

Psalms of Ascents

Psalms 120 – 134

**Prayers,
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for
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Introduction

Psalms 120 – 134 are called the Psalms of Ascents (or Songs of Ascents). These songs were likely sung by Jewish pilgrims on their way to one of the three great festivals held annually in Jerusalem: Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles. The Israelites always spoke of going “up” to Jerusalem. To them, going there was always an ascent; thus the name.

Imagine these pilgrims traveling on foot with their families and neighbors, making the long journey up to Jerusalem. They are coming out of their real-life circumstances to stand before God and pray to Him and praise Him.

They are coming to Him out of a hostile society, out of turbulence, struggle, and danger. They are coming honestly, bearing their anxieties, fears, and guilt, as well as their gratitude and trust. They are looking up to Him as their Creator, Provider, Protector, and Savior. He is their destination...and ultimately, their true home.

We still come before God the same way.

For each of the fifteen Psalms of Ascents below you'll find:

- the text of the Psalm
- a prayer of response
- a hymn based on the Psalm.

Use these resources for personal devotions and as a resource for public worship. To hear the hymns, just follow the links to LNWhymns.com. There you'll find these hymns and many more. All the printed hymns and their recordings are downloadable free.

Most of these Psalms are short. Some are very poignant, and some of my favorite Psalms are here. I hope they will help you come to God candidly and openly with your real-life struggle and pain. He is not put off by your humanity. As with any loving parent, He delights when His children come to Him, not only at joyful times, but when they're hurt, frustrated, angry, or afraid.

Honor your Father with honesty.

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Psalm 120

(NIV)

I call on the Lord in my distress,
and he answers me.
Save me, Lord,
from lying lips
and from deceitful tongues.

What will he do to you,
and what more besides,
you deceitful tongue?
He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows,
with burning coals of the broom bush.

Woe to me that I dwell in Meshek,
that I live among the tents of Kedar!
Too long have I lived
among those who hate peace.
I am for peace;
but when I speak, they are for war.

Prayer Response to Psalm 120

We come, holy God.
You have called us out of
 this evil place, and
 we come to You.
We come as Your redeemed people.
We come as pilgrims
 traveling through a hostile land.

We are strangers in this
 unfriendly,
 unpeaceful place,
Daily we are threatened,
 tempted,
 attacked, and
 pursued by Your bitter enemy.
He does all he can to deceive,
 discourage, and
 distract us from You.

Yet even here, even now,
 You engulf us in Your presence.
 You refresh us with Your joy.
 You immerse us in Your peace, and
 You arm us with Your truth.

Best of all, glorious God,
 YOU are our destination.
 You are bringing us
 certainly and
 securely to Yourself.
You have prepared a place for us, and
 our arrival is imminent.
O Father, we are longing for You!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 120](#)

Psalm 120

Psalm 120; 1 Peter 1:1, 6-9; 2:11, 20-23; 4:14, 19

♩ = 100

Unison D^m B^b C $\frac{C}{G}$ C D^{m9} D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ B^bM⁷ $\frac{B^bM^7}{F}$ $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ G^{m7} $\frac{G^m7}{D}$ G^m

1. God of truth and mer - cy, save us, Hurt, ha - rassed, op -
 2. God of peace, en - gulf - ing pres-ence, Shep - herd through this

A^m A^{sus} A^m D^m $\frac{D^m}{A}$ D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ B^b $\frac{B^b}{A}$ G^{m7} C D^{m9} D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$

pressed by lies, Tempt - ed, threat - ened, lured by e - vil
 hos - tile place, Great Re-deem - er gone be - fore us,

B^bM⁷ $\frac{B^bM^7}{F}$ $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ B^b6 B^b B^b6 A^{sus} A F $\frac{F}{C}$ F A^m $\frac{A^m}{E}$ A^m

Dressed in pleas - ure's sweet dis-guise. See Your chil - dren,
 How we yearn to see Your face! Wea - ry, need - y,

B^b $\frac{B^b}{F}$ B^b D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ C[#]7 $\frac{A^7}{C^{\#}}$ C[#] D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ B^b $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ A^{sus} A D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ B^b $\frac{B^b}{A}$ G^{m7}

all Your own, Here where sin seems so strong. We are pil - grims
 near - ing home- Just a - head, now in view- We are pil - grims

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: William S. Turner (1850) and Ken Bible

MONROE 2
 8.7.8.7.7.6.8.7.

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C Dm⁹ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm Gm Gm⁹ Gm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ $\frac{Dm^{11}}{A}$ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Am⁷ A⁷_{sus} Am⁷ Dm

on a jour - ney, Stran - gers where we don't be - long.
 on a jour - ney. O what joy, we come to You!

Psalm 121

(NIV)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip –
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you –
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm –
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Prayer Response to Psalm 121

We come to You, loving Creator.

We travel through this world so
angry and threatening.

