

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God.

Thou turnest man back to the dust, and sayest, "Turn back, O children of men!"

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Thou dost sweep men away; they are like a dream, like grass which is renewed in the morning:

In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by Thy anger; by Thy wrath we are overwhelmed.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For all our days pass away under Thy wrath, our years come to an end like a sigh.

The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of Thy anger, and Thy wrath according to the fear of Thee?

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

—Psalm 90:1-12 (RSV)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Our soul waiteth for the Lord; He is our help. . . . — Psalm 33:20

Psalm 90
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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,
 5 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

1 Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
 2 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 3 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 4 Short as the watch that ends the night, Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home! A - men.