

## PSALM 17

<sup>1</sup> A Prayer of David.

Hearken, O Lord of my righteousness, attend to my petition; give ear to my prayer not *uttered* with deceitful lips.

<sup>2</sup> Let my judgment come forth from Your presence; let my eyes behold righteousness.

<sup>3</sup> You have tested my heart; You have visited *me* in the night; You have tried me as with fire, and unrighteousness has not been found in me; *I am purposed* that my mouth shall not speak *amiss*.

<sup>4</sup> As for the works of men, by the words of Your lips I have guarded *myself from* hard ways.

<sup>5</sup> Direct my steps in Your paths, that my steps shall not slip.

<sup>6</sup> I have cried, for You heard me, O God: incline Your ear to me, and listen to my words.

<sup>7</sup> Show the marvels of Your mercies, You that save them that trust in You.

<sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of Your eye from those that resist Your right hand; You shall screen me by the covering of Your wings,

<sup>9</sup> from the face of the ungodly that have afflicted me; my enemies have compassed about my soul.

<sup>10</sup> They have enclosed *themselves with* their own fat; their mouths have spoken pride.

<sup>11</sup> They have now cast me out and compassed me round about. They have set their eyes *so as* to bow them down to the ground.

<sup>12</sup> They laid wait for me as a lion ready for prey, and like a lion's whelp dwelling in secret *places*.

<sup>13</sup> Arise, O Lord, prevent them, and cast them down; deliver my soul from the ungodly; *draw* Your sword,

<sup>14</sup> because of the enemies of Your hand. O Lord, destroy them from the earth; scatter them in their life, though their belly has been filled with Your hidden *treasures*; they have been satisfied with uncleanness, and have left the remnant *of their possessions* to their babes.

<sup>15</sup> But I shall appear in righteousness before Your face: I shall be satisfied when Your glory appears.