But when we look,
we see Your faithful care all around us.

When we listen,
we are engulfed by songs of Your unfailing goodness.

Your care is constant,
personal, and
complete.

You never sleep.

You are never inattentive,
never unaware,
never uncaring.

No enemy can threaten Your power.
No problem taxes Your wisdom.
No concern is too small for Your love.

You guard us against the known and
the unknown.

You shelter us
from dangers that stare us in the face and
from deadly perils of which we are blissfully unaware.

Day and night,
working and resting,
going and coming,
laughing and weeping,
we are in Your hand.

Creator, Sustainer,
Savior, Shepherd,
now and every moment
we are secure and at peace in You.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 121](#)

Psalm 121

TUNE: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (MARYTON)

♩ = 96 D D M7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{E_m}{G}$ $\frac{E}{G\#}$ A A B m7 $\frac{A^7}{C\#}$



1. Lift up your eyes. Look all a - round. Drink in God's
 2. Thro' ev - 'ry need His good - ness flows. O what a
 3. No threat, no force, no fear with - stands Al - might - y,
 4. O Ho - ly God, Cre - a - tor, Lord, E - ter - nal,

D B m7 E9 $\frac{C\#m}{E}$ E7 A $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{E_m}{G}$ $\frac{A}{G}$ D $\frac{D M7}{F\#}$



rich, whole - heart - ed love! Scenes of His faith - ful
 love that nev - er sleeps! Thro' ev - 'ry grief, He
 all - em - brac - ing care. Noth - ing can harm us
 sov - 'reign, right, and true, Pow - er and wis - dom

G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A^7_{sus}}{E}$ $\frac{A^7}{E}$ D A7 B m $\frac{A^7}{C\#}$ D $\frac{E_m}{G}$ E m A7 D



care a - bound And draw our need - y hearts a - bove.
 feels, He knows, He shapes and leads, He guards and keeps.
 in His hands Or catch our Fa - ther un - a - ware.
 un - ex - plored, We go, we come, we rest in You.

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith (1825-1898)

MARYTON
 L.M.

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Psalm 122

(NASB)

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
Our feet are standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, that is built
As a city that is compact together;
To which the tribes go up,
even the tribes of the Lord –
An ordinance for Israel –
To give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there thrones were set for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
May peace be within your walls,
And prosperity within your palaces.”
For the sake of my brothers and my friends,
I will now say, “May peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Prayer Response to Psalm 122

Father God, we come to You with joy!
With the concerns of daily life still clinging to us,
 we come gladly, and
 we come together.

What could be more joyful than to
 gather in Your magnificent presence
with others who
 know You,
 trust You, and
 share our love for You!

Help us to come with all our faculties
 ready and
 focused on You,
prepared to listen,
 to serve,
 to sing,
 to pray, and
 to drink in all that Your Spirit has for us.

We gather, not just as a small local group,
 but as part of Your Church universal,
 spanning heaven and earth and
 all peoples and cultures.

In You we are all one.
In You we are holy.
In You we are Your Body and
 Your glorious Bride.

Here,
today,
in You
we glimpse the day when
“on earth as it is in heaven” is
 no longer a prayer,
 but a joyful, everlasting reality!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 122](#)

Psalm 122

TUNE: O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion (adapted)

♩ = 126

Unison C F C⁷_{sus} F C⁷ B^badd⁹ D C⁷ E F F^{sus} F F^{sus} C

1. With joy, with glad - ness we gath - er be - fore You, O
 2. We come to - geth - er, Your peo - ple, Your fam - 'ly, O
 3. Your peace, Your pres - ence, Your glo - ry, Your king - dom, O

D^m D^m_C B^b F F^{sus} F B^b G^m C A^m

Lord, our Lord! With prayer and with prais - es, with
 Lord, our Lord! Your tem - ple, Your branch - es, Your
 Lord, our Lord! Be - liev - ing, o - bey - ing, we

D^m G^m⁷ C^{sus} C F F^{sus} F C⁷ F F^{sus} C F

si - lence and song, O Lord, our Lord! Pre -
 Bod - y, Your Bride, O Lord, our Lord! To
 watch and we wait, O Lord, our Lord! Come

B^b F C^{sus} C^{sus}_G C F B^b C^{sus} C C⁷ F

pared and ex - pect - ing, we come As in heav - en, so on earth.
 bow and to lis - ten and serve As in heav - en, so on earth.
 down in Your full - ness, O God, As in heav - en, so on earth!

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel (1685-1759) and Ken Bible

O THOU THAT TELLEST
 11.4.11.4.8.7.

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Psalms 123

(NASB)

To You I lift up my eyes,
O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
Until He is gracious to us.

Be gracious to us, O Lord, be gracious to us,
For we are greatly filled with contempt.
Our soul is greatly filled
With the scoffing of those who are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

Prayer Response to Psalm 123

We come to You, Father,
engulfed in
 deep,
 inescapable need.

