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# A Devotee's Prayer.

( *Compiled from the Holy Bible.* )

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I

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak. O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust.

Thou wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God; incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Show thy marvellous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

With the merciful, thou wilt show thyself merciful; with an upright man, thou wilt show thyself upright.

With the pure, thou wilt show thyself pure, and with the froward thou wilt show thyself froward.

Cleanse thou me from secret fault.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

I was cast upon thee from the womb; thou art my God from my mother's belly.

Be not far from me; for trouble is near, for there is none to help.

Be not far from me, O Lord; O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in plain path.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry unto thee.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily; be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me, and guide me.

Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; for thou art my strength.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit, O Lord God of truth.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

I am forgotten as a dead man. I am like a broken vessel.

My times are in thy hand.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me for thy mercies' sake.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from destruction.

O Lord, be not far from me.

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God; therefore, the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

## II

With thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light.

I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart falleth me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

Save me, O God, by thy name.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man.

Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee when my heart is overwhelmed.

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee.

Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving kindness is Good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long.

There is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

### III.

O God, why hast thou cast me off forever?

Help me, O God of my salvation, for the glory of thy name, and deliver me and purge away my sins for thy name's sake.

Preserve my soul. O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, I will walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee.

Let my prayer come before thee; incline thine ear unto my cry.

For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am as a man that hath no strength.

My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance unto all generations.

O Lord, truly I am thy servant, I am thy servant.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon thy name.

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wonderful things out of thy law.

Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe.

I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I will praise thee with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising: thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

For thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me. O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sands; when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts.

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

#### IV.

Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man; preserve me from the violent man.

Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head.

Mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord; in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name; the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble.

Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

Man is like to vanity; his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down.

I will extol thee, my God, and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts, and will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of the righteousness.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.