

# Scripture

## Psalm 40:1-11 (NLT)

### A Psalm of David

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord to help me,  
and he turned to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the pit of despair,  
out of the mud and the mire.  
He set my feet on solid ground  
and steadied me as I walked along.
- 3 He has given me a new song to sing,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see what he has done and be amazed.  
They will put their trust in the Lord.

- 4 Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord,  
who have no confidence in the proud  
or in those who worship idols.
- 5 O Lord my God, you have performed many  
wonders for us.  
Your plans for us are too numerous to list.  
You have no equal.  
If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds,  
I would never come to the end of them.

- 6 You take no delight in sacrifices or offerings.  
Now that you have made me listen,  
I finally understand — you don't require  
burnt offerings or sin offerings.
- 7 Then I said, "Look, I have come.  
As is written about me in the Scriptures:
- 8 I take joy in doing your will, my God,  
for your instructions are written on my heart."

- 9 I have told all your people about your justice.  
I have not been afraid to speak out,  
as you, O Lord, well know.
- 10 I have not kept the good news of your justice  
hidden in my heart;  
I have talked about your faithfulness and saving  
power.  
I have told everyone in the great assembly  
of your unfailing love and faithfulness.
- 11 Lord, don't hold back your tender mercies from  
me. Let your unfailing love and faithfulness  
always protect me.