

Lamentations 5

New King James Version (NKJV)

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A Prayer for Restoration

- 1 Remember, O LORD, what has come upon us;
Look, and behold our reproach!
- 2 Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens,
And our houses to foreigners.
- 3 We have become orphans and waifs,
Our mothers are like widows.
- 4 We pay for the water we drink,
And our wood comes at a price.
- 5 They pursue at our heels;[a]
We labor and have no rest.
- 6 We have given our hand to the Egyptians
And the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.
- 7 Our fathers sinned and are no more,
But we bear their iniquities.
- 8 Servants rule over us;
There is none to deliver us from their hand.
- 9 We get our bread at the risk of our lives,
Because of the sword in the wilderness.
- 10 Our skin is hot as an oven,
Because of the fever of famine.
- 11 They ravished the women in Zion,
The maidens in the cities of Judah.
- 12 Princes were hung up by their hands,
And elders were not respected.
- 13 Young men ground at the millstones;

Boys staggered under loads of wood.

14 The elders have ceased gathering at the gate,
And the young men from their music.

15 The joy of our heart has ceased;
Our dance has turned into mourning.

16 The crown has fallen from our head.
Woe to us, for we have sinned!

17 Because of this our heart is faint;
Because of these things our eyes grow dim;

18 Because of Mount Zion which is desolate,
With foxes walking about on it.

19 You, O LORD, remain forever;
Your throne from generation to generation.

20 Why do You forget us forever,
And forsake us for so long a time?

21 Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we will be
restored;

Renew our days as of old,

22 Unless You have utterly rejected us,
And are very angry with us!