

## PSALM 25

**Theme:** A prayer for defense, guidance, and pardon. As we trust in God, he grants these same requests for us.

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### *A psalm of David*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 I trust in you, my God!  
Do not let me be disgraced,  
or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.
- 3 No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced,  
but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.
- 4 Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD;  
point out the right road for me to follow.
- 5 Lead me by your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God who saves me.  
All day long I put my hope in you.
- 6 Remember, O LORD, your unfailing love and compassion,  
which you have shown from long ages past.
- 7 Forgive the rebellious sins of my youth;  
look instead through the eyes of your unfailing love,  
for you are merciful, O LORD.
- 8 The LORD is good and does what is right;  
he shows the proper path to those who go astray.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,  
teaching them his way.
- 10 The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness  
all those who keep his covenant and obey his decrees.
- 11 For the honor of your name, O LORD,  
forgive my many, many sins.
- 12 Who are those who fear the LORD?  
He will show them the path they should choose.
- 13 They will live in prosperity,  
and their children will inherit the Promised Land.
- 14 Friendship with the LORD is reserved for those who fear him.  
With them he shares the secrets of his covenant.
- 15 My eyes are always looking to the LORD for help,  
for he alone can rescue me from the traps of my enemies.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and in deep distress.
- 17 My problems go from bad to worse.  
Oh, save me from them all!
- 18 Feel my pain and see my trouble.  
Forgive all my sins.

- 19 See how many enemies I have,  
and how viciously they hate me!
- 20 Protect me! Rescue my life from them!  
Do not let me be disgraced, for I trust in you.
- 21 May integrity and honesty protect me,  
for I put my hope in you.
- 22 O God, ransom Israel  
from all its troubles.