Monday, 19 May 2014

#### Psalm 94:1-3

O LORD, God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth! Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve! O LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?

> How much longer, Lord, will the forces of evil continue to mock and despise You and Your people? How much longer will the proud and the wicked exult in their blasphemy? Rise up, Lord, rise up!

# Tuesday, 20 May 2014

#### Psalm 94:4-7

They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast. They crush your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage. They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless; and they say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive."

> How can anyone say, "The Lord does not see"? Only those who are blinded to Your handiwork; those whose awareness of Your presence is so dulled by their own sin and arrogance; those whose sense of justice is totally perverted by greed, covetousness and self will.

Wednesday, 21 May 2014 Psalm 94:8-11

Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see? He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke? He who teaches man knowledge--the LORD--knows the thoughts of man, that they are but a breath.

How can man be so foolish? How can the One who

gave us ears not hear? The One who gave us eyes not see? Only if man is convinced that he is the end of a long line of a random process that has brought order out of chaos and that he stands as the ultimate accomplishment of that process.

### Thursday, 22 May 2014 Psalm 94:12-15

Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

> Lord, I lift up those who suffer injustice: the unborn, the abused, the abandoned, the rejected, the addicted, and all who suffer at the hands of others. Do not forsake Your people, O Lord. Bring them into Your Kingdom.

## Friday, 23 May 2014 Psalm 94:16-19

Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers? If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

> Protect me, Lord, against the wiles and temptations of the Evil One. Keep me alert and with my eyes wide open to see and understand the snares that have been set for me. Keep me from believing that I can stand in my own strength; that I have the power to withstand. Only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, 24 May 2014 Psalm 94:20-23

Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute? They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge. He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the LORD our God will wipe them out.

You are my stronghold, You are the One for whom I can join with Job in declaring, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth." The hope that lies within me that Your return is immanent.

Lord's Day, 25 May 2014 Psalm 119:13

With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

From Your mouth to my lips; a very special journey for it is only through the agency of the Holy Spirit that the ears of my heart hear Your voice. Thank You for the provision of the Holy Spirit to carry the message to me.

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