

Psalme 101

*A finner in affliction of mind prayeth God to deli-
uer him, 10. defolate of al other helpe. 13. Conceiueth
comforth in Gods eternal goodnes, and fingular mer-
cie, in redeming mankind, and propagating the Church.
24. Prayeth to be made mature in vertue before he dye,
that he may liue with God: 26. who only and wholly
being immutable, establisth his feruantes for euer.*

The firft peni-
tential Pfalme.
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The prayer of the poore, when he shal be anxious,
and shal make his petition before our Lord.

Lord heare my ^{a)}prayer: and let my ^{b)}crie come
to thee.
Turne ^{c)}not away thy face from me: in what day
foeuer I am in tribulation, incline thine eare to me.

In what day foeuer I shal inuocate thee, heare me
fpeedely.

⁴ Because my dayes haue vanished as ^{d)}fmoke: and
my ^{e)}bones are withered as ^{f)}a drie burnt firebrand.

⁵ I ^{g)}am ftriken as graffe, and my hart is withered:
because ^{h)}I haue forgotten to eate my bread.

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- ^a Euerie petition is a prayer,
 - ^b and that which procedeth from more feruent affection, is called a
crie, though it burft not out into clamoure, nor perhaps into anie
voice at al. For God faide to Moyfes, praying in mere filence, but
vvith vehemencie of fpirite (*Exod. 14.*) VVhy criest thou to me?
 - ^c Though finne prouoke Gods wrath, because we by finning turne
from him, and not he firft from vs: yet we pray God not fo to leaue
vs, but to geue vs new grace, that by humilitie, and penance we
may returne to him, and not dye in finne.
 - ^d Mans dayes, and al his workes are nothing worth, but vanifh like
fmoke, fo long as he is in mortal finne:
 - ^e yea his beft workes, as if he geue almefe faft, pray, and dye for the
truth, yet al thofe auaille nothing (*1. Cor. 13.*) but are
 - ^f like dried ftickes, or chippes, fitte to kindle the fire.
 - ^g My foule feperated by finne from God, withereth as graffe, that
is cutte from the roote:
 - ^h because I haue loft al fauour and appetite to fpiritual meate.

6 For ^a)the voyce of my groning, my ^b)bone hath cleaued to my flesh.

7 I am become like ^c)a pellicane of the wildernes: I am become as ^d)a nightcrow in the houfe.

8 I haue watched, and am become as ^e)a ſparow folitarie in the houfetoppe.

9 Al the day did mine enemies vpbrayde me: and they ^f)that prayfed me, ſware againſt me.

10 Becauſe I did ^g)eate aſhes as bread, & mingled ^h)my drinke with weeping.

11 At ⁱ)the face of thy wrath and indignation: becauſe ^j)lifting me vp thou haſt ^k)throwne me downe.

12 My daies haue declined ^l)as a ſhadow: and I am withered ^m)as graffe.

13 ⁿ)But thou ô Lord endureſt for euer: and ^o)thy memorial in generation and generation.

^a In this miſerable ſtate,

^b I am as bones and fleſh cleauing together without moyſture, or radical humour.

^c I fled from conuerſation of men for ſorrow, and flame of my finnes:

^d as a crow that only flieth by night: or as an owle, or batte.

^e Alſo as a ſparow hauing loſt her mate, remaineth mourning and folitarie in the accuſtomed neſt, or nere vnto it.

^f Thoſe that were wont to praife or flatter me, now are as ſworne enimies againſt me.

^g Bread fauoured to me no better then aſhes,

^h and drinke gaue me no comfort, but ſtil I wept.

ⁱ I am moſt eſpecially afflicted, becauſe thou art angrie.

^j In that thou didſt ſometime aduance me in proſperitie,

^k my fall is ſo much greater, and more grieuous.

^l As a ſhadow declineth to nothing, and al becometh darknes, when the funne, and other light departeth, euen ſo I, that am but a ſhadow, decline to mere darknes, when thy fauoure parteth from me;

^m and I loſe my beautie, as graffe cutte from the ground withereth.

ⁿ But I am meruelouſly comforted, conſidering that thou our Meſſias, the Sonne of God, art immutable for euer:

^o and thy memorable promiſe of redeeming mankind, wil haue effect in al generations.

14 Thou ^a)rying vp shal haue mercie on Sion: be-
 cause it is ^b)time to haue mercie on it, because ^c)the time
 cometh.

15 Because ^d)the ftones therof haue pleafed thy feru-
 antes: and they shal haue pittie on ^e)the earth ^f)therof.

16 And ^g)the Gentiles shal feare thy name ô Lord,
 and al ^h)the kinges of the earth thy glorie.

17 Because our Lord hath built Sion: and he shal
 be feene in his glorie.

18 He hath had respect to the prayer ⁱ)of the hum-
 ble: and he hath not despifed their petition.

19 Let thefe things be written vnto an other gener-
 ation: and the people, that shal ^j)be created, shal praife
 our Lord.

20 Because he hath looked forth from his high holie
 place: our Lord from heauen hath looked vpon the earth.

21 That he might heare the gronings of the fettered:
 that he might loofe the children of them that are flayne:

22 That they may ^k)shew forth the name of our
 Lord in Sion: and his praife in Ierufalem.

23 In the affembling of the people together in one,
 and kinges to ferue our Lord.

24 He answered him in the way of his ftrength:
 Shew me the fewnes of my daies.

^a Thou rying to helpe, who femedft to haue forgote, wilt protect
 the Church, and euerie faithful foule,
^b because thou haft differred long:
^c and because the time by thee difigned femeth to approach.
^d Men that fhall heare thyn Apoftles preach, fhall proue good and
 fitte matter, for the building of thy Church:
^e and the fimpleft poore people, as it were, the earth or duft,
^f fhall participate of this mercie.
^g Befides thofe Iewes that fhall beleue in Chrif, much more the
 Gentiles fhall feare and ferue him.
^h His glorie is fo euident that al kinges know it, though al be not
 conuerted.
ⁱ Of holie Patriarches, Prieftes, Prophetes, and of al true penitents.
^j That fhall be made a new creature in Chrif.
^k The faithful people of the Church, according to their habilitie
 endeouour to ferue Chrif.

25 Cal me not backe ^{a)}in the halfe of my daies: thy yeares are vnto generation and generation.

26 In the beginning ô Lord thou didft found the earth: and the heauens are the workes of thy hands.

Heb. 1. 27 They ^{b)}shal perish, but thou art permanent: and they shal al waxe old as a garment.

And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shal be changed: ²⁸ but thou art the felf fame, and thy yeares shal not faile.

²⁹ The children of thy feruantes shal inhabite: and ^{c)}their feede shal be directed for euer.

^a Grant me time and meanes to be mature in vertue in this life.

^b Be changed in qualitie.

^c The Church of Chrifft perpetual.