

Petition Psalms

Calling out to God with requests!

1. Psalm 6

Psalm 6:6-9 I'm tired of all this—so tired. My bed has been floating forty days and nights
On the flood of my tears. My mattress is soaked, soggy with tears.
The sockets of my eyes are black holes; nearly blind, I squint and grope.
Get out of here, you Devil's crew: at last God has heard my sobs.
My requests have all been granted, my prayers are answered.

2. Psalm 17

Psalm 17:6-7 I call to you, God, because I'm sure of an answer.
So—answer! bend your ear! listen sharp!
Paint grace-graffiti on the fences; take in your frightened children who
Are running from the neighborhood bullies straight to you.

3. Psalm 20

Psalm 20:1-2 God answer you on the day you crash,
The name God-of-Jacob put you out of harm's reach,
Send reinforcements from Holy Hill, Dispatch from Zion fresh supplies.,'

4. Psalm 40

Psalm 40:1-2 I waited and waited and waited for God.
At last he looked; finally he listened.
He lifted me out of the ditch, pulled me from deep mud.
He stood me up on a solid rock to make sure I wouldn't slip.

5. Psalm 86

Psalm 86:16-17 So look me in the eye and show kindness,
give your servant the strength to go on, save your dear, dear child!
Make a show of how much you love me so the bullies who hate me will stand there
slack-jawed, As you, God, gently and powerfully put me back on my feet.

Psalms ... songs of the heart set free