You, Lord –
You alone are the source of
 all that we lack and
 all that we crave.

What can we do?
What can we do, God, but
 look to You and
 calmly wait on You?

Hymn recording: [Psalm 123](#)

Psalm 123

♩ = 92

Unison F $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{Dm^7}{A}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm E \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ E \flat ⁹ Cm⁷ F⁷ F⁹

1. We look to You, Al - might - y, ho - ly God. All help - less, bound in
 2. We look to You, O pure and per - fect Light. We hun - ger for Your
 3. We look to You And hun - ger for Your will. Our heart's de - sire is

B \flat $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Gm E \flat ⁶ D E \flat M⁷ E \flat Cm⁷ F F⁷ B \flat sus $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ sus B \flat

deep and ut - ter need, We wait on You.
 word. O Fa - ther, speak! We wait on You.
 on - ly to o - bey. We wait on You.

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PSALM 123
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Psalm 124

(NASB)

“Had it not been the Lord who was on our side,”
Let Israel now say,
“Had it not been the Lord who was on our side
When men rose up against us,
Then they would have swallowed us alive,
When their anger was kindled against us;
Then the waters would have engulfed us,
The stream would have swept over our soul;
Then the raging waters would have swept over our soul.”

Blessed be the Lord,
Who has not given us to be torn by their teeth.
Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trapper;
The snare is broken and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Prayer Response to Psalm 124

We come to You, Almighty God,
for You are always working for us and
always on our side.

Otherwise sin and death would have
swallowed us whole.

This evil world would have
swept in like a typhoon and
swamped us.

The master tempter would have easily trapped us in our
weakness and
ignorance.

You are the Sovereign God,
the Lord of all the heavenly armies,
our Creator,
our Keeper,
our Deliverer.

You claim us as Your very own.

You place Your own Magnificent Being between
us and
anything that would threaten us.

Your power is absolute.

Your love is unconditional.

You completely overwhelm every enemy in heaven and earth.

Our life is Your life,
untouchable,
indestructible,
pulsing forever within us.

As long as You are our Lord,
our eternal safety is absolutely certain.

Praise to You!

Praise to You, Almighty Savior!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 124](#)

Psalms 124

TUNE: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (NICAEA)

Psalms 124; Romans 8:31

♩ = 72

Em⁹ Em G M⁷ G⁶ E sus Em D sus D B m⁹ B m D M⁷ D⁶ B sus B m A sus A

Intro. optional on vv. 2-3

D B m A sus B m⁷ A⁷ D sus D G G E G F⁷ G Em⁷ Em⁷ Em⁶ Em⁶

1. Sov-'reign God is for us. He a-lone can
2. Sov-'reign God is for us. Who can stand a-
3. Sov-'reign God, our Sav-ior, Shep-herd, Friend, and

D D A D A sus B A Em¹¹ D F⁷ B m E⁷ sus E⁷ A C⁷ D

save us. Death, with all its bru-tal strength, Would
gainst us? All cre-a-tion poured from Him Em-
Fa-ther, Might-y War-rior, Sun and Shield, The

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NICAEA
6.6.7.6.6.6.5.5.

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A C# A E^{7sus} E⁷ A^{sus} E A Bm⁷ A Gadd⁹ C# B A C# D Bm

swal - low us a - live. Waves of sin would
 pow - ered by His word. Emp - ti - ness and
 fire of ev - 'ry star, Wor - ship, thanks, and

A A^{sus} A D^{sus} D G G E G⁷ Em⁷ Em⁶ Em⁶ D D D D Bm D D

swamp us, E - vil o - ver - whelm us, Fling - ing us
 dark - ness Van - ish in His glo - ry. Al - might - y
 hon - or Rise from us, Your peo - ple, Safe here in

Em⁷ G Bm Bm A Em⁷ G⁶ A G A 1, 2 D 3 D

down where Fear and sor - row thrive.
 love is Felt and seen and heard!
 You, at Peace in all You are.

Psalm 125

(NASB)

Those who trust in the Lord
Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the Lord surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.
For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land of the righteous,
So that the righteous will not put forth their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good
And to those who are upright in their hearts.
But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways,
The Lord will lead them away with the doers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel.

Prayer Response to Psalm 125

We come to You, Sovereign God,
trusting in You alone.

Sometimes we seem to be
surrounded by problems,
gripped by struggle,
crippled by our own weaknesses.

But in truth, Father, we are
surrounded by Your everlasting arms,
gripped by Your unfailing love, and
empowered by Your sovereign might.

Problems cannot last.
You are the Lord of all reality.
Struggle cannot last.
You are Almighty God.
Darkness will disappear forever, for
You are Everlasting Light.

