**Psalm 54**

**For the director of music. With stringed instruments. Amaskil of David. When the Ziphites had gone to Saul and said, "Is not David hiding among us?" [**[**a**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm%2054&version=31#fen-NIV-14727a)**]**

 1 Save me, O God, by your name;
       vindicate me by your might.

 2 Hear my prayer, O God;
       listen to the words of my mouth.

 3 Strangers are attacking me;
       ruthless men seek my life—
       men without regard for God.
       Selah

 4 Surely God is my help;
       the Lord is the one who sustains me.

 5 Let evil recoil on those who slander me;
       in your faithfulness destroy them.

 6 I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
       I will praise your name, O LORD,
       for it is good.

 7 For he has delivered me from all my troubles,
       and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

1-2 God, for your sake, help me! Use your influence to clear me.
   Listen, God—I'm desperate.
      Don't be too busy to hear me.

 3 Outlaws are out to get me,
      hit men are trying to kill me.
   Nothing will stop them;
      God means nothing to them.

 4-5 Oh, look! God's right here helping!
      God's on my side,
   Evil is looping back on my enemies.
      Don't let up! Finish them off!

 6-7 I'm ready now to worship, so ready.
      I thank you, God—you're so good.
   You got me out of every scrape,
      and I saw my enemies get it.

**Trusting God in Times of Trouble**

 1Save me, God, by your power

   and prove that I am right.

    2Listen to my prayer

   and hear what I say.

    3Cruel strangers have attacked

   and want me dead.

   Not one of them cares

   about you.

    4You will help me, Lord God,

   and keep me from falling;

    5you will punish my enemies

   for their evil deeds.

   Be my faithful friend

   and destroy them.

    6I will bring a gift

   and offer a sacrifice

   to you, LORD.

   I will praise your name

   because you are good.

    7You have rescued me

   from all of my troubles,

   and my own eyes have seen

   my enemies fall.