

776 O God, Be Gracious

(Psalm 4)

1 O God, be gra - cious; hear my prayer, and
 2 How long, O God, will li - ars boast while
 3 When ter - ror wakes me from my dreams and
 4 Some fear that you will not pro - vide; they
 5 Now lay me down to sleep in peace; in

an - swer when I cry. You give me hope in
 I am smeared with shame? Come, set your faith - ful
 shakes me through and through, teach me to pray with
 cry, "Show us your face!" But you have sat - is -
 safe - ty let me rest. O God, with - in your

my dis - tress; you will not pass me by.
 ser - vant free; I call up - on your name!
 con - fi - dence and put my trust in you.
 fied my heart with good - ness, joy, and grace.
 lov - ing care I am for - ev - er blessed.

This paraphrase of Psalm 4 speaks to us across the ages with a problem we also know: lack of sleep caused by worry and fear. Yet there is hope, because God is gracious and calms our fearful hearts, giving us the peace that allows us to find rest even in the midst of trying times.