1 O Lord, God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before you.

2 Let my prayer come into your presence;
incline your ear to my cry.

3 For my soul is full of troubles;
my life draws near to the land of death.

4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit;
I am like one that has no strength,

5 Lost among the dead,
like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the lowest pit,
in a place of darkness in the abyss.

8 Your anger lies heavy upon me,
and you have afflicted me with all your waves.

9 You have put my friends far from me,
and made me to be abhorred by them.

10 I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free;
my eyes fail from all my trouble.

11 Lord, I have called daily upon you;
I have stretched out my hands to you.

12 Do you work wonders for the dead?

Will the shades stand up and praise you?

13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave;

your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

14 Shall your wonders be known in the dark;

or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?

15 But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you;

early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.

16 Lord, why have you rejected my soul?

Why have you hidden your face from me?

17 I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth;

I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.

18 Your wrath sweeps over me;

your horrors are come to destroy me;

19 All day long they come about me like water;

they close me in on every side.

20 Lover and friend have you put far from me;

and hid my companions out of my sight.

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