

*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)*

## **Time And Place**

I have set a time and a place to meet with you. I have you firmly on my schedule. I have made meeting with you the absolute priority of my life. I will not let a day go by that I have not met with you. **Why is that? Why am I on your schedule?** I get distracted. I lose track of what is vitally important. Many times, what has seemed to be urgent but is ultimately unimportant has pushed aside what is actually urgent and of ultimate importance. You are on my schedule, first and foremost, because I have nothing of higher priority or of greater importance than meeting with you. I have not squeezed you into my schedule. No, not at all, everything else in my life comes after and is built around my meeting with you. **That is very good.**

I have more to say about meeting with you. **I'm listening.** Having you on my schedule does not mean that once we have met, we are done meeting for the day. Having you on my schedule, in the morning, is the beginning of what I hope will be our dialogue of prayer together throughout each moment of my day. Our meeting together in the morning is the way that I want to start my day with my heart and mind and life focused on you. I know that you will help me to remain attentive to you throughout my day. **I will do that for you.**

**What do you hope to accomplish as you meet with me in prayer? What is your goal? What is your hope? What is your dream? What is your desire?** I am glad that you have asked me these questions. It is my hope and dream and desire to know and to love and to follow and serve you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I want to live my life with and for you. I want to walk in an intimate relationship with you. I want to be able to know and do your will. I want to live the life that you have called me to live. **Do you believe that I will hear and answer these prayerful desires of your heart?** Yes, I believe you will answer these prayerful desires of my heart far beyond what I could ask for or even imagine. **It is good that you believe I will hear and answer these prayerful desires of your heart.** Why is that? **Because this is exactly what I will do for you.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, I will make our time together the absolute priority of my life. Transform my heart and mind and life as I meet with you in prayer. Thank you, for hearing and answering my prayers as I expectantly lay them before you. Thank you for your goodness to me. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Hear My Voice*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Hear My Voice*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Listen To My Voice*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *My Voice You Shall Hear*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Hear My Voice*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *You'll Hear Me At It Again*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Hear My Voice*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Listen To My Plea*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Will Hear My Voice*

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

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Hear My Voice*

*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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you lay all your prayers before the Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will lay my prayers before you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what prayers should I lay before you today?*

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