1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you.

2 My flesh also faints for you, as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself and so my lips shall praise you.

5 I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

7 When I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

8 For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast.

10 But those who seek my soul to destroy it shall go down to the depths of the earth;

11 Let them fall by the edge of the sword.
and become a portion for jackals.

12 But the king shall rejoice in God;

all those who swear by him shall be glad;

for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

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