

1 *Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me;*

for my soul takes refuge in you;

2 *In the shadow of your wings will I take refuge;*

until the storm of destruction has passed by.

3 *I will call upon the Most High God;*

the God who fulfils his purpose for me.

4 *He will send from heaven and save me*

and rebuke those that would trample upon me;

God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

5 *I lie in the midst of lions;*

people whose teeth are spears and arrows,

and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;*

and your glory over all the earth.

7 *They have laid a net for my feet;*

my soul is pressed down;

they have dug a pit before me

and will fall into it themselves.

8 *My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready;*

I will sing and give you praise.

9 *Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre;*

that I may awaken the dawn.

10 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praise to you among the nations.

11 For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens,

and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

12 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;*

and your glory over all the earth.

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