

## **Psalm 72 (Part 1)**

**R: Hail to God's own anointed, who rules in equity.**

Give the ruler your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal heir.

**for judging your people rightly,  
and upholding the poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring forth peace for the people  
**and the hills, prosperity with justice. R.**

May your anointed defend the cause of the poor among the people,  
save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

**May your anointed live as long as the sun endures,  
as long as the moon from age to age.**

May your anointed be like rain falling upon the grass,  
like showers that water the earth;

**may your anointed be one in whose days justice shall flourish  
and peace abound till the moon is no more. R.**

