

Psalm 86 - A Prayer of Supplication and Trust

¹**Incline Your ear** (*bend down, turn to listen*), **O LORD, and answer me** (*respond and act*);
For I am afflicted (*of a lowly state*) **and needy** (*poor and in need*).

²**Preserve** (*keep watch over*) **my soul** (*life*), **for I am a godly man** (*committed to love and obey the Lord*);
O You my God, save (*deliver, help*) **Your servant** (*slave; could suggest special relationship*) **who trusts**
(*believe in with strong confidence*) **in You.**

³**Be gracious** (*kind, have mercy*) **to me, O Lord,**
For to You I cry all day long.

⁴**Make glad** (*joyful*) **the soul of Your servant,**
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵**For You, Lord, are good** (*generous, kind*), **and ready to forgive,**
And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon (*summon*) **You.**

⁶**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;**
And give heed (*pay close attention*) **to the voice of my supplications** (*humble requests for help*)!

⁷**In the day of my trouble** (*distress*) **I shall call upon You, For You will answer me.**

⁸**There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord,**
Nor are there any works like Yours.

⁹**All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord,**
And they shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰**For You are great** (*remarkable*) **and do wondrous** (*marvelous*) **deeds;**
You alone are God.

¹¹**Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth;**
Unite (*join, link, bind*) **my heart** (*inner man – thoughts, emotions, conscience*) **to fear** (*respect and exalt in reverence*) **Your name** (*reputation, all that is known of someone*).

¹²**I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,**
And will glorify Your name forever.

¹³**For Your lovingkindness** (*loyal, steadfast love*) **toward me is great,**
And You have delivered (*rescued*) **my soul from the depths of Sheol** (*place of the dead*).

¹⁴**O God, arrogant** (*wicked*) **men have risen up against me,**
And a band of violent (*ruthless*) **men have sought my life, And they have not set You before them.**

¹⁵**But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,**
Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness (*loyal, steadfast love*) **and truth.**

¹⁶**Turn to** (*face and notice*) **me, and be gracious** (*show favor*) **to me;**
Oh grant Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your handmaid (*one of lowly stature*).

¹⁷**Show me a sign for good** (*favorable indication to demonstrate that God was truly on his side*),
That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
Because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

A Prayer of David.

David's Request

David's Circumstance

David's Character

God's Character

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O You my God, save Your servant who ^ctrusts in You.

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