

Week 6: Psalm 72

English Standard Version

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
- 5 May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 9 May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!
- 11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field!
- 17 May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!
- 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!
- 20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.