


## PSALM 107 (CEV)

<sup>1</sup> Shout praises to the LORD!


He is good to us,  
and his love never fails.

<sup>2</sup> Everyone the LORD has rescued  
from trouble should praise him,

<sup>3</sup> everyone he has brought  
from the east and the west,  
the north and the south.

<sup>4</sup> *Some of you* were lost  
in the scorching desert,  
far from a town. 

<sup>5</sup> You were hungry and thirsty  
and about to give up.


<sup>6</sup> **You were in serious trouble,  
but you prayed to the LORD,  
and he rescued you.** 

<sup>7</sup> At once he brought  
you to a town.

<sup>8</sup> **You should praise the LORD  
for his love  
and for the wonderful things  
he does for all of us.**

<sup>9</sup> To everyone who is thirsty,  
he gives something to drink;  
to everyone who is hungry,  
he gives good things to eat!

<sup>10</sup> *Some of you* were prisoners  
suffering in deepest darkness  
and bound by chains,

<sup>11</sup> because you had rebelled  
against God Most High  
and refused his advice. 

<sup>12</sup> You were worn out  
from working like slaves,  
and no one came to help.


<sup>13</sup> **You were in serious trouble,  
but you prayed to the LORD,  
and he rescued you.**

<sup>14</sup> He brought you out  
of the deepest darkness  
and broke your chains.

<sup>15</sup> **You should praise the LORD  
for his love  
and for the wonderful things  
he does for all of us.**

<sup>16</sup> He breaks down bronze gates  
and shatters iron locks.


<sup>17</sup> *Some of you* had foolishly  
committed a lot of sins  
and were in terrible pain.


<sup>18</sup> The very thought of food  
was disgusting to you,   
and you were almost dead.

<sup>19</sup> **You were in serious trouble,  
but you prayed to the LORD,  
and he rescued you.**

<sup>20</sup> By the power of his own word,  
he healed you and saved you  
from destruction.

<sup>21</sup> **You should praise the LORD  
for his love  
and for the wonderful things  
he does for all of us.**


<sup>22</sup> You should celebrate  
by offering sacrifices   
and singing joyful songs  
to tell what he has done.

<sup>23</sup> *Some of you* made a living  
by sailing the mighty sea, 


<sup>24</sup> and you saw the miracles  
the LORD performed there.

<sup>25</sup> At his command a storm arose,  
and waves covered the sea.

<sup>26</sup> You were tossed to the sky  
and to the ocean depths,  
until things looked so bad  
that you lost your courage.


<sup>27</sup> You staggered  
like drunkards   
and gave up all hope.

<sup>28</sup> **You were in serious trouble,  
but you prayed to the LORD,  
and he rescued you.**


<sup>29</sup> He made the storm stop  
and the sea be quiet. 


<sup>30</sup> You were happy  
because of this,  
and he brought you to the port  
where you wanted to go.


<sup>31</sup> **You should praise the LORD  
for his love  
and for the wonderful things  
he does for all of us.**


<sup>32</sup> Honor the LORD  
when you and your leaders  
meet to worship. 

<sup>33</sup> **If you start doing wrong,  
the LORD will turn rivers  
into deserts,**

<sup>34</sup> **flowing streams  
into scorched land,  
and fruitful fields  
into beds of salt.** 

<sup>35</sup> But the LORD can also turn  
deserts into lakes  
and scorched land  
into flowing streams. 


<sup>36</sup> If you are hungry,  
you can settle there  
and build a town. 

<sup>37</sup> You can plant fields  
and vineyards that produce  
a good harvest. 

<sup>38</sup> The LORD will bless you  
with many children  
and with herds of cattle.

<sup>39</sup> Sometimes you may be crushed  
by troubles and sorrows,  
until only a few of you  
are left to survive.

<sup>40</sup> But the LORD will take revenge  
on those who conquer you,  
and he will make them wander  
across desert sands.

<sup>41</sup> **When you are suffering  
and in need,  
he will come to your rescue,  
and your families will grow  
as fast as  
a herd of sheep.** 

<sup>42</sup> You will see this because  
you obey the LORD,  
but everyone who is wicked  
will be silenced.

<sup>43</sup> **Be wise! Remember this  
and think about  
the kindness of the LORD!**

**AMEN!**