O my Father,
we live and move and exist
in You!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 125](#)

Psalm 125

♩ = 60 *Unison*

D G M7 D A A[°]7 B m G F#m G M7

1. Look be - yond the tem - po - rar - y. Rise a - bove your
 2. Lift your eyes of faith and see Him Here, as e - vil
 3. Dark - ness dies when comes the morn - ing. Sin and death can -
 4. God is good. O what a Fa - ther! Trust - ing Him is

D F# G M7 A sus A G G B Em C# D A⁹ D F#

fear and pain. Breathe the ev - er - last - ing King - dom.
 threat - ens harm. All His pow'r and love sur - round you.
 not en - dure. He is light for - ev - er shin - ing.
 full re - lease. He is here a - mong His peo - ple,

F#m Em G Em A G B m B m A G Em7 Em A D

Walk in God's e - ter - nal reign. Rest in God's e - ter - nal reign.
 Feel His ev - er - last - ing arms. Trust His ev - er - last - ing arms.
 Ev - 'ry step in Him is sure. Life in Him is safe and sure.
 Breath - ing life and joy and peace, Life and joy and end - less peace.

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PSALM 125
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Psalm 126

(NASB)

When the Lord brought back the captive ones of Zion,
We were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter
And our tongue with joyful shouting;
Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us;
We are glad.

Restore our captivity, O Lord,
As the streams in the South.
Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting.
He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed,
Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Prayer Response to Psalm 126

Eternal, unchanging God, we come to You
remembering.
In the midst of these difficulties,
we remember what You have done for us.
We remember who You are.

You are unchanging perfection.
You are still the same as when You
pursued us in our lostness and
drew us to Yourself.
You are still the same as when You
forgave us and
began remaking us to be
just like Your glorious Son, Jesus.
You are still that magnificent Savior.
You are still that same Deliverer who graciously provided for us in
that financial need,
that illness,
that relationship.
You are the very same.

We trust You.
You may answer suddenly,
in a flash flood of power and love.
You may answer slowly, gradually,
in a long and gentle rain.
Or like a farmer, we may have to wait for the harvest,
patiently working,
patiently waiting.

But we know that You will deliver us
beautifully,
completely,
in Your perfect way and
Your perfect time.
That's what You do.
That's who You are.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 126](#)

Psalm 126

TUNE: In Christ There Is No East or West (ST. PETER)

Unison
♩ = 80 N.C.

1. O Fa - ther, we re - mem - ber You. What
 2. So now as dark - ness seems to fall, We
 3. With need as con - stant as Your grace, We
 4. Give now or when the har - vest comes, We

mer - cies with - out end! All his - t'ry sings Your
 sing of vic - t'ries won, For pass - ing shad - ows
 come to You a - gain. Un - chang - ing God, our
 trust Your lov - ing choice. With long - ing hearts we

faith - ful love, Re - deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend!
 sim - ply prove The pres - ence of the Sun.
 child - like faith A - waits Your how and when.
 work and watch And al - ways, Lord, re - joice!

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 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877); arr. by Ken Bible

ST. PETER
 C.M.

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Psalm 127

(NASB)

Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city,
The watchman keeps awake in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early,
To retire late,
To eat the bread of painful labors;
For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.
How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;
They will not be ashamed
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Prayer Response to Psalm 127

Almighty God,
 we come to You out of struggle.
We work and worry, we
 sweat and
 strain
to provide a life
 for ourselves and
 for our families.
We use all our energies to build a wall that secures us from
 every threat and
 every need.

But Father, You are All-in-all.
All power,
all control,
 are in Your hands.
Outside of You, all our efforts are
 futile and
 ultimately pointless

You call us,
You invite us,
You urge us
 to simply trust You.
You provide work.
You provide rest.
You provide for
 all the rhythms of life.
In Yourself
You joyfully bless us with
 Your peace,
 Your balance, and
 Your fruitfulness.
All the security we can ever have,
all the security we will ever need is in
 You,
 the Giver of all that is good.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 127](#)

Psalm 127

TUNE: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee (PENITENTIA)

Unison

♩ = 88



1. On - ly in You, e - ter - nal All - in - all,
2. Wor - ry and strug - gle, sleep - less - ness and strain-
3. You are the Giv - er, You Your-self the prize.

On - ly in You our ef - forts stand or fall.
Out - side of You our work is all in vain.
You are the wealth that ful - ly sat - is - fies.

All that we do, the sim - ple and the grand,
All our am - bi - tions, all that we pur - sue,
Full - ness of joy, our source and rich re - ward,

With - ers or blos - soms in Your sov - 'reign hand.
Can't match the fruit - ful - ness of life in You.
How all our be - ing longs for You, our Lord!

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Edward Dearle (1806-1891); arr. by Ken Bible

PENITENTIA

10.10.10.10.

