



1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; □

listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; □

let your eyes behold what is right.

3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, □

refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; □

I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; □

my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; □

incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, □

O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand

from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; □

hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, □

from my enemies who surround me to take away my life.

10 They have closed their heart to pity □

and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, they surround me on every side, □

watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion that is greedy for its prey, □

like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, Lord; confront them and cast them down; □

deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand □

from those whose portion in life is unending,

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, □

who are well supplied with children

and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness; □

when I awake and behold your likeness, I shall be satisfied.

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