

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. —Psalm 27:4-14

This we pray...

O Lord, your Word makes it clear that you desire a relationship with us. Yet sometimes this is so difficult in the world in which I live. Let the longing of my heart be to see your face. Let the longing of my soul be to experience all of who you are while I am on earth. Let the longing of my mind be to think thoughts of you and offer up continual ruminations of praise. Let the use of my hands be to serve you genuinely, rightly, and with integrity, to build your kingdom on earth. Let my feet carry me as a messenger to bring your glory and splendor to all the ends of the earth. You are the only one deserving of my praise, Oh Sovereign Lord.
