Refrain:  Delivered, O Lord, by your hand.

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. [R]

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. [R]

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. [R]

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, [R]
watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion that is greedy for its prey, [R]
like a young lion lurking in secret places. [R]

13 Arise, Lord; confront them and cast them down; [R]
deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand [R]
from those whose portion in life is unending,

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, [R]
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; [R]
when I awake and behold your likeness, I shall be satisfied.

Refrain:   Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand.

Generous Lord,

deliver us from all envious thoughts,

and when we are tempted by the desire for wealth,

let us see your face;

for your abundance is enough to clothe our lack;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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