

HOW LONG, O LORD?

A Litany of Sorrow and Hope

Psalm 13 NIV – Leader

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Look on me and answer, LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the LORD’s praise,
for he has been good to me.

“Dear Lord and Father” #481 – Congregation

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our feverish ways’
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In Deeper reverence praise.

Psalm 37:1-11 NIV - Leader

Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.
Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.
Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

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Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.
A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.
But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.

“It Is Well With My Soul #530 – Congregation

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll -
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
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It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 NIV – Leader

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves
and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then
I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal
their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the
prayers offered in this place.

“Hear Our Prayer” #684 – Congregation

Hear our Prayer, O Lord,
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Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy Peace. Amen

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