

It is interesting to note that Solomon did not write this Psalm. He merely arranged to have it recorded for posterity. He wanted everyone to know what his father, David, had asked God in prayer on his behalf.

Psalm 72 David's prayer for Solomon

¹ Father GOD, please hear me with great interest because I ask for Your favor upon my son.

LORD, bring about peace and justice through Solomon

Please show him how to be a truly good and godly ruler, and show him how to judge the people of Israel with true justice. ² Give him the ability to judge his people according to what is good, fair, and right, and enable him to render judgments that are just for everyone concerned. ³⁻⁴ Please enable him to clear the poor and needy of all blame or suspicion¹, and give him the ability and desire to rescue the children of these unfortunate people. At the same time, enable him to put more and more pressure on their oppressors until they are destroyed².

Cause him to prosper throughout all of his days

⁵ Cause the people of his realm to fear and respect him from generation to generation as long as the sun and moon endure. ⁶ Make him so refreshing to his subjects that they will prosper in every way. ⁷ During his reign, cause those who live in a good, right, and just manner to flourish, and cause peace to permeate his kingdom until the end of time.

Cause other nations to submit to him

⁸⁻⁹ Cause him to rule over an empire so vast that even the nomads of the desert will bow down before him, and cause his enemies to bow with their faces to the ground in submission. ¹⁰⁻¹¹ Cause the rulers of Tarshish, Sheba, and all people from all of the islands to bring presents to him, to bow down before him, and to serve him as long as he lives.

Cause him to have compassion upon his subjects and save lives

¹² It will only be right for everyone to submit to his rule, because when those who are in need, those who are experiencing hurts and heartaches, or those who cannot defend themselves cry out for help, he will be good to them and rescue them. ¹³ Cause him to have compassion on them and save them from disaster. ¹⁴ If You do, he will rescue them out of the hands of violent men and from those who oppress them continually. He will do this because their lives will be precious to him.

Cause Israel to flourish and nations to give him gifts

¹⁵ Because he will be so concerned about other people, allow him to experience life at its very best. Then cause the populace of Sheba to give him gold, pray for him often, and tell his praises every day. ¹⁶ Allow his kingdom to experience bumper crops of produce from the valleys to the mountains, allow grain to grow tall and wave in the wind, and allow his subjects to prosper like lush green vegetation.

Cause him to be famous for all time

¹⁷ Make the name of Solomon famous, and let it be famous for all time. Cause men to bless each other because they are his subjects, and cause nations to see his greatness and call him blessed.

Cause everyone to praise the name of the LORD

¹⁸ Praise and adore the LORD, the God of Israel, because no one else could do the awesome deeds He has done. ¹⁹ Praise and adore His glorious name now and forever. Pray that the whole earth will be filled with His glory. Let it be so. Yes, let it be so!

This ends the prayer of David.

¹ Definition of "vindicate" www.dictionary.com/browse/vindicate

² Definition of "crush" [Ibid.](#)