

PSALM 25 - A Prayer of Protection, Guidance and Pardon

25 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in You I trust,

Do not let me be ashamed;

Do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

⁴ Make me know Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You are the God of my salvation;

For You I wait all the day.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses,

For they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to Your lovingkindness remember me,

For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;

Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in justice,

And He teaches the humble His way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth

To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

¹¹ For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD?

He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

¹³ His soul will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land.

¹⁴ The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him,

And He will make them know His covenant.

¹⁵ My eyes are continually toward the LORD,

For He will pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

Bring me out of my distresses.

¹⁸ Look upon my affliction and my trouble,

And forgive all my sins.

¹⁹ Look upon my enemies, for they are many, and they hate me with violent hatred.

²⁰ Guard my soul and deliver me;

Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You.

²¹ Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,

For I wait for You.