Alt. Tunes: EVENTIDE; MORECAMBE

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Psalm 128

(NASB)

How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
Who walks in His ways.
When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands,
You will be happy and it will be well with you.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
Within your house,
Your children like olive plants
Around your table.
Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion,
And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
Indeed, may you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

Prayer Response to Psalm 128

O generous Creator,
gracious Father,
 we come to You
 as simply as children,
As we humbly look up to You and
 trust You,
You pour Your bountiful goodness into
 every area of our lives.

You give daily work,
 daily bread, and
 daily provision in so many varied forms.
When You created this world,
 You blessed it with fruitfulness.
That timeless blessing still showers us with
 Your abundance.

Crowning each blessing and
 each simple joy
is the gift of human love –
love received and shared with
 family,
 friends, and
 the host of familiar, smiling faces that
 enrich our daily world.

Through them,
 with them,
 among them,
we experience Your loving presence and
have the privilege of
 sharing You with others.
Father, open our eyes and our hearts
to all the gifts and opportunities of love
 You have lavished on us today.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 128](#)

Psalm 128

TUNE: Billy Boy

$\text{♩} = 72$ G^{13} G^7 C $\frac{G}{F}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{E_m}{D}$ $\frac{G^7}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G^7}{D}$ $\frac{G^9}{D}$ C $\frac{E_m^7}{B}$ $\frac{G^7}{B}$
Unison

1. Lord, You fill ev - 'ry day with the gifts of Your love We re -
2. As we look up to You, great Cre - a - tor of all, We are
3. As we work, as we laugh, as we pray, Fa - ther God, As we

A_m^7 $\frac{A_m^7}{G}$ $\frac{G}{F}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F $F M^7$ $\frac{C}{G}$ $G \text{ sus}$ $\frac{D_m^7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ F^6 $\frac{C}{E}$

ceive and we share, gra - cious Fa - ther. Ev - 'ry
bathed in the flow of Your bless - ings. By Your
walk in Your Spir - it to - geth - er, Ev - 'ry

D_m^7 $\frac{E}{C}$ $\frac{G^7}{B}$ G^{13} G^7 A_m $F M^7$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ F

sim - ple joy is crowned With dear peo - ple all a - round, And with
gift of dai - ly bread Bod - ies, minds, and hearts are fed, And we
joy is just a taste Of the shar - ing soon em - braced Heart - to -

$\frac{C}{G}$ A_m A_m^7 $F \text{ add}^9$ F G^7 $\frac{G^7 \text{ sus}}{C}$ $C \text{ sus}$ $\frac{C \text{ sus}}{G}$ C

them, we can feel Your lov - ing pres - ence.
feast on the rich - es of Your good - ness!
heart, ful - ly one in You for - ev - er!

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune; arr. by Ken Bible

BILLY BOY
12.10.7.7.11.

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Psalm 129

(NASB)

“Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up,”
Let Israel now say,
“Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up;
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
The plowers plowed upon my back;
They lengthened their furrows.”
The Lord is righteous;
He has cut in two the cords of the wicked.

May all who hate Zion
Be put to shame and turned backward;
Let them be like grass upon the housetops,
which withers before it grows up;
With which the reaper does not fill his hand,
Or the binder of sheaves his bosom;
Nor do those who pass by say,
“The blessing of the Lord be upon you;
We bless you in the name of the Lord.”

Prayer Response to Psalm 129

Father, we come to You
in the midst of evil and
unrelenting opposition.

In the face of such evil,
the Psalms often ask for

Your fierce judgment on their enemies.

But Jesus taught us to love our enemies and pray for them,
to do good to them and bless them.

Scripture urges us to *overcome evil with good*.

What should our attitude be toward our enemies?

Followers of Christ are on common ground with the Psalms
when it comes to Satan.

He is evil personified.

He is constantly,
completely,
unalterably opposed to You and
to us, Your people.

He has made himself our unchanging enemy in every sense of the word.

You have prepared eternal fire for him, and
his end is certain.

But to us, You have made this promise:

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13, NASB)

You never abandon us to our weakness.

As we simply trust You,

You always prove Yourself to be our strong,
faithful,
unfailing Savior.

We just have to ask!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 129](#)

Psalm 129

Alt. Tune: O Breath of Life (DET AR ETT FAST ORD)

♩ = 56

Unison Dm Dm
C Gm7
Bb A sus Am Bb
C

1. Op - pressed, pur - sued by dead - ly e - vil, My God, I
2. Tho' e - vil's threat is ev - er - pres - ent And works to
3. Al - lur - ing lies and vain dis - trac - tions, The Dev - il's
4. His ev - 'ry threat and ev - 'ry prom - ise Will come to

Dm BbM7 C sus C C9
Bb Am D sus Dm

turn to You to - day. You al - ways help me when I
draw my heart a - way, You nev - er leave me to my
words are all un - true. He has no pow'r to love or
noth - ing in the end. E - ter - nal love and all its

Bb Bb
A Gm7 Bb
D F
C Gm7 F

ask You. You al - ways save me when I pray.
weak - ness. Your Spir - it helps me to o - bey.
bless me. He has no pow'r to fol - low through.
bless - ings Are Yours a - lone, my God, my friend!

