



Psalm 35 - Prayer to Overcome Our Enemies Adapted by Karen Sue Nyquist



I changed this from singular to plural so we can include our families, churches, schools, children, and America.

- 1 Plead *my cause*, O Lord, with those who strive with me (*my family, church, schools, our children, and America*); Fight against those who fight against me (*us*).
- 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my (*our*) help.
- 3 Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me, (*us*). Say to my soul, “I *am* your salvation.”
- 4 Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life (*our lives*); Let those (*demons and their human pawns*) be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my (*our*) hurt.
- 5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the Lord chase *them*.
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the Lord pursue them.
- 7 For without cause they have hidden their net for me (*us*) in a pit, *Which* they have dug without cause for my life (*our lives*).
- 8 Let destruction come upon him (*the Enemy and his human pawns*) unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.
- 9 And my (*our*) soul shall be joyful in the Lord; It (*We*) shall rejoice in His salvation.
- 10 All my (*our*) bones shall say, “Lord, who *is* like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?”
- 11 Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me (*and many of Your servants*) *things* that I (*we*) do not know.
- 12 They reward me (*us*) evil for good, *To* the sorrow of my (*our*) soul(s).
- 13 But as for me, when they (*our enemies*) were sick (*and lost in their sins and deceptions*), My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart.
- 14 I paced about (*in prayer*) as though *he (they) were* my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily (*in intercession and travail*), as one who mourns for his mother.





15 But in my (*our*) adversity they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me (*us*), And I (*we*) did not know it; They tore at me (*us, Your servants, and nation*) and did not cease;



- 16 With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me (*us*) with their teeth (*with lies, accusations, hatred, and schemes*).
- 17 Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue me (*us*) from their destructions, My (*Our*) precious *life (lives, and the lives of our families, churches, schools, children, and nation)* from the lions (*the demons and their human pawns*).
- 18 I (*we*) will give You thanks in the great assembly; I (*we*) will praise You among many people.
- 19 Let them not rejoice over me (*us*) who are wrongfully my (*our*) enemies (*domestic and foreign*); Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me (*us*) without a cause.
- 20 For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against *the* quiet ones in the land.
- 21 They also opened their mouth wide against me (*us*), And said, “Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen *it*.”
- 22 *This* You have seen, O Lord; Do not keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from me (*us*).
- 23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my (*our*) vindication, To my (*our*) cause, my (*our*) God and my (*our*) Lord.
- 24 Vindicate me (*us*), O Lord my (*our*) God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me (*us*).
- 25 Let them not say in their hearts, “Ah, so we would have it! (*We got what we wanted!*)” Let them not say, “We have swallowed him (*them*) up.”
- 26 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my (*our*) hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me (*us, our families, churches, schools, children, and America*).
- 27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my (*our*) righteous cause; And let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant(s).”



28 And my (*our*) tongue(s) shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.

Jesus, You are our King of Kings, Lord of Hosts, Savior, Redeemer, Vindicator, and Deliverer!

