

# A Prayer of Confidence

## Psalm 16

### A Psalm by David

*Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; all the good things I have come from you."  
How excellent are the Lord's faithful people!  
My greatest pleasure is to be with them.  
Those who rush to other gods bring many troubles on themselves.  
I will not take part in their sacrifices; I will not worship their gods.  
You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands.  
How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!  
I praise the Lord, because He guides me, and in the night my conscience warns me.  
I am always aware of the Lord's presence; He is near and nothing can shake me.  
And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure,  
because you have protected me from the power of death.  
I have served you faithfully, and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead.  
You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy  
and brings me pleasure forever.*