

# Psalm 31: 1-3, 14-16, 24

## A psalm of David.

1. In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.
2. Turn your ear to me,  
come quickly to my rescue;  
be my rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me.
3. Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
  
14. But I trust in you, LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."
15. My times are in your hands;  
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.
16. Let your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your unfailing love.
  
24. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

## 1 Peter 2: 4-6, 9—10 New International Version (NIV)

### The Living Stone and a Chosen People

4. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame."

9. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.