

# A LITURGY OF GOD HEARING

**Group 1:** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry for help; do not be deaf to my weeping.<sup>1</sup>

**Group 2:** Give ear, and hear my voice; give attention, and hear my speech.<sup>2</sup>

**Group 1:** The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call out to him in truth.<sup>3</sup>

**Group 2:** He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.<sup>4</sup>

**All:** He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.<sup>5</sup>

**Group 1:** Hear me, oh God. I am poor and needy.<sup>6</sup>

**Group 2:** And yet you think upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

**Group 1:** O, Lord. I have longed, hoped, and asked for an answer to these prayers for so long. My heart has grown weary, then angry, then cynical.

**Group 2:** Enable me to expose again these tender desires, to hand my quiet longings to you. Avert my eyes from the thing hoped for to the hope-giver himself.

**Group 1:** Reassure me of your love for me even in the midst of my weak and waning faith. I believe, O Lord. Help my unbelief.<sup>7</sup>

**Group 2:** You have told me that without faith it is impossible to please you, and that you are a rewarder of those who diligently seek you.<sup>8</sup>

**All:** Please, Jesus, increase our faith.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 39:12

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 28:23

<sup>3</sup> Psalm 145:18

<sup>4</sup> Psalm 145:19

<sup>5</sup> Isaiah 30:19

<sup>6</sup> Psalm 40:17

<sup>7</sup> Mark 9:24

<sup>8</sup> Hebrews 11:6

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**Group 1:** O, Lord. I have longed, hoped, and asked for an answer to these prayers for so long.

**Group 2:** And yet you seem to delay your answer. My heart is confused and bewildered at your seeming silence.

**Group 1:** You have not answered in the way I had hoped. I want to believe your love motivates your delayed answer. But my heart is sad.

**Group 2:** I struggle to believe that you hear, see, and know my needs in this particular place. Draw me closer to you as I wait for an answer. Let me feel the comfort of your Spirit as I sit in the difficulty.

**All:** Please, Lord, show us your glory. Show us more of yourself in the waiting.

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**Group 1:** I long to be free of this hardship. I have begged, like Paul, that you would remove it.

**Group 2:** And yet it remains. Give me faith to believe that your grace is sufficient for me. That your power is made perfect in my weakness.

**Group 1:** Show your great abundance in my great lack. Display your strength in my need.

**Group 2:** Grant me the contentment that feels elusive, the joy that seems impossible.

**All:** Holy Spirit, work in me. Kind Father, have mercy on me.

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