URGENT PRAYER FROM ROHINGYA

HONESTY BEFORE GOD

*But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.*

*You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.*

Psalm 70:5

Imagine King David kneeling and pleading for help. Imagine someone as powerful as him openly confessing that he is “poor and needy.”

Are we, like David, honest enough with God about our struggles? Are we telling Him what we need? Have we forgotten Him?

Have we forgotten our faith that tells us that He could help?

Myself? Sometimes I tell God I need Him. But too often I try to find a friend who will understand. I need to have those who know God to stay close. What I want is comfort from another human being, someone who will be God’s hands for me.

The trouble is that friends aren’t always available. They have problems of their own and can’t always support us in the way we wish and need.

But God is *always* there. We must talk to Him.

You may wonder, especially if you’re rather new at this. What should I say to God?

David’s prayer will give you a hint. Note how David lays his heart bare, pleads for urgency, and expresses his impatience. That’s an example you could follow.

When you have trouble finding the words, you can read psalms like the one above and the many others in the Bible and elsewhere. Psalmists like David have written prayers you can use. In David you will find a friend. Someone who understands. David is an instrument of God.

Never forget God. He hasn’t forgotten you. Be honest with Him and let Him know what you need. You can be sure He’ll be listening.

David said, “You are my help and deliverer.” He knew that God could be trusted to see him through his crisis. God will be there to see you through yours as well.

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