

## **Psalm 31:1-5 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

- <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.
- <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.
- Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.
- <sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
- <sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.
- <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

## **1 Peter 2:2-10 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

- <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:
- "See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
- <sup>7</sup>This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,  
"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"
- <sup>8</sup>and  
"A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall."
- They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
- <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

## **John 14:1-6 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

**14** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.