



## PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING TO OUR GOD

with Explanation to First article of Apostles' Creed

**ALL** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that he has given me my body and soul, eyes ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses and still preserves them.

**L** "Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture." 100:3

**R** "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet" 8:3-6

**L** "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise." 8:1-2

**R** "The Lord is my Shepherd," 23

**ALL** also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle and all my goods,

**L** "He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth." 104:13-14

**R** "The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing." 145:15-16

**L** "He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's." 103:5

**R** "I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." Ps. 9:1-2

**L** "I shall lack nothing," 23

**ALL** that he richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life;

**L** "Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance." 16:5-6

**R** "I will praise the Lord, who counsels me... You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." 16:7a, 11

**L** "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." 139:16b

**R** "He makes me lie down in green pastures," 23

**ALL** that He defends me against all danger,

**L** "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day...for he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;" 91:4-5, 11

**R** "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." 18:2

L "If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." 139:8-10

R "Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." 29:1-2

L "he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." 23

**ALL and guards and protects me from all evil;**

L "He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber...The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." 121:3, 7-8

R "The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" 27:1

L "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together." 34:1-3

R "He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." 23:3a-4

**ALL and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,**

L "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself." 89:1-2

R "Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep." 36:5-6a

L "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." 23:

**ALL without any merit or worthiness in me;**

L "Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" – and you forgave the guilt of my sin." 32:5

R "But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." 86:15

L "He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases; he redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion." 103:3-4

R "You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever." 30:11-12

L "You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." 23

**ALL for all which it is my duty to thank and praise,**

L "I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify you name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave." 86:12

R "I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord." 145:1, 3

**L** "May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you." 67:3-5

**R** "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life," 23

**ALL** to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

**L** "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." 25:4-5

**R** "My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage." 84:2, 5

**L** "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." 100:4

**R** "But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure." 71:14-15

**L** "and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." 23

**Prayer** Heavenly Father we come before you with thanks and praise in our hearts. You have blessed us richly with gifts for our bodies and souls. You Lord, have created us, redeemed us and made us holy in your sight through the blood of Christ our Saviour. We ask You now to guide us daily, that we may worship you with lives of service. Forgive us when we fail, strengthen us when we are weak and comfort us with Your love. Guide and guard all the loved ones that You have entrusted to our care. Jesus we pray that our lives will be filled with thankfulness to You as we tell others of Your redeeming love. In Your precious Name we pray. Amen.

**HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near.  
Joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining.
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen, Sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

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