



Psalm 86 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

Supplication for Help against Enemies

A Prayer of David.

- 86** Incline thy ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am godly;
save thy servant who trusts in thee.
Thou art my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to thee do I cry all the day.
- 4 Gladden the soul of thy servant,
for to thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For thou, O Lord, art good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on thee.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
hearken to my cry of supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call on thee,
for thou dost answer me.
- 8 There is none like thee among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like thine.
- 9 All the nations thou hast made shall come
and bow down before thee, O Lord,
and shall glorify thy name.
- 10 For thou art great and doest wondrous things,
thou alone art God.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD,
that I may walk in thy truth;
unite my heart to fear thy name.
- 12 I give thanks to thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify thy name for ever.

- 13 For great is thy steadfast love toward me;
thou hast delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seek my life,
and they do not set thee before them.
- 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and
faithfulness.
- 16 Turn to me and take pity on me;
give thy strength to thy servant,
and save the son of thy handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of thy favor,
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame
because thou, LORD, hast helped me and comforted me.
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