

OPENING ADDRESS

O GOD, MAKE SPEED TO SAVE US.
O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP US.
GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN. (HALLELUJAH.)

PSALM 119:105-112

TRUTH'S SHINING LIGHT GUIDES ME IN MY CHOICES AND DECISIONS; THE REVELATION OF YOUR WORD MAKES MY PATHWAY CLEAR. TO LIVE MY LIFE BY YOUR RIGHTEOUS RULES HAS BEEN MY HOLY AND LIFELONG COMMITMENT. I'M BRUISED AND BROKEN, OVERWHELMED BY IT ALL; BREATHE LIFE INTO ME AGAIN BY YOUR LIVING WORD. LORD, RECEIVE MY GRATEFUL THANKS AND TEACH ME MORE OF HOW TO PLEASE YOU. EVEN THOUGH MY LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE, I'LL KEEP FOLLOWING WHAT YOU'VE TAUGHT ME, NO MATTER WHAT. THE UNGODLY HAVE DONE THEIR BEST TO THROW ME OFF TRACK, BUT I'LL NOT DEVIATE FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME TO DO. EVERYTHING YOU SPEAK TO ME IS LIKE JOYOUS TREASURE, FILLING MY LIFE WITH GLADNESS. I HAVE DETERMINED IN MY HEART TO OBEY WHATEVER YOU SAY, FULLY AND FOREVER!

PSALM 121

I LOOK UP TO THE MOUNTAINS AND HILLS, LONGING FOR GOD'S HELP. BUT THEN I REALIZE THAT OUR TRUE HELP AND PROTECTION IS ONLY FROM THE LORD.

OUR CREATOR WHO MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

HE WILL GUARD AND GUIDE ME, NEVER LETTING ME STUMBLE OR FALL.

GOD IS MY KEEPER; HE WILL NEVER FORGET NOR IGNORE ME.

HE WILL NEVER SLUMBER NOR SLEEP:

HE IS THE GUARDIAN-GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL.

YAHWEH HIMSELF WILL WATCH OVER YOU;

HE'S ALWAYS AT YOUR SIDE TO SHELTER YOU SAFELY IN HIS PRESENCE.

HE'S PROTECTING YOU FROM ALL DANGER BOTH DAY AND NIGHT.

HE WILL KEEP YOU FROM EVERY FORM OF EVIL OR CALAMITY
AS HE CONTINUOUSLY WATCHES OVER YOU.
YOU WILL BE GUARDED BY GOD HIMSELF.
YOU WILL BE SAFE WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME,
AND SAFELY YOU WILL RETURN.
HE WILL PROTECT YOU NOW,
AND HE'LL PROTECT YOU FOREVERMORE!

PSALM 124:1-6

WHAT IF GOD HAD NOT BEEN ON OUR SIDE? LET ALL ISRAEL ADMIT THIS! WHAT IF GOD HAD NOT BEEN THERE FOR US? OUR ENEMIES, IN THEIR VIOLENT ANGER, WOULD HAVE SWALLOWED US UP ALIVE! THE NATIONS, WITH THEIR FLOOD OF RAGE, WOULD HAVE SWEPT US AWAY, AND WE WOULD HAVE DROWNED AND PERISHED BENEATH THEIR TORRENT OF TERROR! WE CAN PRAISE GOD OVER AND OVER THAT HE NEVER LEFT US! GOD WOULDN'T ALLOW THE TERROR OF OUR ENEMIES TO DEFEAT US.

PSALM 126:1-6

IT WAS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE WHEN YOU FREED US FROM OUR BONDAGE AND BROUGHT US BACK TO ZION! WE LAUGHED AND LAUGHED AND OVERFLOWED WITH GLADNESS. WE WERE LEFT SHOUTING FOR JOY AND SINGING YOUR PRAISE. ALL THE NATIONS SAW IT AND JOINED IN, SAYING, "THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT MIRACLES FOR THEM!" YES, HE DID MIGHTY MIRACLES AND WE ARE OVERJOYED! NOW, LORD, DO IT AGAIN! RESTORE US TO OUR FORMER GLORY! MAY STREAMS OF YOUR REFRESHING FLOW OVER US UNTIL OUR DRY HEARTS ARE DRENCHED AGAIN. THOSE WHO SOW THEIR TEARS AS SEEDS WILL REAP A HARVEST WITH JOYFUL SHOUTS OF GLEE. THEY MAY WEEP AS THEY GO OUT CARRYING THEIR SEED TO SOW, BUT THEY WILL RETURN WITH JOYFUL LAUGHTER AND SHOUTING WITH GLADNESS AS THEY BRING BACK ARMLOADS OF BLESSING AND A HARVEST OVERFLOWING!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END.

AMEN

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18

IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME. ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION.

I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES.
HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH.

PRAYER OF MERCY

LORD, HAVE MERCY. CHRIST, HAVE MERCY. LORD, HAVE MERCY.

LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.
YOUR KINGDOM COME.
YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.
AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE. FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER.
AMEN.

POUR YOUR GRACE INTO OUR HEARTS, O LORD, THAT WE WHO HAVE KNOWN THE INCARNATION OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, ANNOUNCED BY AN ANGEL TO THE VIRGIN MARY, MAY BY HIS CROSS AND PASSION BE BROUGHT TO THE GLORY OF HIS RESURRECTION; WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOR EVER.

AMEN

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL EVERMORE. AMEN.