

PSALM 70 – DID WEXFORD REALLY PRAY? ESV

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17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord[=Adonai] takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay , O my God!	5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God ! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay !

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