

PERSISTENCE

1. Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; For I am poor and needy. 2. Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You! 3. Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long. 4. Rejoice the soul of Your servant, (NIV-Bring joy to your servant O Lord) for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 5. For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

6. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. 7. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me.

8. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works. 9. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. 10. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

11. Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. 12. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore. 13. For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

14. O God, the proud have risen against me, and a mob of violent men have sought my life and have not set You before them. 15. But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

16. Oh, **turn** to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant and save the son of Your maidservant. 17. Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Persistence in Praying – firm continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition

- Maintaining Christian faith through the trying times of life to endure and to remain steadfast in the face of opposition, attack, and discouragement.
- Persevering Christians take prayer seriously as a reflection of life - is an affirmation that somehow God will bring His committed people through the difficulties and concerns of life to their promised destiny in Christ. Holman Bible Dictionary

Hear = David cried out for help to God because David was in great need.

Bring = David expressed that he could only find joy in his soul as God met his need

Teach = David humbly submitted to God not only asking for help but also in his need to learn from God

Turn = David did not approach God on the basis of what he might deserve. David approached God on the basis of mercy.

Give = David asks for strength to persevere through the difficult situation.

Show = David asks God to show His power and help so it would be a testimony of the character of God to all those who are watching. God had always helped David and David has a current expectation that God's goodness will continue to bless and care for him.

MODEL PRAYER:

Lord,

I ask You to bow down to hear my request _____. My soul rejoices that my need is important to You, and You want to intervene in this situation. You answer out of Your goodness and faithful promises. You have already provided for my greatest need – forgiveness and redemption through Your Son, Jesus Christ. You are the One True God who has the power to work in lives to heal, forgive and restore. As You answer my request according to Your will, keep reminding me to trust that Your answer will come in Your perfect timing and in Your perfect way so that I may grow in my knowledge and love of You. Give me strength to remain steadfast in prayer and my faith as I wait. It is only because of Your mercy and grace that I can approach Your throne in my time of need. You are a big and powerful God; nothing is impossible with You. I ask that Your blessing of answered prayer be a witness to Your character to all who are watching for You to work.