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

PSALM 129
9.8.9.8.

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Psalm 130

(NIV)

Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord.
Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Prayer Response to Psalm 130

Father, I come to You
in deep need,
completely dependent on Your mercy.
You have shown such amazing love to me,
yet my response to Your love is so
cold and
selfish.
My obedience is so
inconsistent.
As I come to You now,
I feel so unworthy.
If You gave me what I deserve,
I would be doomed.

But Your compassion never fails.
Your mercies are new every morning.
Every time I come to You,
You forgive me
fully,
freely, and
forever.

So Father,
I come to You again.
I look up and
wait and
hope.
I trust in
the love that never tires of forgiving, and
the grace that helps me grow
more and more like Jesus.

Hymn recording: [From These Depths, O Lord](#)

From These Depths, O Lord

Psalm 130

♩ = 96

G^m D^m D^{sus} D^m G^m C^m C^{m7} C^{m6}

1. From these depths, O Lord, Hear my cry to You:
 2. Proud and self - ish thoughts, Cold, un - car - ing ways-
 3. Lord, I look to You. As a child I come.
 4. From these depths, O Lord, Hear my song to You:

G^m B^b C^m C^{m6} G^m D C^{m11} E^b C^m E^b G^m B^b G^m C D^{sus} D^{m7} 4th time to Coda 1 G^m G^m D G^m 2, 3 G^m G^m D G^m

rit. 4th time

Ho - ly God, have mer - cy on my weak - ness and my need!
 Ho - ly God, have mer - cy on my weak - ness and my need!
 Ho - ly God, have mer - cy on my weak - ness and my need!
 Ho - ly God, I praise You for un - fail - ing love to

REFRAIN B^b F G^m D^m C^{m6} B^b C^m C^{m6}

Fa - ther, Mak - er, Might - y Re - deem - er, Lov - ing God, for -

D.C. CODA G^m D C^{m11} E^b C^m E^b G^m B^b G^m C D^{sus} D^{m7} G^{sus} G^{sus} D G^m G^{sus} G^{sus} D G

give me for the fool - ish heart You see! me!

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

MARTY PARKS
 5.5.13.w.Ref.

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Psalm 131

(NASB)

O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;
Nor do I involve myself in great matters,
Or in things too difficult for me.
Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child rests against his mother,
My soul is like a weaned child within me.
O Israel, hope in the Lord
From this time forth and forever.

Prayer Response to Psalm 131

Father, I come and
bow.

You are All-in-all.
I am need.

You are self-contained,
self-sufficient,
always overflowing,
always freely giving.

I am totally, inherently dependent.

You created me for
constant, complete dependence on You.

You designed me for
constant, complete relationship with You.

You destined me for
constant, complete fullness in You.

So, my Father, seeing
You for all You are and
myself for all I am not,
I set aside my self-importance,
my futile struggles,
my frantic grasping,
my fruitless ambition.

I welcome
humility.

I embrace
contentment.

I breathe
the simplicity of childlike trust.

I come to You like a weaned infant –
not scrambling to satisfy my own desires,
but quietly resting in You.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 131](#)

