

## **Psalm 71:1-6 New Revised Standard Version**

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.
- <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- <sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- <sup>6</sup> Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-13 New Revised Standard Version**

**13** If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## **Matthew 16:26 New Revised Standard Version**

<sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?