

Responsive Reading:

A PSALM of TRUST

When we are slandered

LEADER: Help, O Lord, for the godly are fast disappearing! The faithful have vanished from the earth!

PEOPLE: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield!

Neighbors lie to each other, speaking with flattering lips and deceitful hearts. May the Lord cut off their flattering lips and silence their boastful tongues.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield!

They say, “We will lie to our hearts’ content. Our lips are our own—who can stop us?”

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield!

The Lord replies, “I have seen violence done to the helpless, and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do.”

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield!

The Lord’s promises are pure, like silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times over. Therefore, Lord,

we know you will protect the oppressed, preserving them forever from this lying generation, even though the wicked strut about, and evil is praised throughout the land.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield!

My soul, wait in silence for God only, He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield!

O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

TOGETHER:

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