**Psalm 120-123**

Psalm 120

**A song of ascents.**

**1**I call on the Lord in my distress,  
    and he answers me.  
**2**Save me, Lord,  
    from lying lips  
    and from deceitful tongues.

**3**What will he do to you,  
    and what more besides,  
    you deceitful tongue?  
**4**He will punish you with a warrior’s sharp arrows,  
    with burning coals of the broom bush.

**5**Woe to me that I dwell in Meshek,  
    that I live among the tents of Kedar!  
**6**Too long have I lived  
    among those who hate peace.  
**7**I am for peace;  
    but when I speak, they are for war.

Psalm 121

**A song of ascents.**

**1**I lift up my eyes to the mountains -   
    where does my help come from?  
**2**My help comes from the Lord,  
    the Maker of heaven and earth.

**3**He will not let your foot slip -   
    he who watches over you will not slumber;  
**4**indeed, he who watches over Israel  
    will neither slumber nor sleep.

**5**The Lord watches over you -   
    the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
**6**the sun will not harm you by day,  
    nor the moon by night.

**7**The Lord will keep you from all harm -   
    he will watch over your life;  
**8**the Lord will watch over your coming and going  
    both now and forevermore.

Psalm 122

**A song of ascents. Of David.**

**1**I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
    “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
**2**Our feet are standing  
    in your gates, Jerusalem.

**3**Jerusalem is built like a city  
    that is closely compacted together.  
**4**That is where the tribes go up -   
    the tribes of the Lord -   
to praise the name of the Lord  
    according to the statute given to Israel.  
**5**There stand the thrones for judgment,  
    the thrones of the house of David.

**6**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
    “May those who love you be secure.  
**7**May there be peace within your walls  
    and security within your citadels.”  
**8**For the sake of my family and friends,  
    I will say, “Peace be within you.”  
**9**For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
    I will seek your prosperity.

Psalm 123

**A song of ascents.**

**1**I lift up my eyes to you,  
    to you who sit enthroned in heaven.  
**2**As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,  
    as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
    till he shows us his mercy.

**3**Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us,  
    for we have endured no end of contempt.  
**4**We have endured no end  
    of ridicule from the arrogant,  
    of contempt from the proud.