presence and see the blessings in fearing You. Let Your name be exalted and glorified in my life, even in the face of adversity.

Lord, I thank You for Your faithfulness and protection. I trust in Your righteous judgment and Your ability to bring justice to those who afflict me. Strengthen me with Your grace and empower me to overcome the challenges I face. Help me to stand firm in my faith and to be a testimony of Your goodness and love.

In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