Psalm 131

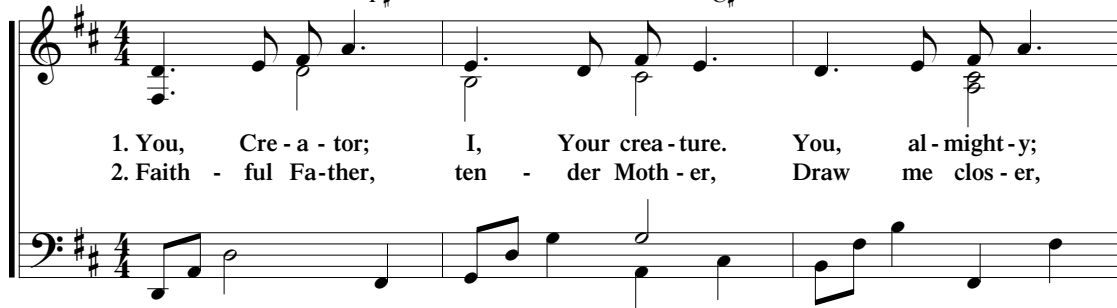
TUNE: SUO GAN

Quietly

Unison

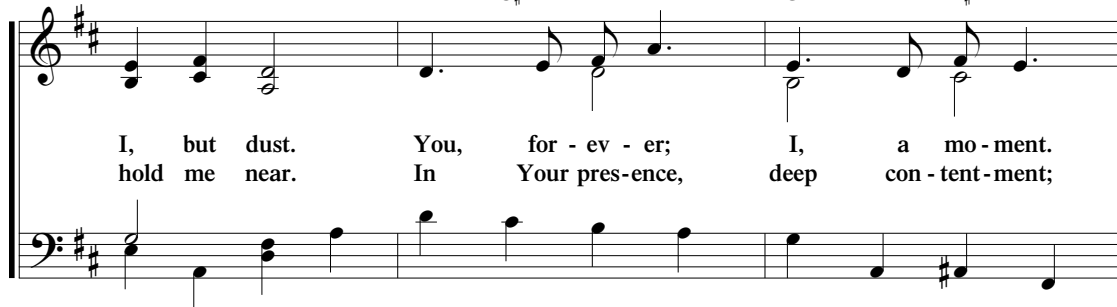
♩ = 60

D D^{F#} G⁶ A¹³ A⁷_{C#} B^m F^{#m}



1. You, Cre - a - tor; I, Your crea - ture. You, al - might - y;
2. Faith - ful Fa - ther, ten - der Moth - er, Draw me clos - er,

E^m A¹³ D D_A D D_{C#} B^m D_A E^m_G E^m_A F[#]_{A#} F^{#7}




I, but dust. You, for - ev - er; I, a mo - ment.
hold me near. In Your pres - ence, deep con - tent - ment;

B^m B^{m9}_A G^{M7} D_{F#} E^m A¹³ D G D D^{sus}_E D_{F#} D D_{F#}



You, per - fec - tion, kind and just. You are full - ness;
All is qui - et rest - ing here. Sweet - ly help - less,

G E^{m7} D_{F#} D_A D D_{C#} B^m F^{#m}_A G^{add9} D_{F#} E^{m7} G A^{sus} A



I am emp - ty, Self - im - por - tance set a - side,
lack - ing noth - ing, God so pure, so high, so far,

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

SUO GAN

8.7.8.7.D.

Alt. Tune: NETTLETON

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D $\frac{D}{C\sharp}$ Bm $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{A}$ $\frac{E\sharp}{A\sharp}$ F \sharp ⁷ Bm $\frac{Bm^9}{A}$ G M⁷ $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ Em A¹³ D

Fool - ish grasp-ing, fruit - less wor - ry, Proud de - lu - sions cru - ci - fied.
 Qui - et wor-ship, sim - ply be - ing, Know - ing, trust-ing all You are.

Psalm 132

(NASB)

Remember, O Lord, on David's behalf,
All his affliction;
How he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
"Surely I will not enter my house,
Nor lie on my bed;
I will not give sleep to my eyes
Or slumber to my eyelids,
Until I find a place for the Lord,
A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah,
We found it in the field of Jaar.
Let us go into His dwelling place;
Let us worship at His footstool.
Arise, O Lord, to Your resting place,
You and the ark of Your strength.
Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,
And let Your godly ones sing for joy.

For the sake of David Your servant,
Do not turn away the face of Your anointed.
The Lord has sworn to David
A truth from which He will not turn back:
"Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.
If your sons will keep My covenant
And My testimony which I will teach them,
Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."

For the Lord has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His habitation.
"This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her needy with bread.
Her priests also I will clothe with salvation,
And her godly ones will sing aloud for joy.
There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth;
I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.
His enemies I will clothe with shame,
But upon himself his crown shall shine."

Prayer Response to Psalm 132

Father God, we come to You
with all Your children,
rejoicing in You,
praising You!

You promised Your presence with us –
eternal,
personal,
tangible,
face-to-face.

Jesus Christ is Your presence, now and forever.

The temple was an expression of Your presence, made of
stone and wood,
temporary and perishable.
Jesus Christ is Your new,
living,
eternal Temple,
a house not made with hands.

You promised a Kingdom and
a King,
One that would rule everywhere and
forever,
a King of all Kings and
Lord of all Lords.
Jesus Christ is our eternal King.
In Him, Your glorious,
eternal,
peaceable Kingdom has come to earth.

We join with all Your people of
every age and
every nation
in welcoming Him.
We welcome Your Holy Son,
Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 132](#)

Psalm 132

♩ = 88

B \flat E \flat F B \flat sus B \flat C \flat 7 D \flat E \flat 6 B \flat /F F \flat sus F7

1. Join sal - va - tion's great pro - ces - sion. Join the time - less sing - ing.
 2. Fol - low Christ, and breathe His pres - ence. Share His ho - ly glo - ry.
 3. Je - sus Christ, we join in wor - ship, Lov - ing, serv - ing, sing - ing;

B \flat E \flat F B \flat sus B \flat C \flat 7 D \flat E \flat 6 D \flat 7sus D7 D \flat 7/F \sharp

All who share His res - ur - rec - tion Fol - low Christ their King. Come
 Walk in Him, the Liv - ing Tem - ple. Taste e - ter - ni - ty. God's
 All our joy, Your great - er glo - ry, Lamb and Priest and King. Your

G \flat G \flat sus G \flat F/A E \flat /G F/A F7 G \flat G \flat m/E F \flat sus F7

join His chil - dren, called and cleansed, For - ev - er all His own,
 ev - 'ry prom - ise stands ful - filled. Our des - ti - ny is sealed.
 ho - ly name be hal - lowed here, Your per - fect will be done.

