

# O God, Give to the King Your Justice

PSALM 72 - Genevan Psalter (altered)

Aeolian



1. O God, give to the king your jus - tice, his son your right - eous - ness.  
2. May for the peo - ple hill and moun - tain bring forth the peace they seek,  
3. May he, so high a - bove the na - tions, live while the sun en - dures  
4. May in his days the right - eous flour - ish and peace on earth be found;  
5. For ev - er - more may his do - min - ion from sea to sea ex - tend,  
6. May princ - es, moved by awe and won - der, then trav - el miles on miles,



You are the God in whom our trust is; your hand a - lone can bless.  
and jus - tice, gush - ing like a foun - tain, re - store the faint and weak.  
he who through - out all gen - er - a - tions our joy and peace en - sures;  
may for all those who jus - tice cher - ish his right - eous - ness a - bound.  
and from the Riv - er to the re - gions of earth's re - mot - est end.  
that they may him the trib - ute ren - der of Tar - shish and the isles.



May he, the roy - al son, be reign - ing with judg - ments true and sure,  
May he de - fend the poor and need - y; may he their chil - dren save,  
and may he be like rain that drench - es the mead - ows parched and pale,  
Long may he live and rule our na - tion while sun and moon en - dure;  
May eve - ry tribe and tongue a - dore him, and may from east and west  
May She - ba with its gifts a - dore him, and Se - ba treas - ures bring.



to all your peo - ple right or - dain - ing, your jus - tice to the poor.  
and crush op - pres - sors, proud and greed - y, who for their down - fall crave.  
like show - ers whose a - bun - dance quench - es the thirst of hill and vale.  
may he in eve - ry gen - er - a - tion our peace and joy en - sure.  
his foes all come to bow be - fore him, his hat - ers lick the dust.  
May rul - ers all fall down be - fore him and serve him as their king.

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7. The helpless poor he will deliver  
and hear them when they call,  
for he, as great and gracious giver,  
has pity on them all.  
He saves them from oppressors greedy  
and hears their anguished cries;  
the blood of all the poor and needy  
is precious in his eyes.

8. Long may he live! May all present him  
with Sheba's finest gold;  
as tribute may the nations grant him  
most precious gifts untold.  
May people join in celebration  
to praise him without end.  
For him let prayers of invocation  
to heaven's throne ascend.

9. Throughout the land may grain be growing  
from plains to mountain tops;  
like Lebanon, may fields be glowing  
with bounteous golden crops.  
May in the cities people flower  
like hillsides in the spring.  
May all the earth acclaim his power  
and of his glory sing.

10. The king whose name we are professing  
shall like the sun endure.  
In him all nations find their blessing;  
their peace will be secure.  
Blest be the LORD, for he so glorious  
alone does wondrous things.  
O God, in all the earth our chorus  
with "Amen, Amen" rings.