Psalm 17

1. **A Prayer of David.**

Hear the right, O LORD, 
attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, [that goeth] not out of feigned lips.

2. Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3. Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited [me] in the night; thou hast tried me, [and] shalt find nothing; I am purposed [that] my mouth shall not transgress.

4. Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept [me from] the paths of the destroyer.

5. Hold up my goings in thy paths, [that] my footsteps slip not.

6. I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God; incline thine ear unto me, [and hear] my speech.

7. Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand men which put their trust [in thee] from those that rise up [against them].

8. Keep me as the apple of thine eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

9. From the wicked that oppress me, [from] my deadly enemies, [who] compass me about.

10. They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11. They have now compassed us in our steps; they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12. Like as a lion [that] is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, [which is] thy sword.

From men [which are] thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, [which have] their portion in [this] life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid [treasure]: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their [substance] to their babes.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.