

# Lord hear my prayer

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 143

John TOMKINS (1589 - 1638)

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or Playnsong  
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*Glocester Tune*

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2. In judgment with thy servant Lord,  
oh, enter not at all:  
For justified be in thy sight,  
not one that liveth shall.

3. The enemy hat pursued my soul,  
my life to ground hath thrown:  
And laid me in the dark like them,  
that dead are long ago.

4. Within me in perplexity,  
was mine accomb'red sp'rit:  
And in me was my troubled heart,  
amazed and affright.

5. Yet I record time past, in all  
thy works I meditate:

Yea, in thy works I meditate,  
that thy hands have creat'd.

6. To thee O Lord my God, lo I  
do stretch my craving hands:  
My soul desireth after thee,  
as doth the thirsty lands.

7. Hear me with speed my sp'rit doth fail  
hide not thy face me fro:  
Else shall I be like them that down  
into the pit do go.

8. Let me thy loving kindness in  
the morning hear and know:  
For in thee is my trust, shew me  
the way that I shall go.

9. For I lift up my soul to thee,  
O Lord deliver me

From all mine enemies, for I  
have hidden me with thee.

10. Teach me to do thy will, for thou,  
thou art my God I say:  
Let thy good spirit into the land  
of mercy me convey.

11. For thy name's sake with quick'ning grace  
alive do thou me make:

And out of trouble bring my soul,  
e'en for thy justice' sake.

12. And for thy mercy slay my foes,  
O Lord destroy them all  
That do oppress my soul, for I  
thy servant am and shall.

Critical notes:

this setting is similar to the one of Psalms 10 & 48;  
text somewhat modernised.