B \flat E \flat F B \flat sus B \flat C \flat 7 D \flat E \flat E \flat /F B \flat

Pure and ho - ly, O how glo - rious, Com - ing to His throne.
 All His bless - ings, all His gifts are Now in Christ re - vealed.
 May Your King - dom fill our world and Heav'n and earth be one!

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Charles Dibdin (1754-1814) and Ken Bible

TOM BOWLING 2
 8.6.8.5.D.

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Psalm 133

(NASB)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brothers to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Coming down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard,
Coming down upon the edge of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon
Coming down upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the Lord commanded the blessing –
 life forever.

Prayer Response to Psalm 133

As we come to You, Father,
we come together with
all those who trust You.

Jesus Christ has poured out His Spirit on
each of us and
all of us.

As we walk in Christ,
we all share His same Spirit.

We are all growing to share
His complete dependence on You,
His self-giving love,
His unfailing joy, and
His single-minded desire to glorify You.

Father, the Spirit is like the oil of biblical times.
He brings Your anointing for service.
He flows down from You,
then flows out to those around us,
blessing us all with
the health of Your boundless life,
the beauty of Your love,
the fragrance of Your presence, and
the glow of Your glory.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 133](#)

Psalm 133

*Leviticus 8:12, 30; 1 Samuel 16:13; Psalm 133;
Luke 4:18; John 17:20-23; Acts 10:38; Ephesians 4:4-6*

♩ = 80

Unison

C G⁷_{sus} C C_B Am⁷ G_{sus} G F Em

1. Flow - ing down,
2. Flow - ing out,
3. One in Christ,
Flow - ing down- out- Christ-
Pre - cious one - ness
All God's bless - ings
Earth and heav - en

FM⁷ FM⁹ G_{sus} G C G_B Am C_G F C_E Dm⁷ F

flow - ing down,
flow - ing out,
one in Christ,
Down from Fa - ther,
Free - ly shared with
all God's peo - ple,
Son, and Spir - it,
all His peo - ple,
cre - a - tion

C_E E_{G#} A_{sus} E Am F C_G Dm⁷ G C C_G C

Love is flow - ing down.
Life is flow - ing out.
One in Je - sus Christ.
Peace is flow - ing down.
Joy is flow - ing out.
Praise You, Je - sus Christ!

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

PSALM 133
3.3.7.8.5.5.

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Psalm 134

(NASB)

Behold, bless the Lord, all servants of the Lord,
Who serve by night in the house of the Lord!
Lift up your hands to the sanctuary
And bless the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion,
He who made heaven and earth.

Prayer Response to Psalm 134

Father,
Creator,
Timeless I AM,
Shepherd,
Savior,
Almighty God,
how can we respond to
 all You've done for us and
 all You do for us?
How can we respond to
 all You **are** to us?

We have come here before You,
 eager to worship You,
 eager to serve You
with all that we have and
 all that we are.

Now we go.
We go joyfully,
 wrapped in Your blessing,
 filled with Your Spirit,
 enabled for all that You call us
 to be and
 to do.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 134](#)

Psalm 134

TUNE: Abide with Me (EVENTIDE)

♩ = 96

$E\flat$ $G\flat m$ $B\flat 7$ $C m$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $C m 7$ $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$
 $B\flat$ $B\flat$ D

1. Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry, love, and praise
 2. Here at Your throne with lift - ed eyes we stand,

$E\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $F m 7$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $F 7$ $B\flat$
 D C $B\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ D C

Be to You, Fa - ther, good in all Your ways,
 Eag - er to serve and move at Your com - mand.

$E\flat$ $A\flat M 7$ $G\flat m$ $B\flat 7$ $C m$ $E\flat$ $E\flat M 7$ $A\flat M 9$ $A\flat$ $C +$ $C 7$ $F m$
 $E\flat$ $B\flat$ G $B\flat$ G $A\flat$ $B\flat$

Ho - ly, ex - alt - ed, faith - ful, feared, a - dored,
 Joy - ful, we go to fol - low near or far,

$B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$ $B\flat 7$ $C m$ $F m$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $B\flat$ $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$
 $A\flat$ G F $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $A\flat$ $B\flat$

Source of all be - ing, Sav - ior, Sov - 'reign Lord.
 Blessed and en - a - bled, God, by all You are.

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889)

EVENTIDE
 10.10.10.10.

Alt. Tune: MORECAMBE

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