

Main thought: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. When God is gracious to forgive our sins, we have confidence in His deliverance.

Psalm 41:1–6

Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.

As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

My enemies say of me in malice,

"When will he die, and his name perish?"

And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

Hymn Verse

LSB 568:1 If Your Beloved Son, O God

If Your beloved Son, O God,

Had not to earth descended

And in our mortal flesh and blood

Had not sin's power ended,

Then this poor, wretched soul of mine

In hell eternally would pine

Because of my transgression. Amen.