



PRAY

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Litany

BASED ON PSALM 145

Governments come, and governments go;
nations come, and nations go.
Only God goes on forever.
Only God is completely dependable,
never corrupted by power.
God strengthens those crushed by life,
and lifts the burdens of those bent over by cares.

God does not favor the fortunate;
the seasons roll around for the poor as for the rich.
With open-handed generosity,
God causes the earth to bring forth food for all.
Only humans hoard, creating shortages for others.
But God holds nothing back;
God plays fair with everyone.

God never puts the phone on hold
or hides behind secretaries or schedules.
God is always available.
God turns no one away—
except those who deny the existence of God.
When their time comes, they will vanish into silence;
their story will be heard no more.

But the stories of those who know God
will be told down the generations;
by their stories, many not yet born
will come to know God.

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