

# Psalm 25

The opening words of the psalm set the God who is good and fair and as a guide who marks the way with love and care. These thoughts are set alongside words that show God as one who teaches us the way to live and who forgives those times we miss the mark and go astray, bluntly when we sin.

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Teaches sinners how to live.

God guides the humble in heart and  
teaches them the way.

God's paths are marked with love and  
care

For those who revere their maker.

God, for the honour of your name  
pardon our guilt which is great.

Those who hold God in reverence  
will be shown the path they should  
take.



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12th-century St. Albans Psalter - Public Domain

Compliers of a number of hymn books make the connection between the early verse of the psalm with the hymn 'Be still for the presence of the Lord'.

Click the link below to hear the hymn sung by members of the Chet Valley Churches.

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/XOCfPjLOvC4?si=iqv1htClaUpmqKOe>

The psalmist prays to a God they can trust.

In **Reflections on the Psalms**, Martyn Percy (Priest and academic) writes ' . . . the psalmist can be at peace. God is not only Lord, but a true friend. The mystics say that if God has one weakness, it is his heart. It is too soft. God cannot fail to love us. He does not know how to forget us. God cannot abandon his people. So, we can take refuge in the God who chooses to abide with his people and love them.

Yes, *chooses* to abide. There is no place that God would rather be than with us. He abides with us. God is Emmanuel.'

They will enjoy lasting prosperity  
and their children will inherit the land.

God's wisdom is revealed to true worshippers.  
it is given for their instruction.

Our eyes are always set on God  
who can free us from every snare.

Turn and show us your kindness  
when we are lonely or oppressed.

Relieve the trouble in our hearts  
and deliver us from distress.

Remember our suffering and misery  
and forgive us for our sins.

Take note of those who threaten us  
with violence and hatred.

**Prayer:**

*Free us, God of mercy,  
from all that keeps us from you;  
relieve the misery of the anxious and the ashamed  
and fill us with the hope of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (from Reflections on the Psalms)*

Below are two YouTube links, the if first is an anthem for 5 voices composed by Orlando Gibbons (1583 – 1625). It was composed in 1614 and is sung by the Clerkes of Oxenford under the direction of David Wulstan.

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/B6lEX7gc3z0?si=s2ymRdy7YIycZlV>

The second is a modern interpretation of Psalm 25 from the Psalms Project.

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/-9ZpEuUhSVc?si=F8xcse6fXMfIIYFj>

**Verses from Psalm 25**  
**New King James Version**

O my God, I trust in You;  
Let me not be ashamed;

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be  
ashamed;

Show me Your ways, O Lord;  
Teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
For You *are* the God of my salvation;  
On You I wait all the day.

Good and upright *is* the Lord;  
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

My eyes *are* ever toward the Lord,  
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on  
me,  
For I *am* desolate and afflicted.

Look on my affliction and my pain,  
And forgive all my sins.

Keep my soul, and deliver me;  
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust  
in You.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
For I wait for You.

Redeem Israel, O God,  
Out of all their troubles!

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**Reflections on the Psalms App** (hymnsam.co.uk), also available as a paperback.

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### The Bible Project

<https://youtu.be/j9phNEaPrv8?si=dRDQmIMWLzRZcNGH>



**The Psalms Project**, which is independent from the **Bible Project**. It is endeavouring to produce a new sung versions of each of the psalms.

### Psalm 10

<https://youtu.be/vZFZ8lb87Uw?si=zR1XaGpr-u40fIiK>

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