

## Psalm 9:9-20<sup>iii</sup>

The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*  
a refuge in time of trouble.

Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*  
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; \*  
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Have pity on me, O LORD; \*

see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

So that I may tell of all your praises  
and rejoice in your salvation \*

in the gates of the city of Zion.

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

The LORD is known by his acts of justice; \*  
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
and also all the peoples that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
let them be judged before you.

Put fear upon them, O LORD; \*

let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

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### **iii About Psalm: Psalm 9:9-20**

This psalm (which together with Psalm 10 was originally one long poem) is a song of thanksgiving for victory and a plea for justice. It is an acrostic, that is, each line begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The psalmist focuses on the rescue of the oppressed poor from all their enemies, God's judgment of the world and rule over the nations, and his own concern for rescue.