

Scripture

Psalm 71 (NLT)

- 1 O Lord, I have come to you for protection;
don't let me be disgraced.
- 2 Save me and rescue me,
for you do what is right.
Turn your ear to listen to me,
and set me free.
- 3 Be my rock of safety
where I can always hide.
Give the order to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

- 4 My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked,
from the clutches of cruel oppressors.
- 5 O Lord, you alone are my hope.
I've trusted you, O Lord, from childhood.
- 6 Yes, you have been with me from birth;
from my mother's womb you have cared for me.
No wonder I am always praising you!
- 7 My life is an example to many, because you have been my strength and protection.

- 8 That is why I can never stop praising you;
I declare your glory all day long.
- 9 And now, in my old age, don't set me aside.
Don't abandon me when my strength is
failing.
- 10 For my enemies are whispering against me.
They are plotting together to kill me.
- 11 They say, "God has abandoned him.
Let's go and get him,
for no one will help him now."
- 12 O God, don't stay away.
My God, please hurry to help me.

13 Bring disgrace and destruction on my
accusers.

Humiliate and shame those who want to
harm me.

14 But I will keep on hoping for your help;
I will praise you more and more.

15 I will tell everyone about your righteousness.
All day long I will proclaim your saving
power, though I am not skilled with words.

16 I will praise your mighty deeds,
O Sovereign Lord.

I will tell everyone that you alone are just.

17 O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do.

18 Now that I am old and gray,
do not abandon me, O God.

Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the highest heavens.

You have done such wonderful things.

Who can compare with you, O God?

- 20** You have allowed me to suffer much hardship,
but you will restore me to life again
and lift me up from the depths of the earth.
- 21** You will restore me to even greater honor
and comfort me once again.
- 22** Then I will praise you with music on the harp,
because you are faithful to your promises,
O my God.
I will sing praises to you with a lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.
- 23** I will shout for joy and sing your praises,
for you have ransomed me.

24 I will tell about your righteous deeds
all day long,
for everyone who tried to hurt me
has been shamed and humiliated.