

Prayers in the Psalms



Introduction

- **Prayer book—Psalter**
- **Different types of prayers**
- **3 interests—literary, theological, historical—for interpreters of the Psalms**



Petitionary Psalms

- **Psalm 3:7—Arise, O Lord! Save Me!**
- **Psalm 4:1—Answer me when I call!**
- **Psalm 5:2—Give attention to my cry!**
- **Psalm 7:1, 3, 9—O God, my refuge**
- **Psalm 16:1— Preserve me, O God**
- **Psalm 17:6—I call upon you, O God**



Thanksgiving

- **Indirect**

- Psalm 7:17—due to His righteousness
- Psalm 9:1—with my whole heart
- Psalm 30:4—Invites others to join

- **Direct**

- Psalm 30:12—to you forever!
- Psalm 54:6—freewill offering!
- Psalm 75:1—Community give thanks



Trust



- **Psalm 13:5—in Your steadfast love**
- **Psalm 22:4—Our fathers trusted in You**
- **Psalm 22:9—You made me trust You**
- **Psalm 25:2—In You I trust**
- **Psalm 31:14—You are my God**
- **Psalm 56:3—When I am afraid**

Prayer for 'Ani' /weak,

Poor, afflicted



- **Psalm 35:10—Delivering the Poor**
- **Psalm 82:3—Give justice**
- **Psalm 82:4—Rescue weak & needy**
- **Psalm 10:1-2, 9—Punish the wicked**
- **Psalm 34:6—This poor man cried**
- **Psalm 40:17—Since I am afflicted & needy**

Psalm 63—Expression of Spiritual Thirst

- **Spiritual thirst**
- **Expressions in the sanctuary**
- **My soul satisfied**
- **You have been my help**
- **Life situation—verse 9-11 & superscription**

