

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. Psalm 5:1-3 (NIV)

Meeting

How will you begin your day? Will you start your day with me? Will I hear from you in the morning? Will you come to rely on me? Will you lay your requests before me? Will you wait patiently and expectantly for me to hear and answer your prayers? Will you begin your day by focusing your heart and mind and life on me? What is the alternative? **Do you want to live out the alternative?** No, I don't think so. No, I'm certain that I don't want to live out the alternative. I do think it would be very helpful for me to consider the alternative. **Yes, I do too. Let me hear you describe the alternative.**

I am somewhat of an expert at living the alternative to what your questions suggest. **How so?** I have stayed up late and gotten up even later. I have overslept. I have hurried to get started. I have raced to get going. I have been frazzled and harried and rushed to get to where I needed to be without being late. My heart and mind and life have arrived unfocused and scattered. I have lacked direction. I have had no purpose and plan. But, I have arrived. Now what, I have asked myself. Who knows, I have wondered. At least, I got here almost on time. At least, no one has noticed my lack of preparation. At least, no one has noticed that I have no purpose and plan. At least, no one knows that I have not been ready to know and do your will. **You think so?** No, not really. You have noticed. I have noticed. It is foolish to think that others have not noticed. **That's true.**

I hate living that kind of life. I hate living an unfocused and scattered and unfruitful life. I want to know and do your will. I want to have my heart and mind and life focused on you. I want to meet with you in the morning. I want to receive your instructions. I want to follow your guidance. I want to lay my requests before you. I want to wait patiently and expectantly for you to hear and answer my prayers. **What will you do?** I will meet with you in the morning. I will give my day to you. I will ask you to guide me. I will do what you ask of me. I will listen to your voice as you listen to mine. **That will be very good.**

Lord, in the morning I will meet with you. In the morning, I will come to you. In the morning, I will give my day to you. You will hear my cry. You will know I am relying on you. I will lay my requests before you. I will wait for you to hear and answer my prayers. Amen

Prayer*Wait In Expectation*

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

NIV

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*And Watch*

Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

ESV

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*Wait Expectantly*

O LORD, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

NLT

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*Look Up*

Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct *it* to You, And I will look up.

NKJV

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*And Watch*

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray. O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

NRSV

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*And Watch*

A David psalm Listen, GOD! Please, pay attention! Can you make sense of these ramblings, my groans and cries? King-God, I need your help. Every morning you'll hear me at it again. Every morning I lay out the pieces of my life on your altar and watch for fire to descend.

MSG

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*Watch And Wait*

LISTEN TO my words, O Lord, give heed to my sighing *and* groaning. Hear the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You do I pray. In the morning You hear my voice, O Lord; in the morning I prepare [a prayer, a sacrifice] for You and watch *and* wait [for You to speak to my heart].

AMP

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*Praying Earnestly*

O Lord, hear me praying; listen to my plea, O God my King, for I will never pray to anyone but you. Each morning I will look to you in heaven and lay my requests before you, praying earnestly.

TLB

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*Eagerly Watch*

Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my groaning. Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to You I pray. In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.

NASB

Psalm 5:1-3

Prayer*Wait For Your Answer*

For the director of music. For flutes. A psalm of David. LORD, listen to my words. Understand my sadness. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, because I pray to you. LORD, every morning you hear my voice. Every morning, I tell you what I need, and I wait for your answer.

NCV

Psalm 5:1-3

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you lay your requests before God and wait for Him to answer your prayers.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will lay my requests before you and wait for you to answer my prayers.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what requests can I lay before you and expectantly wait for you to answer?
