

Refrain: Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked.

1 Deliver me, O Lord, from evildoers □

and protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts □

and stir up strife all the day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; □

adder's poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; □

protect me from the violent

who seek to make me stumble.

5 The proud have laid a snare for me

and spread out a net of cords; □

they have set traps along my path. [R]

6 I have said to the Lord, 'You are my God; □

listen, O Lord, to the voice of my supplication.

7 'O Lord God, the strength of my salvation, □

you have covered my head in the day of battle.

8 'Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O Lord, □

do not prosper their wicked plans. [R]

9 'Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; □

let the evil of their own lips fall upon them.

10 'Let hot burning coals rain upon them; □

let them be cast into the depths, that they rise not again.'

11 No slanderer shall prosper on the earth, □

and evil shall hunt down the violent to overthrow them. [R]

12 I know that the Lord will bring justice for the oppressed □

and maintain the cause of the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your name, □

and the upright shall dwell in your presence.

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Glorious Saviour,

rescue us from the subtle evils that are too strong for us,

from poisonous words and the spirit of war;

by your judgement overthrow the forces of violence,

that all the world may join to worship you

in thanksgiving and peace,

now and for ever.

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