

Refrain: You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my whole heart; □

I will tell of all your marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; □

I will make music to your name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, □

they stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; □

you sat on your throne giving righteous judgement. [R]

5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; □

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 The enemy was utterly laid waste. □

You uprooted their cities;

their very memory has perished.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever; □

he has made fast his throne for judgement.

8 For he shall rule the world with righteousness □

and govern the peoples with equity.

9 Then will the Lord be a refuge for the oppressed, □

a refuge in the time of trouble.

10 And those who know your name will put their trust in you, □

for you, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.^[R]

11 Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion; □

declare among the peoples the things he has done.

12 The avenger of blood has remembered them; □

he did not forget the cry of the oppressed.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; □

consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me,

you that lift me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may tell all your praises in the gates of the city of Zion □

and rejoice in your salvation.

15 The nations shall sink into the pit of their making □

and in the snare which they set will their own foot be taken.

16 The Lord makes himself known by his acts of justice; □

the wicked are snared in the works of their own hands. ^[R]

17 They shall return to the land of darkness, □

all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten □

and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the upper hand; □

let the nations be judged before your face.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord, □

that the nations may know themselves to be but mortal.

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Remember, Lord, all who cry to you

from death's dark gates;

do not forget those whom the world forgets,

but raise your faithful ones to Zion's gate,

with your all-conquering Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

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