

# Day 12 – January 23

## THE GOD WHO DEFENDS THE NEEDY

**“I know that the LORD secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.”**  
— Psalm 140:12 (NIV)

Psalm 140:12 is a confident declaration in the middle of chaos. David has been surrounded by violence and injustice, yet he lifts his eyes and says with certainty: “I know the Lord secures justice.” It’s not wishful thinking—it’s faith in the unchanging character of God. This verse reminds us that God is not indifferent to suffering or blind to the struggles of the vulnerable. He sees the oppressed, the unheard, and the mistreated—and He acts on their behalf. His justice is not delayed forever, and His compassion never fails. Even when the world seems ruled by corruption or cruelty, God remains the defender of those who cannot defend themselves.

For believers, this truth calls us to trust and to act. We can rest knowing God will uphold what is right — but we are also invited to join Him in that work: to speak for those without a voice, to serve the hurting, and to reflect His righteousness in a world that often forgets mercy.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Do I trust that God truly sees and defends the needy and the oppressed?  
How can I reflect God’s justice and compassion in my daily life?

### PRAYER:

**Lord, You are the defender of the poor and the protector of the powerless. Strengthen my faith in Your justice and teach me to live as Your hands and heart in this world. Help me to stand for what is right and to care for those You care for. Amen.**