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# Habakkuk 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup>How long, Lord, must I call for help  
and you do not listen  
or cry out to you about violence  
and you do not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you force me to look at  
injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Oppression and violence are right in  
front of me.

Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates.

<sup>4</sup>This is why the law is ineffective  
and justice never emerges.

For the wicked restrict the righteous;  
therefore, justice comes out perverted.

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# 2 Corinthians 11:24-27

<sup>24</sup>Five times I received the forty lashes minus one from the Jews.

<sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning.

Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the

open sea. <sup>26</sup>On frequent journeys, I faced dangers from rivers,

dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from

Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at

sea, and dangers among false brothers; <sup>27</sup>toil and hardship, many

sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and

without clothing.

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# Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, existing in the form of God,  
did not consider equality with God  
as something to be exploited.

<sup>7</sup>Instead he emptied himself  
by assuming the form of a servant,  
taking on the likeness of humanity.

And when he had come as a man,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself by becoming obedient  
to the point of death— even to death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason God highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee will bow – in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth –

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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# Philippians 4:10–20 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content.

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# Philippians 4:10–20 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In (any and every circumstance), I have learned the secret of facing (plenty and hunger,) (abundance and need.) <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

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<sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

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# Habakkuk 1:12–13

## SECOND PRAYER

<sup>12</sup>Are you not from eternity, Lord my God?

My Holy One, you will not die.

Lord, you appointed them to execute judgment;

my Rock, you destined them to punish us.

<sup>13</sup>Your eyes are too pure to look on evil,

and you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

So why do you tolerate those who are treacherous?

Why are you silent

while one who is wicked swallows up

one who is more righteous than himself?

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# Habakkuk 3:16–19

<sup>16</sup>heard, and I trembled within;  
my lips quivered at the sound.  
Rottenness entered my bones;  
I trembled where I stood.  
Now I must quietly wait for the day  
of distress  
to come against the people  
invading us.

<sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there is no fruit on the vines,  
though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food,  
though the flocks disappear from the  
pen  
and there are no herds in the  
stalls, . . .

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# **Habakkuk 3:16–19**

**<sup>18</sup>yet I will celebrate in the Lord;**

**I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!**

**<sup>19</sup>The Lord my Lord is my strength;**

**he makes my feet like those of a deer**

**and enables me to walk on mountain heights!**

**For the choir director:**

**on stringed instruments.**

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