



TAU

- ¹⁶⁹May my cry **come before you, LORD;**
give me understanding according to your word.
- ¹⁷⁰May my supplication **come before you;**
deliver me according to your promise.
- ¹⁷¹May my lips **overflow with praise,**
for you teach me your decrees.
- ¹⁷²May my tongue **sing of your word,**
for all your commands are righteous.
- ¹⁷³May your hand **be ready to help me,**
for I have chosen your precepts.
- ¹⁷⁴I long **for your salvation, LORD,**
and your law gives me delight.
- ¹⁷⁵Let me live that **I may praise you,**
and may your laws sustain me.
- ¹⁷⁶I have strayed **like a lost sheep.**
Seek **your** servant,
for I have not forgotten **your commands.**



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¹⁶⁹May my cry _____, LORD;
_____ me _____ to your **word**.

¹⁷⁰May my supplication _____;
_____ me _____ to your _____.

¹⁷¹May my lips _____ with _____,
_____ your decrees.

¹⁷²May my tongue _____,
_____ all your _____ are _____.

¹⁷³May your hand _____ me,
_____ your _____.

¹⁷⁴I long _____, LORD,
and your law _____.

¹⁷⁵Let me live that _____,
and may your laws _____ me.

¹⁷⁶I have strayed _____.
Seek _____ servant,
for I have not forgotten _____.

ACTIVITIES:

1. This final prayer is a benediction. In this prayer, there is no accuser, struggle, or oppressor mentioned. How does the writer close his prayer? What is the overall desire of the writer's heart? How does this inform our own prayers?
2. Circle all the words that have to do with prayer or music. Can prayers be sung, even if one is not musical?
3. Psalm 119 was written to be read, learned, and recited as a nation of believers in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and it is ours today for the body of believers in His Son, Jesus Christ. How can you share this psalm with others?
4. All through Psalm 119, the writer has claimed obedience and love of God and His Word, and yet he ends this praise song with a confession-metaphor. Is this metaphor true for you? For the Church of God in Christ?
5. In closing, the writer wants to be found by God and calls himself God's *servant*. Is "servant" a demeaning role? Why not? See Isaiah 49:3-7; Philippians 2:5-8; John 13:4-8, 12-17; Mark 10:45; Luke 18:14; Luke 22:24-27; 1 Peter 2:22-23.