

## Refrain: You, O Lord, will watch over us.

1 Help me, Lord, for no one godly is left;

the faithful have vanished from the whole human race.

2 They all speak falsely with their neighbour;

they flatter with their lips, but speak from a double heart.

O that the Lord would cut off all flattering lips 3

and the tongue that speaks proud boasts!

Those who say, 'With our tongue will we prevail; 4

our lips we will use; who is lord over us?' [R]

'Because of the oppression of the needy, 5

and the groaning of the poor,  $\ \square$ 

I will rise up now,' says the Lord,

'and set them in the safety that they long for.'

The words of the Lord are pure words, 6

like silver refined in the furnace

and purified seven times in the fire.

7 You, O Lord, will watch over us

and guard us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked strut on every side,  $\Box$ 

when what is vile is exalted by the whole human race.

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Lord, when faith is faint

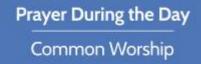
and speech veils our intentions,

restore us by your word of power and purity,

both now and for ever.

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