

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

¹Give the King your justice, O God,* and your righteousness to the King's Son; ***(Bring justice to the people, O Lord, and your mercy to all generations!)***

²That he may rule your people righteously* and the poor with justice; ***(May the people be known for mercy, rendering justice to the poor!)***

³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,* and the little hills bring righteousness. ***(Let their spirits soar as the eagle, let joy abide in every heart)***

⁴He defend the needy among the people;* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. ***(May we heed the cry of the poor – the young and the old, helping to free all those in need, awakening the souls of the oppressors!)***

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,* from one generation to another. ***(May we know oneness with you as long as the sun endures, as long as the stars shine, throughout all generations!)***

⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,* like showers that water the earth. ***(May we acknowledge You in the rain falling on the fields, like showers that water the earth.)***

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish;* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. ***(In our day may justice flourish, and peace abound, throughout all the nations.)***

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,* and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. ***(May the leaders of nations from all the earth, listen to Love's Voice;)***

¹¹All kings shall bow down before him,* and all the nations do him service. ***(May they spend time in Silence before they counsel!)***

¹²For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,* and the oppressed who has no helper. ***(May the leaders surrender to your Love, and the nations serve the Most High!)***

¹³He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;* he shall preserve the lives of the needy. ***(For You heed the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no friend.)***

¹⁴He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,* and dear shall the blood be in his sight. ***(You have compassion on the downtrodden, giving***

them strength and hope. From injustice and oppression, You redeem their life; and precious are they in your heart.)

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