

Psalm 90 in Three Anglican Versions

Book of Common Prayer (1928)

Psalm 90. *Domine, refugium.*

- 1 Lord, thou hast been our refuge, * from one generation o another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, * thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
- 3 Thou turnest man to destruction; * again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, * and as a watch in the night.
- 5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; * and fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up; * but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in thy displeasure, * and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
- 8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; * and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
- 9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone: * we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
- 10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, * yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
- 11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? * or feareth aright thy indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days, * that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
- 13 Turn thee again, O LORD, at the last, * and be gracious unto thy servants.
- 14 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us; * and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
- 16 Show thy servants thy work, * and their children thy glory.
- 17 And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: * prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handy-work.

Authorized Version (1611) Psalm 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God

- 1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
- 3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.
- 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth up.
- 6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
- 7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
- 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.
- 9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.
- 10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- 11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.
- 12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
- 14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.
- 16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.
- 17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Book of Common Prayer (1979)

90 *Domine, refugium*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.