

Listen to my words, Lord, consider my lament.
Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.
In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness;
with you, evil people are not welcome. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence.
You hate all who do wrong; you destroy those who tell lies.
The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, Lord, detest.
But I, by your great love, can come into your house;
in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.
Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies—
make your way straight before me. Not a word from their mouth can be trusted;
their heart is filled with malice. Their throat is an open grave;
with their tongues they tell lies. Declare them guilty, O God!

Psalm 5

