

Psalm 80

4. ⁴O Lord God of armies,
thy folk to consume:
How long at their prayers,
shall thine anger fume?
⁵Thou feedest them with bread,
of weeping and woe:
Tears largely to drink,
thou gavest them also.
5. ⁶Thou settest us the hatred,
and strife to sustain:
Of all our next neighbours
our harms that have seen.
And our foes right glad
of our shame and wrong,
With taunting us mock,
themselves all among.
6. ⁷O Lord God of armies,
our strength and our stay,
Return and restore us,
without more delay.
And let shine on us,
thy countenance clear.
So shall we be safe
and shrink for no fear.
7. ⁸A vine out of Egypt
thou broughtest with great cure.⁴³
Thou cast out the Gentiles
and plantedest it sure.
⁹Thou cleansedest the ground
and rootedest it so,
That all the whole land,
it filled to and fro.
8. ¹⁰With the shadow thereof,
the mountains were cled:⁴⁴
And like the tall cedars
her branches did spread.
¹¹Her boughs to the sea,
far forth did thee stretch:
And grasses to the flood
Euphrates, outreach.
9. ¹²Why hast thou broke down then
her hedges so fair:
Till all that pass by her,
have plucked her full bare?
¹³The boar of the wood,
hath digged up at will:
And beasts of the field,
their bellies they fill.
10. ¹⁴O great God of armies,
our strength and our stay,
Return we beseech thee,
without more delay:
Consider from heaven,
and see this sore case:
And visit this vine,
which all men disgrace.
11. ¹⁵And visit the vineyard
and field where it stood,
Which thy right hand planted,
when it was but rude.
And of the young bud,
some pity, Lord, take
Which thou for thyself,
most strong didst once make.
12. ¹⁶Which now all down beaten,
is burnt up with fire:
As people which perish
at thy frowning ire.
¹⁷But yet on that man
let thine hand be known:
Which by thy right hand
thou chose for thine own.
13. On the son of man (Lord)
thy might now declare:
For thyself so potent
whom thou didst prepare.
¹⁸We shall not turn back,
from thee then no more:
Revive us, thy name
so shall we implore.
14. ¹⁹O Lord God of armies,
our strength and our stay,
Return and restore us
without more delay:
And let shine on us
thy countenance clear,
So shall we be safe
and shrink for no fear.

⁴³ To care for, to value, to a specified extent.

⁴⁴ Clad.