

Psalm 86 A Prayer of David

¹ Dear Lord Jesus¹,

Please turn Your full attention to me in my time of need. Answer my cry for help because I am experiencing hurts, heartaches, and losses in abundance. ² Deliver me, and prolong my life since I trust in you and live in a good and godly manner. ³ I cry out to You throughout the day, so please be merciful to me. ⁴ I lift up Your name in praise and adoration, so please make me glad by being merciful to me. ⁵ I ask for Your help because I believe that You will actually come to my aid. After all, You are good, You are ready to forgive, and You are ready to pour out lots of Your tender love and kindness upon those who call upon You with a pure heart. ⁶ LORD, please hear my prayer, and pay special attention to the specific needs I am sharing with You!

⁷ When troubles come my way I will call upon You for help because I know that You will answer my prayer. ⁸ After all, there is no one like You among the world's so-called gods that can do the amazing and powerful things You do. ⁹ LORD, You made all of the nations of the world and the people who live in them. One day all of them will worship You and glorify Your holy name. ¹⁰ It is only right that they should do so, because You are great. You are the only one who can do the great and wonderful things You do. This is true because You alone are God. ¹¹ Please teach me how to live good and godly and walk in Your truth. Please make my heart one with Your heart so that I may acquire and maintain a genuine, biblical fear of the LORD. ¹²⁻¹³ If You will do this, I will praise and glorify You forever with all of my being. I am compelled to praise You because Your tender love and kindness are great, and You have kept me alive instead of sending me to the grave.

¹⁴ O LORD, a bunch of extremely proud men have risen against me. They are rude and demanding, and they treat me like I am a piece of trash. Now they have joined forces intending to use violence to kill me. I fear them because they have no use for You and will do whatever it takes to accomplish their mission. ¹⁵ Although these men are mean and cruel, You are gracious and full of compassion. It takes a lot to make You angry, and You have lots and lots of tender love, kindness, and truth just waiting to be poured out upon Your children. ¹⁶ In light of these truths, please turn Your full attention to me in my need and have mercy upon me. Please grant me Your strength, and save me. ¹⁷ LORD, please show me some sign that You are doing something on my behalf, and make it something my adversaries can see too. That way they will see that You have chosen to help me and give me comfort. As a result, they will be ashamed of the way they have denied You and treated me in such a cruel manner.

¹ In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "the LORD Jesus" has been used.