

Psalm 60 - NRSV

Prayer for National Victory after Defeat

To the leader: according to the Lily of the Covenant. A Miktam of David; for instruction; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when Joab on his return killed twelve thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

¹ O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses;

you have been angry; now restore us!

² You have caused the land to quake; you have torn it open;

repair the cracks in it, for it is tottering.

³ You have made your people suffer hard things;

you have given us wine to drink that made us reel.

⁴ You have set up a banner for those

who are in awe of you,

to rally to it out of bowshot. *Selah*

⁵ Give victory with your mighty hand, and answer us,

so that those whom you love may be rescued.

⁶ God has promised in his sanctuary:

“With exultation I will divide up Shechem,

and portion out the Vale of Succoth.

⁷ Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;

Ephraim is my helmet;

Judah is my scepter.

⁸ Moab is my washbasin;

on Edom I hurl my shoe;

over Philistia I shout in triumph.”

⁹ Who will bring me to the fortified city?

Who will lead me to Edom?

¹⁰ Have you not rejected us, O God?

You do not go out, O God, with our armies.

¹¹ O grant us help against the foe,

for human help is worthless.

¹² With God we shall do valiantly;

it is he who will tread down our foes.