Psalm 41 – Common Worship



1 Blessed are those who consider the | poor and | needy;
the Lord will deliver them | in the | time of | trouble.

2 The Lord preserves them and restores their life, that they may be happy | in the | land;
he will not hand them over to the | will | of their | enemies.

3 The Lord sustains them | on their | sickbed;
their sickness, | Lord, you | will re-| move.

4 And so I said, 'Lord, be | merciful · to | me;
heal me, for | I have | sinned a-| gainst you.'



5 My enemies speak | evil · a-| bout me,
asking when I shall | die · and my | name | perish.

6 If they come to see me, they utter | empty | words;
their heart gathers mischief; when they go | out, they | tell it · a-| broad.

7 All my enemies whisper to-| gether · a-| gainst me,
against me | they de-| vise | evil,

8 Saying that a deadly thing has laid | hold on | me,
and that I will not rise a-| gain from | where I | lie.

9 *(2nd part)* Even my bosom friend, whom I trusted, who | ate of · my | bread,
has lifted | up his | heel a-| gainst me.



10 But you, O Lord, be | merciful · to | me
and raise me | up, that | I may · re-| ward them.

11 By this I know that you | favour | me,
that my enemy does not | triumph | over | me.

12 Because of my integrity | you up-| hold me
and will set me be-| fore your | face for | ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord | God of | Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.  | Amen | and A-| men.

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