

Psalm 77 (NLT)

For Jeduthun, the choir director: A psalm of Asaph.

¹ I cry out to God; yes, I shout.

Oh, that God would listen to me!

² **When I was in deep trouble,**

I searched for the Lord.

**All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven,
but my soul was not comforted.**

³ I think of God, and I moan,
overwhelmed with longing for his help. *(Interlude)*

⁴ **You don't let me sleep.**

I am too distressed even to pray!

⁵ I think of the good old days,
long since ended,

⁶ **when my nights were filled with joyful songs.**

I search my soul and ponder the difference now.

⁷ Has the Lord rejected me forever?
Will he never again be kind to me?

⁸ **Is his unfailing love gone forever?**

Have his promises permanently failed?

⁹ Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he slammed the door on his compassion? *(Interlude)*

¹⁰ **And I said, "This is my fate;
the Most High has turned his hand against me."**

¹¹ But then I recall all you have done, O LORD;
I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.

¹² **They are constantly in my thoughts.**

I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.

¹³ O God, your ways are holy.

Is there any god as mighty as you?

¹⁴ **You are the God of great wonders!**

You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.

¹⁵ By your strong arm, you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. *(Interlude)*

¹⁶ **When the Red Sea saw you, O God,
its waters looked and trembled!**

The sea quaked to its very depths.

¹⁷ The clouds poured down rain;
the thunder rumbled in the sky.
Your arrows of lightning flashed.

¹⁸ **Your thunder roared from the whirlwind;
the lightning lit up the world!**

The earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹ Your road led through the sea,
your pathway through the mighty waters—
a pathway no one knew was there!

²⁰ **You led your people along that road like a flock of sheep,
with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds.**