

Call to Worship - Psalm 125 and 146 (NIV)

Come, let us praise God together!

Blessed are we who place our trust in the Lord our God,
standing firm and never shaken.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
the LORD surrounds and protects his people
now and forever.**

For our God is the Maker of the heavens, the earth, the sea,
and everything that lives within them;

**Our God keeps every promise,
and remains faithful forever.**

The wicked will not always control the land of those who do right.
If they did, even those who do right might start doing wrong.

**Our God gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who are starving.**

Our God frees the prisoners,
opens the eyes of the blind,
and lifts the burdens of those who are overwhelmed.

**Our God cherishes those who do what is right,
protects the immigrants,
cares for the orphans and widows,
but frustrates the plans of the wicked.**

Our God reigns—today, tomorrow and forever.

Praise God!