

**T**HE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him; to all that call upon Him in truth, He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will save them. Seek ye the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we would approach Thee with the sacred familiarity of children, and in the confidence that Thou wilt do for us exceedingly abundantly above what we can ask or think; make us conscious of Thy presence in this solemn hour of meditation; grant to us the influence of Thy Gracious Spirit that our hearts may be open to every holy affection, responsive to every sacred memory and serious impression; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Psalm

**I** TO the hills will lift mine eyes,  
From whence doth come mine aid.  
My safety cometh from the Lord,  
Who heaven and earth hath made.

Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will  
He slumber that thee keeps.  
Behold, he that keeps Israel,  
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade  
On thy right hand doth stay :  
The moon by night thee shall not smite,  
Nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thy soul ; he shall  
Preserve thee from all ill.  
Henceforth thy going out and in  
God keep for ever will.

**T**HE Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : He  
leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul : He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me ; Thy  
rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies ; Thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup  
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for  
ever. Psalm 23.